

MIDTERM PAPER ASSIGNMENT – HANDOUT

TOPICS – Analyze **one** of the ethical issues presented in the hyperlinked articles below. Impartially consider all those who are affected: business or industry, employees, consumers, and any others. Be sure to present what is at stake for those involved and to provide arguments for and against their positions. Take a stand on the issue by appealing to ethical principles and by providing good reasons to support your conclusion.

[California Becomes First State to Ban Single-Use Plastic Bags](#)

[Cleaning Up After Clean Energy: Hazardous Waste in the Solar Industry](#)

[Fighting the Seed Monopoly: 'We Want to Make Free Seed a Sort of Meme'](#)

[How Fair Trade Went From a Crazy Coffee Concept to a Global Sustainability Trend](#)

[Ugly Truth Behind Global Beauty Industry](#)

[Biopiracy and Bioprospecting in Latin America: The Case of Maca in Peru](#)

[In Defense of Sweatshops and Child Labor: A Response to the “Sweat Free” Activists](#)

[The Demise of ‘Satisfries’ and the Sad History of Healthy Fast Food](#)

FORMAT – 10-12 pages (**not counting title page or bibliography**), double-spaced, 12-pt Calibri font, 1” margins. Use [Chicago Notes and Bibliography](#) style for citations.

BIBLIOGRAPHY – Papers **must** make specific references to *Business Ethics and Ethical Business* by Robert Audi and *Business Ethics and the Natural Environment* by Lisa Newton. Cite other class readings or viewings where appropriate. In addition, papers must include at least two non-assigned sources.

GRADING – The paper is worth 25% of the final grade. Papers will be graded according to the overall quality of analysis, clarifications, observations, and reasoning provided.

PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO EXHIBIT COLLEGE-LEVEL PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH.

Students who struggle with spelling or grammar are advised to make use of the free services provided by UK’s Writing Center, located in the W. T. Young Library: <http://wrd.as.uky.edu/writing-center>.

For advice about how to write a good philosophy paper, read Jim Pryor’s:

[GUIDELINES ON WRITING A PHILOSOPHY PAPER.](#)

DUE DATE – 9:00 A.M., Friday, October 24th – Bring a printout to class. Also, send a copy to me by [e-mail](#).