

## 9.27: Discussion- Made in America

### General Discussion Instructions

You are required to post to this discussion THREE TIMES, on THREE DIFFERENT DAYS. Please refer to the Discussion Grading Rubric for details regarding how your performance will be assessed. NOTE: Please be certain to read the entire discussion assignment since in some cases there is more than one question you need to discuss, respond to, or address. Be sure that you have answered the entire question!

### Post 1: Initial Post

This posting should be a minimum of one short paragraph and a maximum of two paragraphs. Word totals for this post should be in the 100–200-word range. Whether you agree or disagree, explain why with supporting evidence and concepts from the readings or a related experience. Include a reference, link, or citation when appropriate.

#### Preparation

Few topics associated with global trade are more vehemently debated than outsourcing. For this discussion, you will watch two video clips that provide some perspective on outsourcing. Using the information you gain from the videos and the materials you studied in the course module, respond to the discussion question below.

The following video clip is from the film *Outsourced*. It covers American sentiment on losing jobs to India and the availability of Chinese goods. We want cheap stuff; however, most of it comes from China.

A link to an interactive elements can be found at the bottom of this page.

You can [view the transcript for “Made in China” \(opens in new window\)](#).

As countries like China and India become leaders in manufacturing, the costs of their expertise rises, diminishing their advantage against U.S. counterparts. At the same time, convoluted and increasingly risky supply chains dependent on inexperienced vendors have turned once stable brands like Boeing into the perfect “reshoring” case study. The following video explains why outsourcing can be bad for business.

A link to an interactive elements can be found at the bottom of this page.

You can [view the transcript for “Why Outsourcing is Bad for Business” \(opens in new window\)](#).

#### For Discussion

Select ONE of the following perspectives on outsourcing, and answer the related questions. Although your opinion is always valued, be sure to support your opinion with facts obtained from your course materials, the videos, or a reliable source. Make sure to cite your sources.

- The consumer: Does the consumer benefit? Are prices lowered by outsourcing? Why or why not?
- Efficiency and productivity: Does outsourcing enhance efficiency and productivity? Why or why not?
- Competition: Does outsourcing encourage competition? Is this a good thing? Why or why not?
- Developing countries: Does outsourcing benefit developing countries? Why or why not?
- International stability: Does outsourcing foster international cooperation, respect, and stability? Why or why not?

### Posts 2 and 3: Respond to Classmates' Posts

#### Instructions

After you have created your initial post, look over the discussion posts of your classmates and give at least two thoughtful responses to two different classmates (one per classmate) as outlined in the Discussion Grading Rubric.

A response posting should be a minimum of one short paragraph. Word totals for these posts should be in the 75–100-word range. Whether you agree or disagree, explain why with supporting evidence and concepts from the readings or a related experience. Include a reference, link, or citation when appropriate. The goal of your response posts is to extend discussions already taking place or pose new possibilities or opinions not previously voiced. Your goal should be to motivate the group discussion and present a creative approach to the topic.

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