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# To Dustin

Always follow your dreams. —R.W.G.

# To Jim and Diana

May all your plumbing problems be happy ones. —R.J.E.

# From the Authors Ricky Griffin and Ron Ebert

At about the time we sat down to assemble this preface, we both kept seeing a TV ad promoting "Financial Knowledge for the New Economy" as the number-one ingredient for business success. Generally speaking, you can't argue with the premise, but we feel that, especially for introductory business students, "knowledge for the new economy" has to go beyond the "financials." Students need to know something about every aspect of business and the environment in which business prospers. And make no mistake about it: We have prosperity because-or maybe despite the fact thatthe rules of the game are constantly changing throughout the business environment and across the entire range of business practices. There are new forces at work. Nowadays, companies come together on short notice for collaborative projects and then, just as quickly, return to their original shapes as separate (and often competing) entities. Employees and companies share new ideas about work-about when and where it takes place, about how it gets done, about who determines roles and activities in the workplace. With communications technologies having shattered the barriers of physical distance, tight-knit teams with members positioned around the world share information just as effectively as groups huddled together in the same

In nearly every aspect of business today, from relationships with customers and suppliers to employees and stockholders, there are new ways of doing things, and a lot of them are surpassing traditional business practices, with surprising speed and often with better competitive results. Along with new ways come a host of unique legal and ethical (and financial) issues to challenge the creativity and judgment of people who do business. For all of these reasons we, as authors and teachers, felt a certain urgency when it became obvious that, in revising Business for its seventh edition, we had to capture the flavor and convey the excitement of the new economy in all of its rapidly evolving practices.

Ricky Griffin Ron Ebert



While always remembering the principle that guided the book's creation—"**Doing the Basics Best**"— Business, 7/e by Ricky Griffin and Ronald Ebert continues its tradition of introducing cutting edge firsts with the most up-to-date issues shaping business today and creative, pedagogy by focusing on three simple rules:

- 1. Learn
- 2. Evaluate
- 3. Apply

# **SEE WHAT'S NEW!**

### CHAPTER 2: UNDERSTANDING THE ENVIRONMENTS OF BUSINESS

This brand-new chapter puts business operations in a contemporary context, explaining the idea of *organizational boundaries* and describing the ways in which elements from *multiple environments* cross those boundaries and shape organizational activities. It also sets the stage as an introduction to some of the most important topics covered in the rest of the book, for example:

- *Economics* (including the role of aggregate output, standard of living, GDP, and productivity in determining *economic growth*; methods of measuring inflation and unemployment and their effects *on economic stability*; the role of fiscal and monetary policies on *stabilization policy*; surveys of the major forces and projected trends in the *global economy of the 21st century*).
- *Technology* (with special attention to new tools for competiveness in both goods and services and *business process technologies*, including *enterprise resource planning*).
- **Ethics** (focusing not only on what happened at Enron and Arthur Andersen but why).
- *The General Business Environment* (featuring sections on such emerging areas of interest as *outsourcing*, *viral marketing*, and *business process management*).
- *The Aftermath of 9/11* Not only what these events did to the U.S. economy, but what, because of its flexibility and strength, they did not do.

#### SAY WHAT YOU MEAN

This new feature emphasizes what students need to communicate effectively using verbal and written skills across cultures. These new boxes will make students more sensitive to cultural differences and help prepare them to address the needs of others with numerous country-specific examples.



#### Self-Check Questions 1-3

You should now be able to answer Self-Check Questions 1–3\*

1. ANULTIPLE CHOICE Marketers know that consumers buy products which offer the best value. Which of the following is not true regarding value for the buyer? [select one] (a) It is related to the buyer's wants and needs. (b) It compares a product's benefits with its costs. (c)

(d) It depends on product price. (e) Market strategies focus on increasing it.

2. MULTIPLE CHOICE A program in which a bank offers free services to long-standing customers is an example of which of the following? [select one] (a) industrial marketing; (b) services marketing; (c) brand competition; (d) product differentiation; (e) relationship marketing.

3. NULTIPLE CHOICE All of the following are elements in the *marketing mix* (the "Four Ps" of marketing) except [select one]: (a) product differentiation; (b) place (or distribution); (c) promotion: (d) product; (e) pricing.

