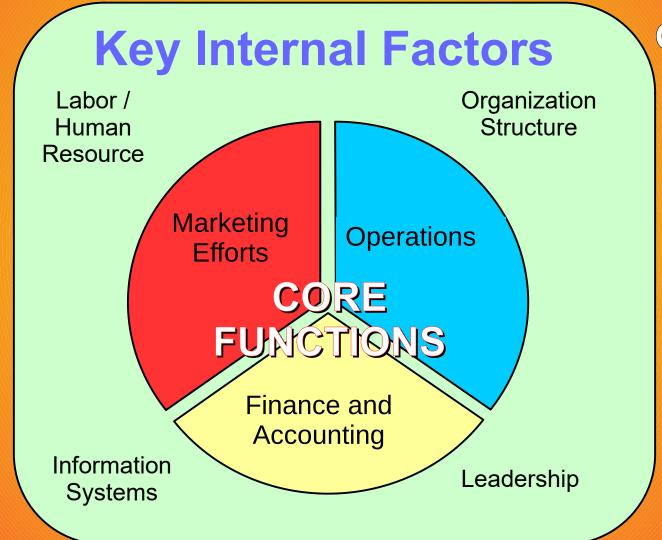


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Global / International Business

Economic / Monetary Policy

Competitors & Stakeholders



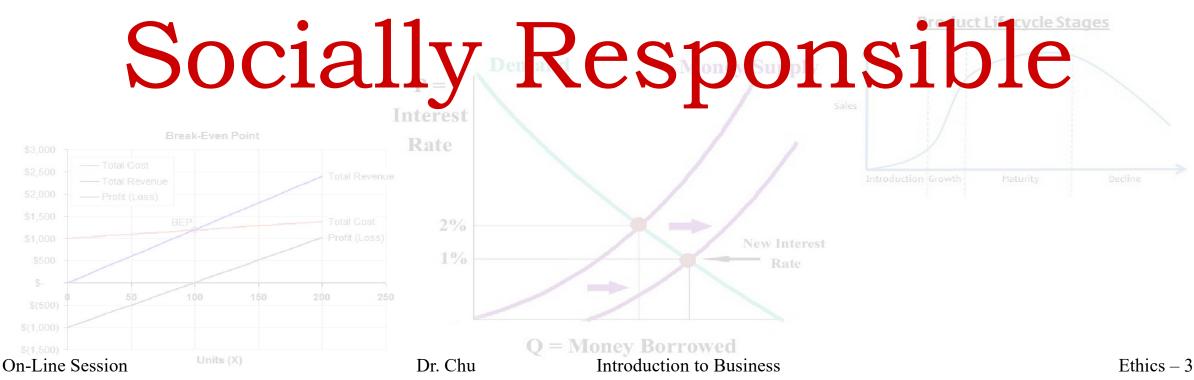
Government / Regulations

Demographic & Diversity

Technology

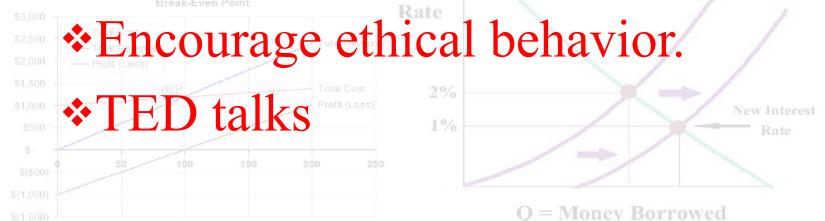
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Objectives

- *Ethics and business ethics.
- *Ethical issues in the business world.
- *Factors affecting ethical behavior.
- Increased social responsibility for business?
- *Government's role and past abuses.



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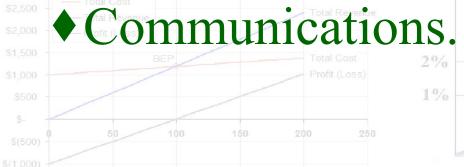
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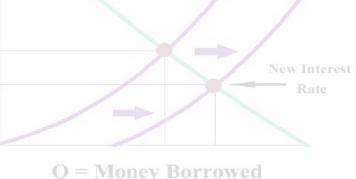
- **♦** Ethics
 - > Standards of moral behavior, that is behavior accepted by society as right versus wrong
- **♦** Business ethics
 - ➤ The application of moral standards to business situations.
- ♦ What is more important a business's responsibility to society, its employees, or to its stockholders?
- ♦ Who determines to what moral standard businesses should be held?

