**\*\*\*Watch the Public Corruption video and then respond to the following questions.\*\*\*

What are your thoughts about the amount of public corruption in your country? Does it occur, but remain hidden, or does the media exaggerate the instances of corruption? At which level do you believe corruption occurs the most: Federal, State, or local (police agencies and courts)? Is offering a bribe to help clear your case the same as having the ability to pay for a high-end, successfully lawyer to win your case anyway?**

I think public corruption is the norm in this county. It occurs, it does not remain hidden but it is not exposed as much. We hear about it, but then it is gone. I think there is too much money out there to keep corruption hidden and out of courts and those involved in corruption knows this to be true. If the cases make it to court it could very well be “paid off” in there as well.

 I think corruption occurs most at the Federal level. Those at this level feel like they can get away with it more because of their position. Almost as if they are untouchable. Then again, with the money they have, they can almost make themselves untouchable.

 What is a bribe? The bribe is the gift bestowed to influence the recipient’s conduct. It may be any money, good, right in action, property, preferment, privilege, emolument, object of value, advantage, or merely a promise or undertaking to induce or influence the action, vote or influence of a person in an official or public capacity (Bribery, (n.d.)) I once thought a bribe was money only. I do not think offering a bribe is the same as paying for a high-end, successful lawyer. Offering the bribe is illegal; having the ability to pay to have your case won is not illegal.

 Bribery <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bribery>