\*Answers to Self-Check Questions 1-3 can be found on P. XXX

#### **SELF-CHECK EXERCISES**

Special self-check assessment exercises are introduced at three points in the chapter allowing students to review their under-

standing of the core concepts presented in the chapter.

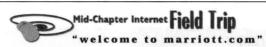


#### **INTERNET FIELD TRIPS**

These two-part Internet activities take students inside real world companies to explore how these companies conduct business. Starting

in the middle of the chapter, after students have become acquainted with the fundamentals, students begin a focused, handson exploration of a real world organization. The second part of the exercise continues online with more detailed questions. Plus, students can check their final answers online at

http://www.prenhall.com/griffin.



in the first part of this chapter, we disucts to meet the needs and wants of customers in both consumer and indusship marketing promotes customer loyalty and found that a sound marketing strategy involves the entire marketing mix— product, pricing, place (distribution), and

promotion.

Let's look further into these marketing. 

- View Our 13 Lodging Brands (see selection box at top of the page)
- . Explore & Plan (box at middle of the
- Marriott Rewards (box at middle of
- Events & Meetings (small box at bottom of the page)

Vacation Ownership (small box at bottom of the page indicate the type of customer—Begin by clicking on each of the follow-ing—View Our 13 Lodging Brands,

It is gradient to the product?

ing—View Our 13 Lodging Brands, Events & Meetings, and Explore & Plan—and examine their contents:

- What types of products does Marriott offer in its marketing mix? On the home page, go to View Our 13 Lodging Brands and select Marriott Hotels, Resorts & Suites. Then drop down to the bottom of the page and
- click on For Getaways. Finally, click on Marriott Resorts and examine the formation on that page: > Which type of custome
- sumer or industrial—is the target for information on this page?
- At the home page, go to View Our 13 Lodging Brands and select ExecuStay. On the Marriott ExecuStay screen, go to the left side and click on About ExecuStay. Examine the information on

- On the home page, click on Marriott Rewards. After examining the contents of this page, go to the left side of the screen, click on Elite Membership, and read its contents:
- Is the Marriott Rewards program an example of relationship marketing? Give examples of incentives that Marriott uses to build relationships with its clients.

Which segmentation variables—demographic, geographic, psychographic, or behavioral—has Marriott used for differentiating its Marriott Resorts and ExecuStay products?

For the second leg of this Internet Field Trip, go to www. prenhall.com/griffin

#### KEY TERMS

marketing (p. 000) utility (p. 000) consumer goods (p. 000) industrial goods (p. 000) services (p. 000) relationship marketing (p. 000) external environment (p. 000) substitute product (p. 000) brand competition (p. 000) international competition (p. 000) marketing manager (p. 000) marketing plan (p. 000)

marketing mix (p. 000) product (p. 000) product differentiation (p. 000) distribution (p. 000) target market (p. 000) market segmentation (p. 000) geographic variables (p. 000) demographic variables (p. 000) psychographic variables (p. 000) behavioral variables (p. 000) marketing research (p. 000) secondary data (p. 000) primary data (p. 000)

observation (p. 000) survey (p. 000) focus group (p. 000) experimentation (p. 000) data warehousing (p. 000) data mining (p. 000) consumer behavior (p. 000) brand loyalty (p. 000) rational motives (p. 000) emotional motives (p. 000) industrial market (p. 000) reseller market (p. 000) institutional market (p. 000)

#### **KEY TERMS**

To help students review the major topics in each chapter. a new section at the end of each chapter collects all the

boldfaced key terms and refers readers to the pages on which they appear. As always, we also provide marginal definitions of all key terms and collect them in an alphabetized glossary at the end of the book.

#### **EXERCISING YOUR ETHICS**

To bring ethics to the forefront, new end-of-chapter exercises ask students to resolve an ethical situation. Each dilemma includes a description of the situation and concludes with questions that focus on how to approach and resolve these ethical challenges.



A firm's marketing methods are sometimes at odds with the consumer's buying process. This exercise illustrates how ethical issues can become entwined with personal selling activities, product pricing, and customer relations.