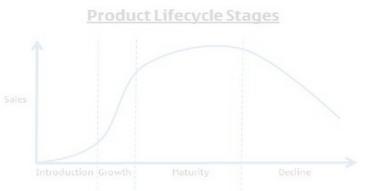
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Ethical issues in the business world

- **♦** Law and regulations.
- ♦ Employee privacy.
- ♦ Fairness and honest.
- ♦ Organizational relationships.
- ♦ Conflict of interest.



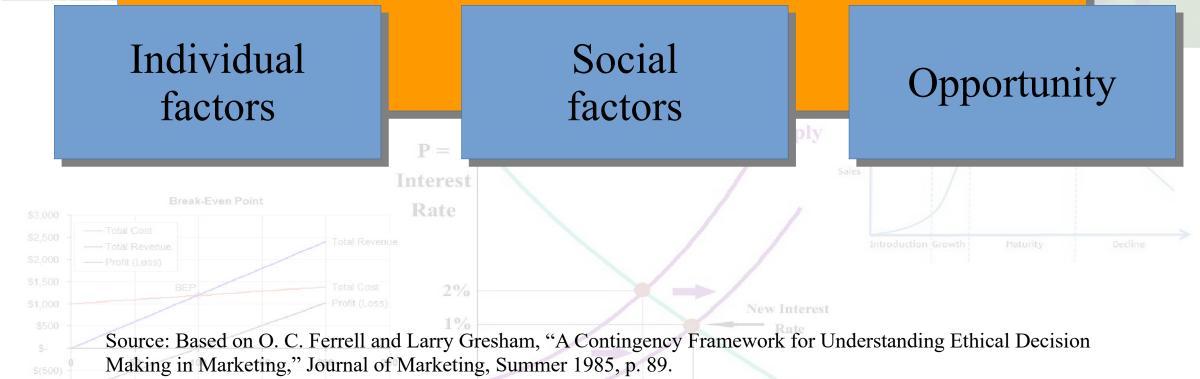




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Factors affecting ethical behavior

Ethical behavior influenced by



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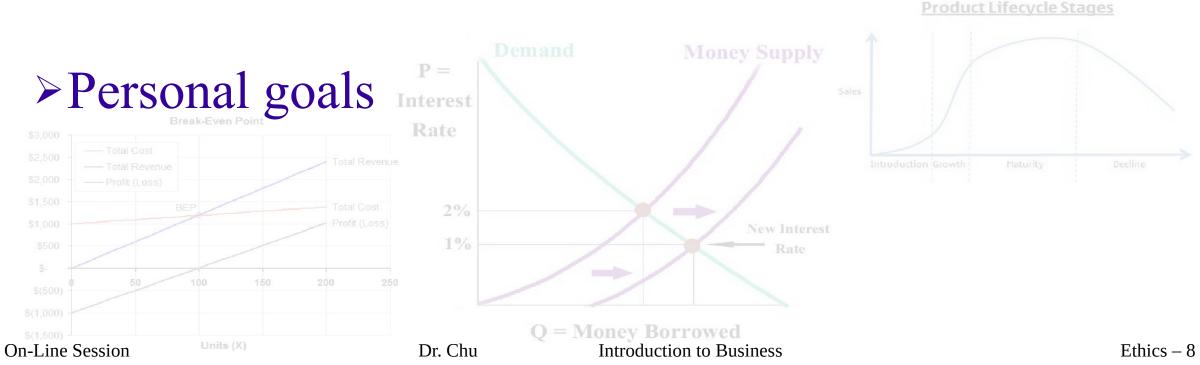
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Individual factors

Individual knowledge of an issue not aware of impropriety

Personal values difference in value between executives and key stakeholders



Social factors

Cultural norms & value may vary / Moral relativism

Morality is relative to some personal, social, or cultural standard and there is no one method for deciding whether one decision is better than another.

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Co-workers Peer pressure (everyone else does it).

