**4) Scandals are useful because they focus our attention on problems in ways that no speaker or reformer ever could.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

1. 丑闻确实会使我们以极快的速度认识一些问题，在平时，这些问题时很难暴露出来的。 SARS 刚刚登陆北京的时候，minister of civil health 隐瞒了实情，导致失去了防止的最佳 时机。当这个丑闻暴露(reveal)以后，人们才迅速意识到我们的 emergency system of diseases 多么 vulnerable 和 flawed，从而迅速加以改善。而如果没有这次丑闻 as well as crisis，很少会有人去刻意关注一个 emergency system，更不用说那些 officials 了。从这 个意义上讲，scandals 时有一些作用的。

2. 然而，scandals 很容易误导 public。由于现在 mass media 的发达，scandals 往往被 wide spread 并且被 exaggerated，因此很多群众会过分的关注公众人物的丑闻而忽略他们的 achievements。比如 克林顿 Clinton，他 sexual scandal 将他的 prestige 降到最低，而实 际上他的功劳是 exceed 他的 mistake 的。再比如说，the queen of Diana，people’s focus on her angel-like smile was distracted by her love affairs, without knowing if it was true。人无 完人，我们不应该过分关注公众人物的私生活，而应该去正确评价他们的本职工作。由 于人们更容易impressedbybadthings，因此丑闻的出现往往会转移public 的注意力，从 而使忽略其他事实 distract our attention from other more important issues。很多 immoral official 或者stars利用scandals来获得benefits。在thegeneralelection 期间，candidates 互 相揭发对方的 scandals，甚至编造 scandals 来 attack 对手 to gain more votes; in the realm of entertainment, many actors or actresses made scandals of themselves, and let themselves become the headline of newspapers and websites. The more frequent they are talked about by public, the more famous they become.从这个意义上讲，丑闻实际上起不到作者所说的作 用。

3. In summary，丑闻的确有它的作用，我们实际上很多时候被误导了。从这个意义上讲， 丑闻的作用-indicated in the title statement,实际上被 twisted 了。我们分不清哪些丑闻是 真的哪些丑闻是假的。