The Dilemma
In buying his first-ever new car. Matt visited showrooms and Web sites for every make of SUV. After weeks of reading and test-driving, he settled on a well-known Japanese-made vehicles with a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$34.500 for the 2002 model. The price included accessories and options that Matt considered essential. Because he planned to own the car for at least five years, he was willing to wait for just the right package rather than accept a lesser-equipped car already on the lot. Negotiations with Cary, the sales representative, continued for two weeks. Finally, a sales contract was signed for \$30.600, with delivery due no more than two or three months later if the vehicle had to be special-ordered from the factory, earlier if Gary found the exact car when he searched other dealers around the country. On April 30, to close the deal. Matt had to write a check for \$1,000.

Matt received a call on June 14 from Angela, Gary's sales manager: We cannot get your car before October," she reported, "so it will have to be a 2003 model, You will have to be a 2003 model, You will have to be a 2003 model, You will have to be for a stated price and delivery dendifine for 2002, pointing out that money had exchanged hands for the contract. When asked what the 2003 price would be. Angela responded that it had not yet been announced. Angrily, Matt replied that he would be foolish to agree now on some unknown future price. Moreover, he didn't like the way the dealership was treating him. He told Angela to send had to him everthine. would be foolish to agree now on some unknown future price. Moreover, he didn't like the way the dealership was treating him. He told Angela to send back to him everything he had signed; the deal was off.

#### **Questions for Discussion**

- 1. Given the factors involved in the consumer buying process, how would you characterize the particular ethical issues in this situation?
- From an ethical standpoint, what are the obligations of the sales rep and the sales manager regarding the pricing of the product in this situation?
- If you were responsible for maintaining good customer relations at the dealership, how would you handle this matter?



#### ALL NEWSSSS

# "ON LOCATION" VIDEOS & EXERCISES

Twenty new, custom videos are linked to the end-of-chapter exercises to help students see how real-life businesses and the people who run them apply fundamental business principles on a daily basis. The format for each video is the same: 1) a moderator sets the scene; 2) concepts unfold; 3) the moderator recaps core

issues as the video can be paused for additional in-class discussion;

4) the video concludes with answers to the in-class discussion questions. The unique structure and format of these videos not only brings the concepts to life, but also provides an interactive environment to stimulate critical thinking and discussion in your course.

Chapter		Company / Agency	
1	Helping Businesses Do Business	U.S. Department of Commer	ce 1800
2	Viewing the Environment	MTV Europe	
3	Doing Business Privately	Amy's Ice Cream	
4	Globalizing the Long Arm of the Law	Printrak	
5	Doing the Right Thing	American Red Cross	
6	Imaginative Management	<b>Creative Age Publications</b>	
7	Juicing Up the Organization	Nantucket Nectars	
8	Managing the Human Side of Business	Park Place Entertainment	
9	Computing Family Values	Kingston Technology	
10	In Consumers' Shoes	Sketchers USA	
11	Sending Products into Space	MCCI	
12	Through the Grapevine	Clos du Bois Winery	
13	Revving Up Promotion	BMW Motorcycles	
14	Managing Global Production	Body Glove	
15	Glowing with Quality	Liquid Lab	
16	Space Age Information Systems	<b>Boeing Satellite Systems</b>	
17	Accounting for Billions of Burgers	McDonald's	
18	Funding the Business World	Coast Business Credit	
19	Information Pays Off	Motley Fool	
20	Nailing Down Financial Management	Seche International	



#### **SUPER COMPANION WEBSITE**

The Prentice Hall Companion Website offers the following features for students and instructors:

- **Powerful Homepage:** Students and faculty can unite all their texts on one personal homepage.
- **Study Guide**: Test your knowledge with this interactive study guide that offers a wide variety of self-assessment questions for each chapter. Results from the automatically graded questions provide immediate feedback and can serve as practice or can be e-mailed to the instructor for extra credit.