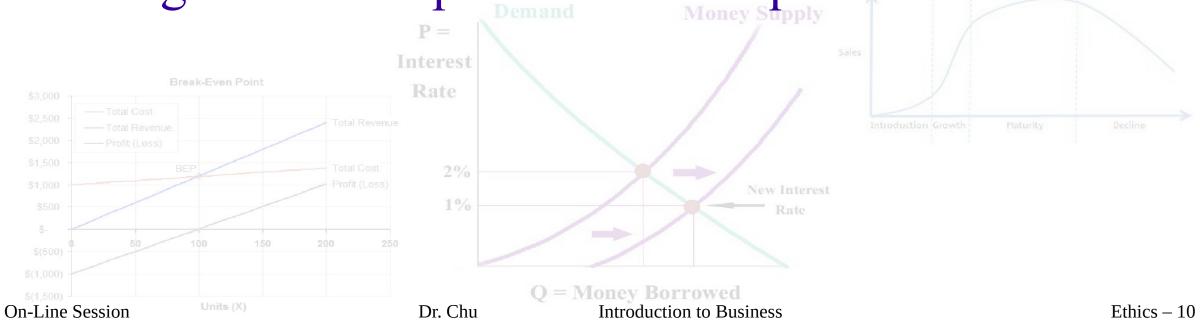
Ambiguous / out of date rules such as regulating the Internet.

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Opportunity

- > Presence of opportunity
- >Ethical codes
- > Enforcement

➤ Organizational performance required it



Need to increase social responsibility?

♦ What is social responsibility

◆ Evolution of business social responsibility.



Social responsibility (SR)?

- The recognition that business activities have an impact on society and the consideration of that impact in business decision making.
- > Implementing SR costs money.

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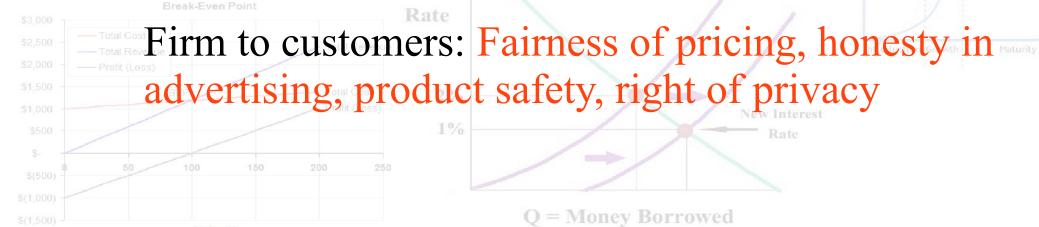
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New areas of concerns

- >Firm vs employee
 - ☐ Firm to employee: hiring and firing, wages and working conditions, privacy
 - □ Employee to firm: conflict of interest, secrecy, honestly and expense accounts

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- >Firm vs customers

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Evolution of SR in business

- ➤ Prior to 20th century (1900) almost no legal protection for workers and consumers.
- ➤ Early 1900s Caveat Emptor

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Does a company's social responsibility affect your decision to do business with them?



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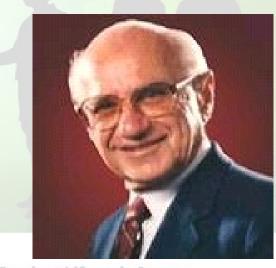
Economic model of business SR

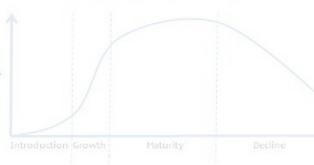
- >Originated in the 18th century.
- Society will benefit most when business is left alone to produce and market profitable products that society needs.
- Company's primary responsibility is to make a profit for its shareholders.
- Social responsibility is the problem of government, environmental groups, and charities.

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Milton Friedman on SR for business

There is one and ONLY one social responsibility of business - to use its resources and engage in activities to increase its profit so long as it stays within the rules of the game, which is to say, engages in open & free competition without deception or





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fraud.

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Socioeconomic model of business SR

- Business should be concerned with the impact of its decisions on society.
- Firms take pride in their social responsibility obligations.
- It is in the best interest of firms to take the initiative in social responsibility matters.
 - □ Society will demand changes if a corporation is not a responsible member of society.
 - Provides protection against legal action from special-interest groups.

