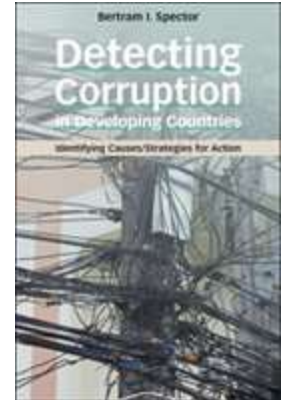


***Detecting Corruption in Developing Countries:
Identifying Causes/Strategies for Action***

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