

PREPARE FOR READING

What Do You Know?

Has an employer ever put pressure on you or a friend or family member to work when you had a family obligation of which the employer was aware? Have you or someone you know worked for an employer who behaved unethically toward employees, customers, or suppliers? Do you believe there are valid reasons for a business's unethical behavior? Explain your answer.

Unlock Some Key Terms

slack Looseness. In the article, the term means "relaxation of the rules."

private company A company that is owned by a single owner or by a partnership.

public company A company that is owned by stockholders and whose stock is publicly traded on the stock market.

relentless Persistent; constant; harsh.

core guiding value An essential principle which guides (or dictates) the actions an individual or company take.

philanthropy A desire to help mankind, as shown by gifts to charitable or humanitarian institutions.

niceties Things that are necessary to or required of some, but a luxury to others. In the article, the term means adhering to the letter of particular laws.

implement To put into effect.

worth their weight in gold Extremely valuable.

proactive Preparing to deal with a situation before the situation occurs.