- Interactive Summaries: A complete version of each end-of-chapter summary has been prepared with blanks to be filled in for the key terms of the chapter. Students merely have to supply terms as they study and click to find out how well they've retained the most important content of each chapter.
- **Study Hall:** Includes information on personal finance, time management, study skills, and academic majors. Get career information, view sample resumes, and even apply for jobs online.
- **Current Events:** Check out links to articles in today's business news.
- **Financial Times Week Ahead.** Andrew Hill, U.S. business editor for the *Financial Times*, previews top stories weekend that are sure to be in the business news.
- **Downloadable supplements for Faculty:** In this password-protected area, faculty have access to all the student resources, plus instructor support material such as Instructor's Manuals, Test Item Files, PowerPoints, and the answers to all student study materials.
- Communication Tools for Faculty:
  - Messages: Faculty can post messages that appear on every one of their student's homepages
  - *Bulletins:* Faculty can send bulletins that go out to every one of their student's email addresses
  - *Discussions:* Faculty can initiate threaded discussions for each of their courses on MyCompanion Website
- **Smart Calendar:** Helps students and faculty keep track of all class events and due dates. One online calendar can be used to organize important dates from multiple courses.
- Syllabus Editor: Follow the easy to follow steps for creating and revising an online syllabus where changes you make are immediately available to your students on the Smart Calendar. Faculty can also upload their own documents, coordinate discussions, link to Prentice Hall online educational resources, and input links to any other site on the web.
- **Research Links:** Links to a wide variety of online research tools.



### HALLMARK STRENGTHS UPDATEDS

LEARN. What better way to learn about business than by getting down to business. The following features engage students and bring the business concepts to life.

Wraparound Vignettes Each chapter opens with a different two-part case study cen-

tering on a real-life business situation and closes by revisiting and posing follow-up questions for discussion.

#### Xbox Spots the Market

nce the domain of teenage boys, interactive games now lure a much broader audience, including younger kids and adults. It's easy to become addicted:
With cinematically realistic

graphics and challenging action sequences, games require split-second timing

players with the most advanced hardware and hottest graphics in the industry. Microsoft intends for the site to become the gathering place for play

> among gamers here. Thus far, everywhere. everywhere. Thus far, Xbox.com has succeeded both in establishing rela-tionships among gamers and in forming new bonds between gamers and the Xbox brand. Microsoft Xbox brand. Microsoft wants gamers to become loyal members of an Xbox community. But industry experts know that it takes more than relationship building

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than relationship building and nifty hardware to suc-ceed in this market. Success depends on a steady flow of exciting capture players imagina-ware, reports Phaedra omengamers.com. "far outon for speed and memory re's a serious problem with so far." The initial launch es, most of them action and

#### Microsoft's Great Xpectations



Xbox is Microsoft's first venture into game consoles, and the and the company's marketing strategy differs from that of competitors, especially Nintendo, which targets the

younger end of the market. Xbox, says product-team leader Robbie Rash, targets a says product-cean leader Robine Rash, largets a different audience. "Let's face it." he says. "Nintendo's system is for kids. We're for sophisticated gamers. I don't know any 30-year-olds who want a GameCube [by Nintendo]." Both Xbox and PlayStation 2 (by Sony) are aimed at the 16that Microsoft will have more than 200 Xbox that Microsoft will have more than 200 Xbox games with a total of 300 titles in development by the next holiday season. For international appeal, Sega's participation also gives Xbox an important boost: Many Japanese gamers doubted Xbox's credibility until they learned of Microsoft's alliance with Sega's respected game

The Xbox product itself is also different fro The Xbox product itself is also different from competing products. Sony's PS2 plays music CDs and DVD movies right out of the box. Xbox can also play music and movies—in fact, it delivers



#### High-Tech Hits the Highway

Nicole Gunther's four-year-old daughter is happy in the back seat of the family's Honda minivan. There are no more whining cries of "When are we going to get there?" With the rear-seat DVD player delivering Disney films, Nicole is absorbed in entertainment that lets Mom concentrate on after-school traffic. Other services, such as a satellite-controlled navigation system, keep drivers from getting lost and alert them to road or traffic conditions. Competitors are also getting in on the act. Cadillac's ONStar mavigation services offers satellite radio services in more than 30 CM ear and truck models, and satellite feeds are linked into dozens of Ford, CM, and DaimlerChrysler models. Telenatics, automobile versions of the electronic entertainment systems that have become staples in many homes, were packaged in about 2 percent of new wehl-cles sold in 2002, but the industry is on the verge of a boom: Wireless communications for the highway had total sales of \$1,6 billion in 2001 but will reach \$20 billion annually in 2008.

Industry demographics are changing.

lion in 2001 but will reach \$20 minor annually in 2006. Industry demographics are changing, too. Currently, buyers consist mostly of middle- to upper-class drivers who can

suburban lifestyles in which many parents

suburban lifestyles in which many parents find themselves staffing dawn-to-dusk transportation services.