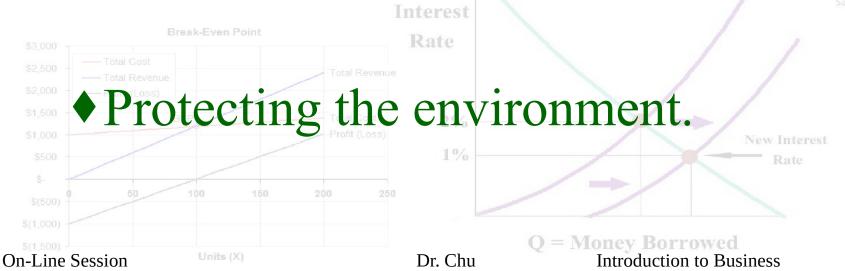
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Government's role and past abuses

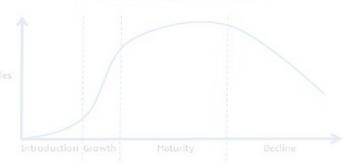
♦ Changing role of the Federal Government.

♦ Consumer movement.

◆ Protecting workers / employees

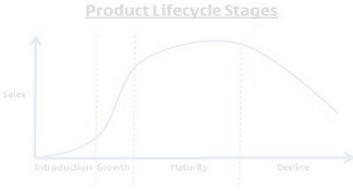


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Changing role of the Federal Government

- > Encourage competition
 - ☐ Interstate Commerce Act (1887)
 - □ Sherman Antitrust Act (1890)
 - □ Pure Food and Drug Act (1906)
 - ☐ Meat Inspection Act (1906)
 - ☐ Federal Trade Commission Act (1914)
 - □ Clayton Antitrust Act (1914)



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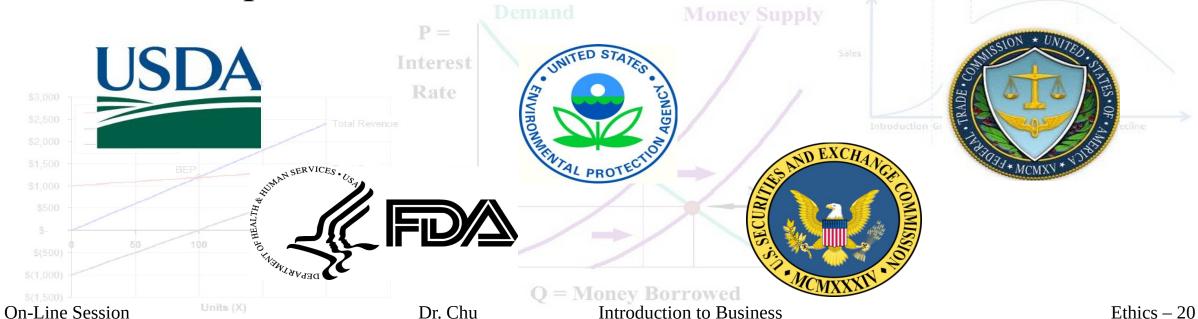
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Changing role of the Federal Government

- > Great Depression to WWII
 - ☐ As government regulation has increased, so has everyone's awareness of the social responsibility of business.
 - □ Numerous agencies created to help U.S. government in these new responsibilities

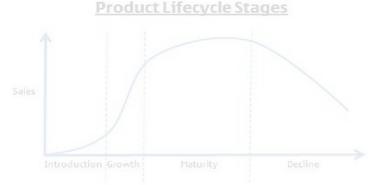


Consumer movement

- Consumer Bill of Rights
 - □ Right to Safety
 - □ Right to be Informed
 - □ Right to Choose
 - □ Right to be Heard
 - □ Right to Consumer Education
 - □ Right to Service

Laws protecting consumers

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Protecting consumers (1960s)

- Federal Hazardous Substances Labeling Act (1960)
- >Kefauver-Harris Drug Amendments (1962)
- ➤ Cigarette Labeling Act (1965)
- Fair Packaging and Labeling Act (1966)
- ➤ Motor Vehicle Safety Act (1966)
- Truth in Lending Act (1968)

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Protecting consumers (1970s)

- Credit Card Liability Act (1970)
- Fair Credit Reporting Act (1971)
- Consumer Product Safety Commission Act (1972)
- Fair Credit Billing Act (1974)
- Equal Credit Opportunity Act (1974)
- Magnuson-Moss Warranty-Federal Trade Commission Act (1975)

