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Social Responsibility

Some people say that everyone has a social responsibility. This means they have the responsibility to act to benefit society as a whole. To do this, one must maintain a balance between the economy and ecosystem. The social responsibility of an individual is mostly bases on their ethics and beliefs. What one person thinks is a social responsibility could be the total opposite of what another individual thinks.

Social responsibility relates to business because businesses are forced to make decisions that affect the economy and society as a whole every day. Businesses try to use ethical decision making to gain more security in their business. They make decisions that allow the government to minimize their involvement with the corporation. For example, if a company has dangerous emissions from their factories, they might go to the public and ask them what they think about it and what they should do to better the environment.

Works Cited

Business: the Ultimate Resource. Cambridge, MA: Basic, 2006. 245-47. Print.

This encyclopedia clearly defined what it means for a business to have a social responsibility. It also gives very good examples of some responsibilities a business might have. It shows good and bad outcomes of social responsibilities.

"Definitions of Corporate Social Responsibility - What Is CSR?" *Mallen Baker's CSR Website*. Web. 20 Oct. 2011. <http://www.mallenbaker.net/csr/definition.php>.

This site is about the social responsibility of businesses at a corporate level. I think this site fit in well with my paper because it discussed all of the different definitions businesses have for social responsibility. It shows that it is really up to the individual and their beliefs.

Horrigan, Bryan. *Corporate Social Responsibility in the 21st Century: Debates, Models and Practices across Government Law and Business*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2010. Print.

I thought this book was a perfect example of how social responsibility changes with the individual. It shows the different ways social responsibilities have changed over the years. It was also a great example of what social responsibility was like in the past.

"Social Responsibility - ASQ." *ASQ: The Global Voice of Quality*. Web. 20 Oct. 2011. <http://asq.org/social-responsibility/>.

This site was about the different decisions businesses make to meet their social responsibility. I chose to use this site to find examples of the different types of responsibilities businesses have. It also talks about the different organizations there are to make sure businesses are meeting their social responsibilities.

"The Social Responsibility of Business Is to Increase Its Profits, by Milton Friedman." *University of Colorado Boulder*. Web. 20 Oct. 2011. <http://www.colorado.edu/studentgroups/libertarians/issues/friedman-soc-resp-business.html>.

I chose to use this website because it clearly explains what their opinion is on why a business should have social responsibility. They say the only social responsibility a business has is to increase and maximize profit. I used this because it contradicts some of the other reasons I have found as to why a business should have a social responsibility.

Waddock, Sandra A. "Responsibility: The New Business Imperative." *The Academy of Management Executive* 7-19.2006 (2006): 132-48. Print.

This article was about how different companies respond in different ways to their social responsibilities. I picked this article because I thought that certain things companies would do to get around their social contract was very interesting. It also talked about the effects of companies not living up to their social responsibilities.