

ITT, Watergate, et al.: Thinking About the Scandals

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The purpose over the past several months has been evasion and cover-up - and that has proved even more costly than the original transactions and transgressions that were being covered up. Those of us who have never learned to rest easy with the implications of Chappaquiddick will see a painful analogy here writ large. How much destruction have the leaders of the administration brought upon themselves and the offices they hold by that early false move - the one that said not just "we can do these things," but "we can disguise the fact that they ever happened."

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