

1. Can a company be ethical / socially responsible?

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A YES

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B NO

2. Why yes or no. Give an argument: A business can(not) be ethical because ..

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YES	Yes, a business can be ethical responsible because it is always allowed to be so it is the choice of the ones that are in power
YES	Yes because parallel to the goal of making profit the business can care about how to make the profit and even decide to make less profit but therefore act in an ethical correct way.
YES	if you cant hold the company ethically responsible then what they do has no value.
YES	A business can be ethical because it can stimulate the right thing.
YES	A business CAN be ethical, because they can decide that in certain cases societal or environmental arguments go above mere profit. This will lead to different decisions.
NO	Ethical/unethical decisions are ultimately made by humans and not by the company
YES	A business or activity can use ethical theories or approaches to design or engineer for good. e.g having an ethicist that works with a design team.
YES	In our common sense, a business can be ethical if it follows the rules of what is right and good in society. But it depends on the concept of ethics...
YES	A company, e.g. "Purpose", can be build to tackle social and ethical goals. Of course, the goals are dependable on what the company considers ethical and social and how much they follow a corporate structure of "doing business" but the emerging field of social entrepreneurship is to attest to this.
NO	because their main focus is to make money.
NO	A business cannot be ethical because there is no ethical law that everybody agrees on.
YES	They can take into account what the majority of people would find right or wrong when making decisions
YES	It can be ethically responsible because it consists of people who are capable of being ethically responsible (saying that the company is just an abbreviation). Those people can be responsible because they have freedom of choice in their actions.
NO	this is a category mistake, a company cannot be held responsible, for example the manager for a company however can be held responsible.
NO	A business is always subject to competition and therefore always excludes and/or forces certain people to be submissive.
YES	if a company is only focussed on earning a lot of money, it can make choices which are not ethical.
YES	Because any business can have a noble (According to morals agreed upon) cause or a mission to fulfill without breaching any ethical codes.
YES	Yes, it can be ethically/ socially responsible, but all companies should be forced to be so, otherwise there will be unfair competition between the companies who are and who are not.
YES	because ethics is important.
YES	Business (could) have a lot of influences and should therefore be held responsible
YES	They take morals of their employees and clients in consideration
YES	A company should have a responsibility towards society to cause no harm. This should always have priority over making a profit.

YES	it depends on the company. In what way the profit is made. For example, green energy companies.
YES	a business is run by people and they have the ability to reflect ethically on their decisions. Ergo business decisions can be ethical.
NO	The main goal of a company is making profits, in which ethics is not a priority
YES	if the company is structured, internally and externally, in the right way it should be possible for a company to be ethical
YES	Everything can be done, if a company really cares about this over profit. It is however not the usual procedure in which companies work.
YES	they might choose to use the money they make to give something back to the community.
YES	if the business is not run only on monetary/power basis
YES	the more freedom on the market, the less governmental influence, therefore also creating (new and) more responsibilities for the companies.
NO	the main purpose of a business is to make profit
NO	no, because a business, as an institution cannot act.
YES	They can produce things that are good or not good for the society.
YES	It can be ethical, however, this is often not the case. Because it conflicts with the notion of business to maximize profit.
YES	it can make decisions which have a large influence on people's life, in both a good and a bad way.
YES	A business can be ethical because, companies are not required to dismiss societal norms.
YES	a business is about adding value to society/others and making money doing so. If a business doesn't serve others, in the end a business will often fail eventually
YES	Although it is very unlikely, it is possible. A few companies do not have a commercial purpose and can be ethical due to this, however most are not. Even most of the companies that focus on sustainability are sometimes lacking other ethical norms of a country etc. The intentions of a company can be ethical however..
YES	yes because there are for example banks who focus on making as much profit as possible of course, but do so by only investing in green energy projects and other projects who improve environment. this is a good example of an ethical business/company
YES	the business can have responsibilities to the user in the form of their products. When a company creates a product for a user, it can imply ethical structures in the product itself.
YES	A company can be ethical as I include their goals, research, employers, employees, etc. in my personal definition of 'company'.
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