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an authority that can call things to a halt, begin things again from compensatorily staggered "starting lines." (35) "reform" in america has been sterile because it can imagine no change except through the extension of this metaphor of a race, wider inclusion of competitors, "a piece of the action," as it were, for the disenfranchised. there is no (40) attempt to call off the race. since our only stability is change, america seems not to honor the quiet work that achieves social interdependence and stability. there is, in our legends, no heroism of the office clerk, no stable industrial work (45) force of the people who actually make the system work. there is no pride in being an employee (wilson asked for a return to the time when everyone was an employer). there has been no boasting about our social workers---they are (50) merely signs of the system's failure, of opportunity denied or not taken, of things to be eliminated. we have no pride in our growing interdependence, in the fact that our system can serve others, that we are able to help those in (55) need. empty boasts from the past make us ashamed of our present achievements, make us try to forget or deny them, move away from them. there is no honor but in the wonderland race we must all run, all trying to win, none (60) winning in the end (for there is no end).

1. the primary purpose of the passage is to a) criticize the inflexibility of american economic mythology (b) contrast "old world" and "new world" economic ideologies (c) challenge the integrity of traditional political leaders (d) champion those americans whom the author deems to be neglected (e) suggest a substitute for the traditional metaphor of a race

2. according to the passage, "old world" values

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