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Protecting consumers (1970s to 1990s)

- Amendments to Equal Credit Opportunity Act (1976, 1994)
- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (1977)
- ➤ Nutrition Labeling and Education Act (1990)
- > Telephone Consumer Protection Act (1991)





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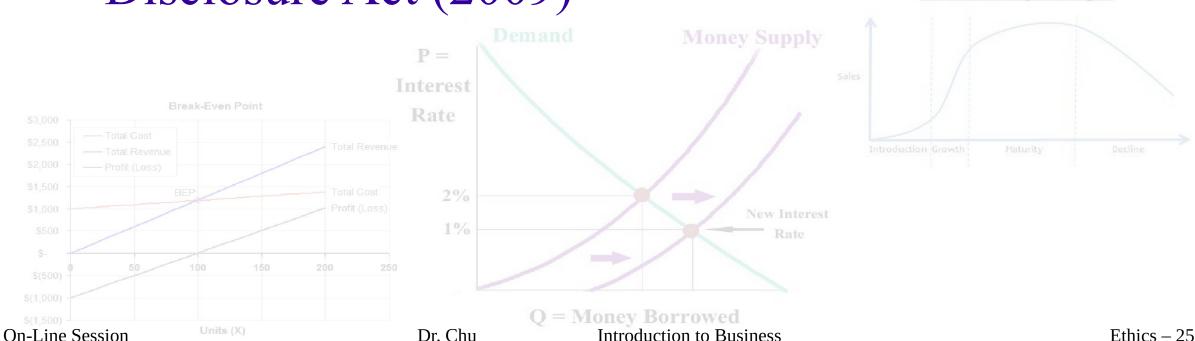
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Protecting consumers (Since 2000s)

- Children Online Privacy Protection Act (2000)
- ➤ Do Not Call Implementation Act (2003)

Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure Act (2009)

