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and health care. Throughout, they have used a number of actual cases to illuminate and to test their theory, method, and framework of principles.