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moral failings, or even criminal acts, the assumption that all of them

should be cast in a similar light is unjustified