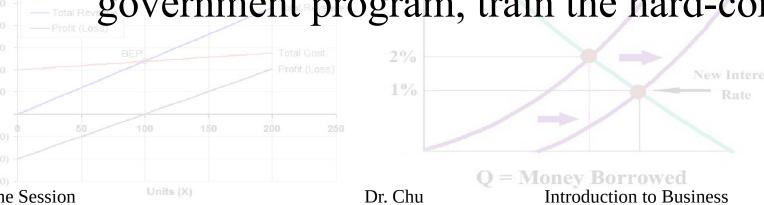


Protecting workers / employees

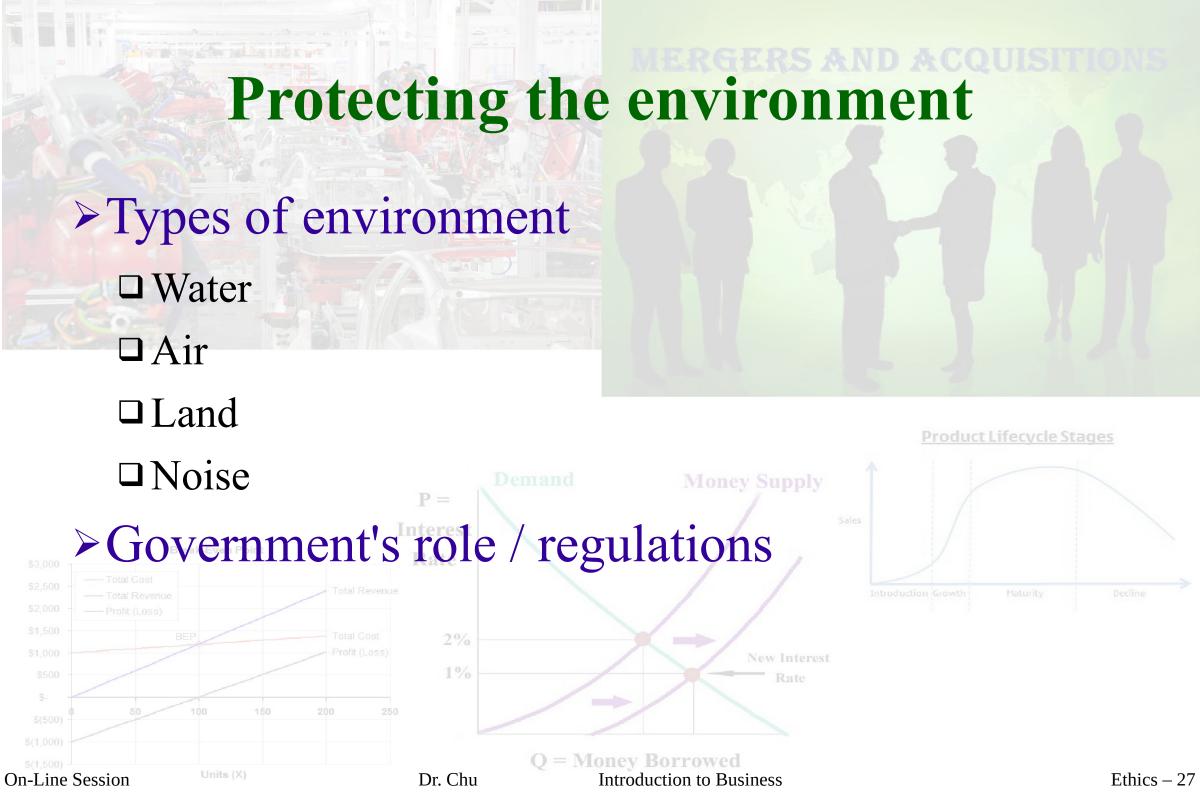
> Affirmative Action Programs

Use of quotas and reverse discrimination.

- > Hard-core unemployed
 - □ Workers with little education or vocational training and a long history of unemployment. Money Supply
 - □ National Alliance of Business, a joint businessgovernment program, train the hard-core unemployed



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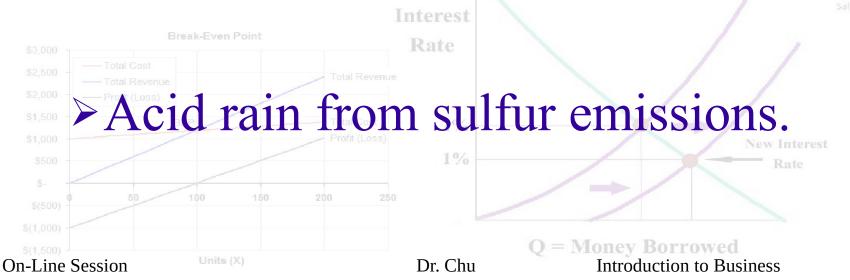


Environment: Water pollution

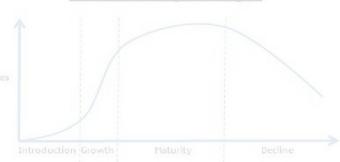
High levels of toxic pollutants in waters.

> Effect on people and wildlife.

> Runoff and toxic contamination.



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Environment: Air pollution

- > Success with lead.
- Carbon dioxide emissions in the upper atmosphere are contributing to global warming.
- Carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons emitted by motor vehicles and smoke and other pollutants emitted by manufacturing plants can be partially eliminated through pollution-control devices.
- Weather and geography can contribute to air pollution.

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Environment: Land pollution

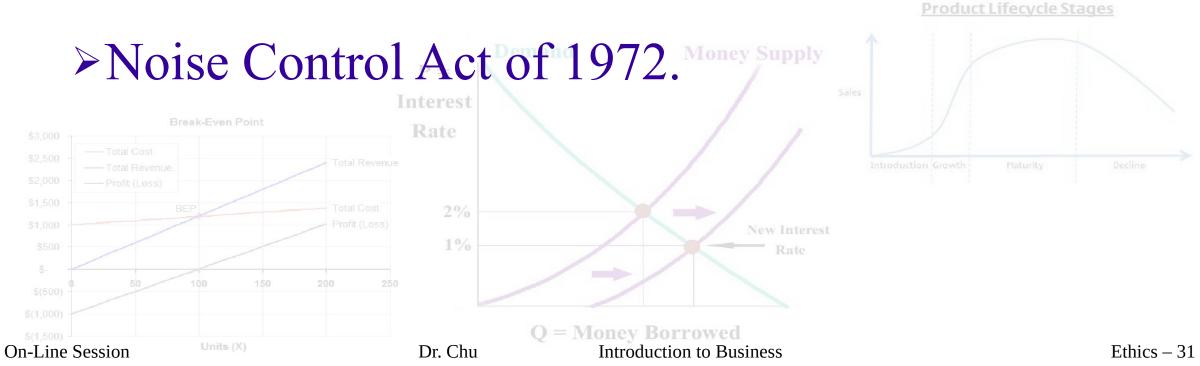
- ➤ How do we restore damaged or contaminated land?
- How do we protect unpolluted land from future damage?
- > Chemical and radioactive waste.
- ➤ Waste disposal vs. incinerators
- Strip-mining, cutting of forests, development of agriculture land for housing and industry.
- The Superfund.

