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Extemp

1. How should governments balance anti-fraud enforcement with access to care, in light of the federal decision to freeze over \$250 million in Medicaid funding to Minnesota amid fraud concerns?
2. How does the exposure of misconduct within local police departments in early 2026 impact public trust in law enforcement?
3. How do recent ethics investigations into members of the U.S. Congress reflect broader challenges in maintaining accountability in democratic institutions?
4. To what extent is controversy (intentional or accidental) becoming a necessary strategy for brands, as seen in McDonald's viral CEO video and Burger King's self-critical Oscars campaign?
5. How are internal changes at major platforms like TikTok—such as leadership shakeups in marketing divisions—likely to impact the future of digital advertising and brand strategy?
6. Why is March Madness such an enduring opportunity for brands to launch new ad campaigns?
7. To what extent do declining childhood vaccination rates in parts of the United States increase the risk of outbreaks of diseases like measles?
8. How serious is the threat of antimicrobial resistance to global health systems, and what policies should governments prioritize to combat it?
9. What challenges do governments face in detecting and containing emerging infectious diseases, as seen in recent outbreaks of avian influenza (bird flu) in mammals?
10. To what extent might political disputes over healthcare funding and fraud enforcement impact national preparedness for future infectious disease outbreaks?