

16.6: Discussion- Global Business Practices for Sun City Boards

Post 1: Initial Post

Instructions

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.

Scenario

Sun City Boards is in the initial stages of planning to open a surfboard manufacturing facility in Australia. Tom has heard the horror stories of companies that have taken an exploitative approach to globalization and he wants to do things differently. He has asked you to draft a policy statement that addresses respect for cultural differences, fair labor practices and working with suppliers that have a sustainable business orientation.

For Discussion

1. As preparation for this discussion, review the Dimensions of Cultural Difference section and read Patagonia's [How We Work With Factories, Farms & Mills](#) page.
2. Reflect on what you've learned about Tom and Sun City Boards' values and develop a policy statement that addresses ONE of the following: respect for local culture, fair labor practices or supplier guidelines. Your statement should include not only what the policy is but how it will be implemented and performance measured and include any related advocacy, association membership or commitment (i.e., to reporting) that you propose.

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).

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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