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Environment: Noise pollution

Excessive noise.

> Reducing noise levels.



Major environmental laws (1970s)

- National Environmental Policy Act (1970)
- Clean Air Amendment (1970)
- ➤ Water Quality Improvement Act (1970)
- Resource Recovery Act (1970)
- ➤ Water Pollution Control Act Amendment (1972)
- Noise Control Act (1972)
- Clean Air Act Amendment (1977)

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Major environmental laws post-1970

- ➤ Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (1984)
- Clean Air Act Amendment (1987)
- ➤ Oil Pollution Act (1990)
- Clean Air Act Amendments (1990)
- ➤ Food Quality Protection Act (1996)

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

(2009) Profit (Loss

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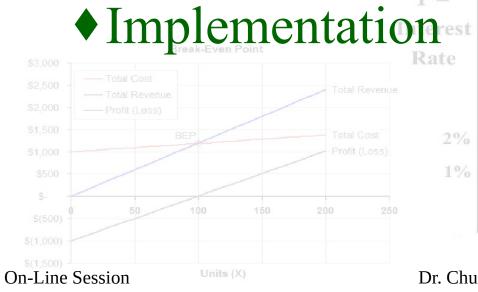
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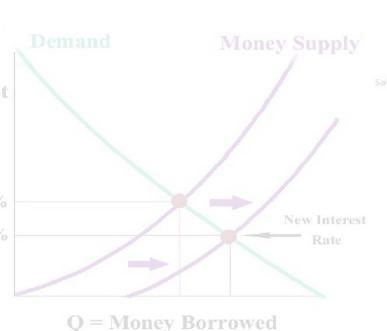
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Encourage ethical behavior

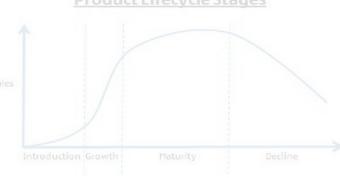
- ♦ The three questions...
- ♦ External to a specific organization
- ♦ Within an organization

