



## Outsourcing & Offshoring Discussion

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.

[This 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. 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. [This video](#) explains why outsourcing can be bad for business.

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?

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In order to receive full credit for this assignment, all components of this assignment are **due by 11:59pm ET on Sunday, October 17, 2021**. You should first contribute a thoughtful post of your own before viewing/commenting on the posts of others.

**Once you submit your post, you must respond meaningfully to at least two other classmates' threads. This assignment is worth a total of ten (10) points — 6 possible points for your original post, and up to 2 points for each of the two responses to your classmates' posts.**

Please reference our [Discussion Rubric](#) for more information, and to [this guide from MSSU](#) to learn more about what it means to respond meaningfully to a classmates' post. Remember to reference our [Netiquette Guidelines](#) for more options for an overview of what is expected in our discussions.