Launched in Cadillacs during the 1998 to 2001 model years, the first in-car communications systems offered on-road monitoring of performance and location and traffic-guidance advisories for high-income drivers. But that target audience, say industry experts, will change by 2007, when 80 percent of all new cars will contain factory-installed telematics. For model years 2002–2004, the target is active families in midrange- and higher-income groups who have young children and who use in-car technology for safety and entertainment. Even midrange, lower price dars will be equipped with a varie of white has midranged to the same proposed with a varie of white has midring systems for roadside assistance, and satellite radios. Satellite subscription fees, currently ranging from \$200 to \$400 per year for CMS OnStat will permit technology-oriented drivers to receive music and movies from home and elsewhere.

Still another target group for 2003–2006 is high-income professionals who use in-car communications technolo-

"It's a Wired World" Boxes These unique boxes offer brief real-world examples of the steps that new and established companies are taking to keep pace with competition in the e-business environment.

# **EVALUATE.** To ensure students have ample opportunity to master key concepts, Business, 7/e introduces some new features to help them evaluate their own progress.

- Self-Check Exercises Special self-check assessment exercises are introduced at three points in the chapter allowing students to review their understanding of the core concepts presented in the chapter. All answers are presented in the back of the book with a specific page reference for reviewing those areas where students need additional practice.
- Online Summaries
- Key Terms

# Self-Check Questions 7-9

You should now be able to answer Self-Check Questions 7-9\*

7. NULTIPLE CHOICE The following is not a stage in the consumer buying process [select one]: (a) substitution purchase: (b) evaluation of alternatives; (c) postpurchase evaluation; (d) information seeking; (e) problem/need recognition.

8. TRUE/FALSE In terms of market size, organizational buying in the United States is economically much more significant than consumer buying

9. MULTIPLE CHOICE Which of the following is not true of the international marketing mi [select one]: (a) Products that sell for a given price in the United States may sell at a different price in another country. (b) The International Standards Act ensures the existence of uniform advertising practices in most countries. (c) A company can speed values of uniform advertising practices in miscrotronic countries. Or A company can speed up its international distribution activities by buying an existing business in another country. (d) Some products can be sold abroad with virtually no changes. (e) Cultural differences can cause negative reactions to products that are advertised improperly.

\*Answers to Self-Check Questions 7-9 can be found on p. xxx.



# **APPLY**. The following end-of-chapter exercises prepare students to apply both critical- and creative-thinking skills to solve real-world problems.

**Building Your Business Skills** Building Your Business Skills

DEALING WITH VARIABLES

This exercise enhances the following SCANS workplace com-petencies: demonstrating basic skills, demonstrating think-ing skills, exhibiting interpersonal skills, and working with

To encourage students to analyze the ways in which various market segmentation variables affect business success.

#### The Situation

You and four partners are thinking of purchasing a heating you and rour partners are timinking of purchasing a neating and air conditioning (H/AC) dealership that specializes in residential applications priced between \$2.000 and \$40.000. You are now in the process of deciding where that dealership should be located. You are considering four locations: Mami. Florida; Westport. Connecticut; Dallas. Texas; and

#### Method

Working with your partnership group, do library research to learn how H/AC makers market residential products. Check for articles in the Wall Street Journal, Business Week, Fortune, and other business publications.

Continue your research. This time, focus on the specific Continue your research. This time, focus on the specific marketing variables that define each prospective location. Check Census Bureau and Department of Labor data at your library and on the Internet and contact local chambers of commerce (by phone and via the Internet) to learn about the Building Your Business Skills Created to address SCANS requirements, these exercises allow students to apply both their knowledge and criticalthinking skills to extended problems drawn from realistic business situations. Each exercise begins with a list of goals, a description of the situation, a step-bystep methodology for proceeding, and follow-up questions to help students focus their responses to the challenge.

■ Mastering Business Essentials CD-ROM Activities This innovative, cross-functional CD revolves around an e-business called CanGo. Twelve interactive episodes are linked to

the appropriate end-of-chapter material in Business, 7/e. The format for each episode includes: 1) unique video scenarios; 2) informative and stimulating interactive exercises with follow-up video clips; and 3) additional case and discussion questions. This can be value-packed for FREE with the text. To order, use ISBN 0-13-141898-X.



