

Let the handout *Group Case Analysis Reports* be your guide for this assignment. The handout can be found on the *Business and Society* website. After setting aside time to work with your group your task is to present your views regarding the following:

1. Should polluting industries that affect both human health and environmental quality be exported to poorer countries?
2. Professor Summer's statement "Just between you and me, shouldn't the World Bank be encouraging more migration of the dirty industries to the less developed countries?"
3. Most economists view that "this is a self-evident opportunity to make not just Americans but everybody better off. People in wealthy countries can afford to sacrifice some income for the luxury of cleaner air; people in poorer countries are happy to breathe inferior air in exchange for the opportunity to improve their incomes."
(Landsburg, *The Armchair Economist: Economics and Everyday Life*, New York, Free Press, 1993, pp. 224-227, as quoted in Hosmer pp. 54)

It is important to be able to defend your views, whether you agree or not with the statements above. Please follow Hosmer's analytic process for the resolution of moral problems as shown in Figure 2.1 on page 30. Your written response should do the following:

1. Identify all the pertinent issues that need to be addressed. State the moral problem as a question and discuss the benefits/harms, rights/wrongs to each of the affected groups. Please use a table to display the attributes rather than just checkmarks.
2. Analysis and evaluation
 - a. Discuss the economics. The rule is that you should always take the action that will generate the greatest benefits for society, provided it can be shown that all markets are fully competitive, all customers are fully informed and all external and internal costs are full included.
 - b. Discuss the legal requirements. The rule here is that you should always take the action that most fully complies with the law because the law in a democratic society represents the combined moral standards of all the people within that society, provided it can be shown that the goals, norms, beliefs, and values of all the various groups, and organizations have been equitably considered in the formulation process.
 - c. Discuss the ethical duties. The rules here are that you should always take the action that you 1) would be proud to see widely reported in national newspapers; 2) that you believe will build a sense of community among everyone associated with the action; 3) that you expect will generate the greatest net social good; 4) that you would be willing to see others take in similar situations in which you might be the victim; 5) that you believe does not harm the "least among us"; and 6) that you think does not interfere with the right of everyone to develop their skills to the fullest.
3. Present your views. Defend your view using Hosmer's analytic process for the resolution of moral problems.

Type up your case report and place it in your group folder to be turned in on the due date. Each of you should be prepared to engage in discussion of the case on Friday Oct 21.