



Business Ethics: Definition, Components, Types and its Importance: A Review

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Abstract

Importance of ethics in the business world is superlative and global. New trends and Issues arise on a daily basis which may create an important burden to organizations and end consumers. Nowadays, the need for proper ethical behaviour within organizations has become Crucial to avoid possible lawsuits. The public scandals of corporate malfeasance and misleading practices, have affected the public perception of many organizations. It is widely known that advertising does not promote the advancement of human moral sensibility. Lasch's contention that modern advertising "Seeks to create needs, not to fulfil them: to generate new anxieties instead of allaying old ones. The recent expansion of global business and fall of trade barriers worldwide have further Underlined the interest in the topics of ethical behaviour and social responsibility. In addition, as many scholars believe, human rights and environmental conservation are gaining increasing more recognition in both academic and commercial settings.

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Introduction

Business ethics is the study of appropriate business policies and practices regarding potentially controversial subjects including corporate governance, insider trading, bribery, discrimination, corporate social responsibility, and fiduciary responsibilities. The law often guides business ethics, but at other times business ethics provide a basic guideline that businesses can choose to follow to gain public approval.

Business ethics ensure that a certain basic level of trust exists between consumers and various forms of market participants with businesses. For example, a portfolio manager must give the same consideration to the portfolios of family members and small individual investors. These kinds of practices ensure the public receives fair treatment.

The concept of business ethics began in the 1960s as corporations became more aware of a rising consumer-based society that showed concerns regarding the environment, social causes, and corporate responsibility. The increased focus on so-called social issues was a hallmark of the decade.

Since that time period, the concept of business ethics has evolved. Business ethics goes beyond just a moral code of right and wrong; it attempts to reconcile what companies must do legally versus maintaining a competitive advantage over other businesses. Firms display business ethics in several ways.

Key Components of a Business Ethics Management:

While they may be countless, but following below key components would result in the strong foundation of an organizational ethics:

- Living by the five core values of ethics. i.e.. Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness and Caring.
- An executive culture with common importance for its members.
- Fight for achieving the satisfaction of all parties included in the company: shareholders, directors, employees, suppliers, and customers.
- Taking social responsibility for their actions.
- Outweighs the moral contract between the company and its members and partners rather than a legal contract.

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