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plan outline, reports, charts, and tables. This feature simplifies the plan-creation process and is unique to this business planning software. In addition, Business Plan Pro provides numerous sample plans and provides step-by-step examples and instructions for making and assessing plans.



# SUPPLEMENTS

# Study Guide

A Study Guide for Business, 7th edition by Ray Polchow at Ohio University, is designed to increase your students' comprehension of the concepts presented in this text. The guide provides chapter-by-chapter explanations and exercises designed to reinforce comprehension of key terms and concepts to promote concept-application skills.

# Instructor's Resource Manual

Written by Sal Veas of Santa Monica College, each chapter of the Instructor's Resource Manual includes:

- A chapter overview
- Description of the changes between the 6th and 7th edition within the chapter
- Brief chapter outline
- Learning Objectives
- An opening class exercise, and a chapter closing project
- Detailed lecture outlines customized for both PowerPoint users and acetate users, featuring traditional lecture notes, as well as discussion points
- Answers to all end-of-chapter questions, problems, and assignments
- A detailed video guide with answers to video exercise questions
- Supplemental cases
- Sample syllabi
- Recommended web sites/additional resources for professors

#### ALL NEWYSSS Test Item File

An all-new *Test Item File* contains 20 chapters of approximately 200 questions per chapter, all of which have been carefully checked for accuracy and quality. This comprehensive set, written by M. Kathryn Demarest, Carroll Community College, consists of multiple-choice, true/false, short answer, and essay questions. Each test question is ranked based on Bloom's Taxonomy and by level of difficulty (easy, moderate, or difficult) and contains page references to allow the instructor a quick and easy way to balance the level of exams or quizzes. One Quick Quiz (a short 10 question quiz for in-class use to test basic chapter concepts) and One Prepared Exam are also included for each chapter of the test item file.

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#### PowerPoint Slides

Created by Martha Laham of Diablo Valley College, this edition's PowerPoint presentation contains more than 500 text-specific slides highlighting fundamental concepts by integrating key graphs, figures, and illustrations from the text. PowerPoint slides come complete with lecture notes, which are available in the Instructor's Resource Manual, or on the Instructor's Resource CD-ROM. Free to adopters, PowerPoints are available on the Instructor's Resource CD-ROM, or can be downloaded from the Faculty Resource web site at www.prenhall.com/griffin.

### Overhead Transparencies

This extensive set of over 300 full-color overhead transparencies focus on the main points of the chapter and include illustrations and figures from the text. Overhead transparencies come complete with lecture notes, available either in the Instructor's Resource Manual, or on the Instructor's Resource CD-ROM.

# Custom Video Library—as described in the previous section!

### **■ Instructor's Resource CD-ROM**

This all-in-one multimedia product is an invaluable asset for professors who prefer to work with electronic files rather than traditional print supplements. This CD-ROM contains the Instructor's Resource Manual, PowerPoints, Test Item File, and Prentice Hall Test Manager.

#### Business Plan Pro Software

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# Business Plan Supplement

This comprehensive saleable supplement, written by David Tooch, The University of New Hampshire's Thompson School, provides step-by-step lessons with actual case studies to guide the student's preparation of a winning business plan. Upon completion of all the cumulative lessons, each student will have created a polished and professional business plan, whether they choose to do it by hand or with Palo Alto's Business Plan Pro software.

# ■ NEW Career Portfolio Supplement

This unique saleable supplement, written by James O'Rourke, The University of Notre Dame, takes students through the process of building their individualized career portfolio. Students walk through the process of self-assessment, matching career opportunities, initiating the job search using the latest internet-based search vehicles, preparing all job search related documents, and following up. Upon completion of the supplement, students will have a career portfolio they can use and build on as their career progresses.



### Business Ethics in Uncertain Times: A Special Supplement

This special supplement covers key issues in contemporary business ethics, including

- Management's responsibility for accountability; conflicts of interest, protection of employees, protection of stockholders, and compliance with legal and regulatory standards
- Corporate governance, including how and why it's supposed to work, outside directors versus insiders with conflicts of interest, and audit committees.
- Accounting practices, including why and how public corporations hide debt and mischaracterize expenses, how previously accepted accounting practices are now being questioned, the role of CPA firms in auditing statements, and ways to manage conflicts of interest with consulting clients.
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