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The purpose of this article is to provide a general summary of research on the business case for corporate social responsibility, the business case, or four modes of value creation. It then proceeds to identifying some problems inherent in the construct of a 'better' business case. Its intent is not to conduct a thorough comparison between CSR and financial performance, as that has been the focus of many assumptions underlying dominant approaches in an effort to move beyond existing limitations.

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Organization and Society**

**Logic of Justification:
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