♦ Whistle-blowing

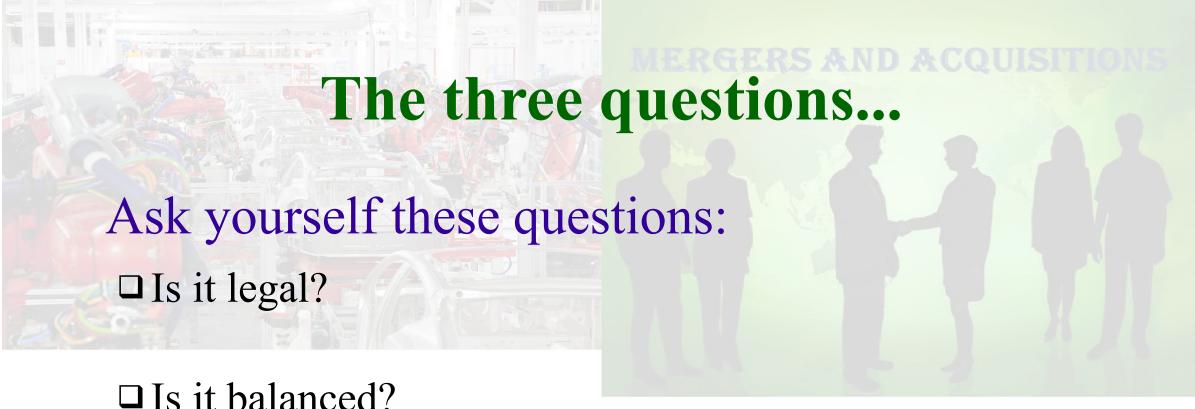




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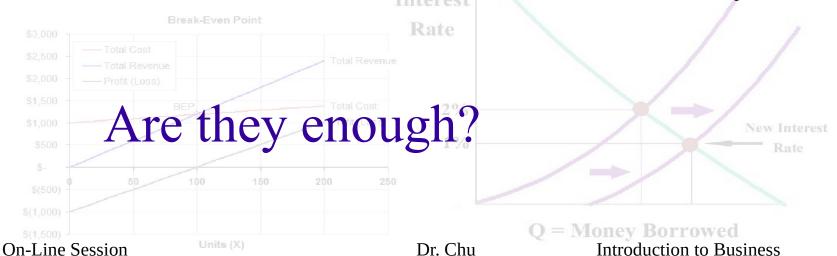


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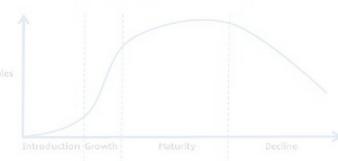








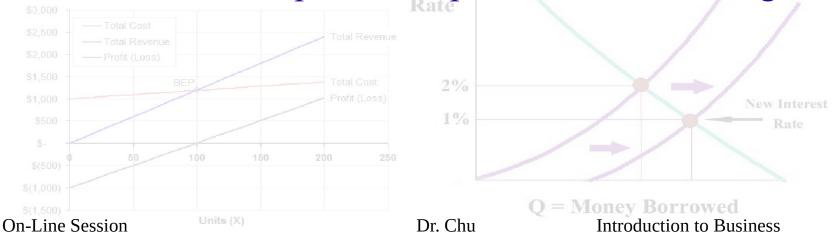
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External to a specific organization

- >Trade association guidelines
 - ☐ Fear of government intervention
 - □ Prefer self regulating
- >Governmental legislation and regulations
 - □ Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 adopted tough new provisions to deter and punish corporate and accounting fraud and corruption.



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Within an organization

- > Ethics codes
 - □ Compliance-Based Ethics Code

Emphasize preventing unlawful behavior by increasing control and by penalizing wrongdoers.

□ Integrity-Based Ethics Code

Define the organization's guiding values, create an environment that supports ethically sound behavior and stress a shared accountability.

Some guidelines

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Guidelines for making ethical decisions

- 1. Listen and learn
- 2. Identify the ethical issues
- 3. Create and analyze options
- 4. Identify the best option from your point of view
- 5. Explain your decision and resolve any difference that arise.

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Other guidelines

- 1. Does my decision fall within the accepted values or standards that typically apply in the organizational environment?
- 2. Am I willing to see the decision communicated publicly to all stakeholder affected by it?
- 3. Would the people with whom I have a significant personal relationship approve of the

decision?

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More guidelines

- 1. Identify which stakeholders the decision would affect and in what ways.
- 2. Judge the ethics of the proposed strategic decision given the information from the last step
- 3. Establish moral intent (resolve to place moral concerns ahead of other concerns)
- 4. Engage in ethical behavior.

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Whistle blowing

- Informing the press or government officials about unethical practices within one's organization
- >How important is whistleblower protection?
- To what extent should an employer be free to hire and fire whom they choose?
- > Would you be scared to report your employer?

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Implementing good SR

- Developing a program of social responsibility
 - □ Top executives.
 - □ Prepare a social audit A comprehensive report of what the organization has done and is doing with regard to social issues that affect it.
- Funding the program
 - ☐ Pass costs on to consumers.
 - □ Absorb as a business expense.
 - □ Seek tax reductions or other incentives.

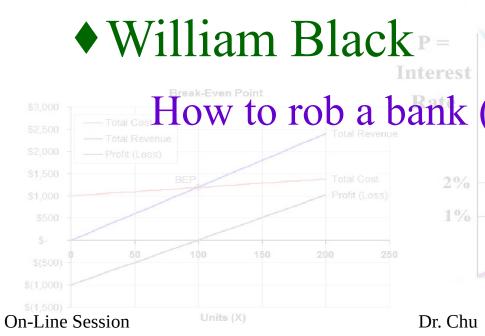
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TED talks

- ◆ Alexander Wagner
 - > What really motivates people to be honest in business
- ♦ Wendy Woods

The business benefits of doing good

How to rob a bank (from the inside that is)



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