

Business Ethics &



Directions: Ethics are defined as “principles of conduct governing an individual or a group.” Ethical behavior is made up of two parts: the actions of individuals and groups and the results of those actions. You are going to take part in a debate detailing how the concept of business ethics applies to the movie Monsters, Inc.



You will be debating one of the following sides of the ethical issues in the movie Monsters, Inc, but you will not know which side you will have to debate until the actual debate!

Affirmative CEO	Opposition CEO
The issues of the CEO are justified and necessary for the success of the company	The issues of the CEO are unethical and illegal.

Background:

In this debate, you will be asked to study a particular topic, and critically analyze the impacts throughout the movie. There are no incorrect opinions, just ill-supported ones.

- Research your topic using resources from the movie and outside of the movie.
- Write out relevant facts and statistics.
- Structure pro/con arguments.
- Back up your arguments with evidence-based explanations (science, technology, history, culture, politics)
- Prepare a case for both pro and con sides.

Format :

Two teams will be formed. The two teams debating are called the "Affirmative" or "Proposition" and the "Negative" or "Opposition." The Affirmative Team agrees with the topic and presents arguments supported by evidence to demonstrate the truth of the topic. The Negative Team disagrees with the topic and presents arguments supported by evidence to disprove the truth of the topic. Each team has the goal of convincing the judge and the audience that their side of the topic is correct. The speakers are encouraged not only to put forth new points in their speaking time, but also to respond to points raised by the previous speakers.

Debate Structure

- Affirmative Speaker(s) (3-4 minutes)
- Negative Speaker(s) (3-4 minutes)
- Cross Examination (4-5 minutes)
 - Each team will be given 2 minutes to prepare questions for the opposing team.
 - For each question, the responding team must respond and disprove the opposing team's claim.
 - *The Negative Speakers will be asked their questions first since they presented their argument second.
- Audience Questions (2-3 minutes)
 - The audience will ask 1 question of each side. Each side will be given one minute to respond.
- Closing Statements(2 minutes)
 - Each team will be given 2 minutes to provide evidence as to why their argument should “win”

Initial Thoughts: Before you start your research, write your response to the debate topics as of this moment. Make sure you thoroughly explain your position:

I think that Monster's Inc is justified, since although it is unethical to break into children's houses and scare them, this cost is more than outweighed by the fact that an entire civilization rests on this theft. That said, the discovery of laugh energy immediately implies that effort could have been made to advance technology, but given the tech of the time MI is justified.

Debate Research:

Your group will not know if you need to debate the affirmative or negative side. Therefore, it is in your best interest to find as many sources as possible.

AFFIRMATIVE: *The issues of the CEO are justified and necessary for the success of the company*

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allows the way of life an an entire race <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20191023-what-would-happen-in-a-n-apocalyptic-blackout ● Barely costs the children anything but time ● Breaks the 2nd law of thermodyamics, buying our universe time before its heat death ● Brings jobs to Monsteropilis, especially for thsoe who have bodies that wouldn't allow them to do other jobs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the pros of the opposing side

Possible Questions to ask the opposition group:

What possible justification is there to take away technology from an entire race of creatures?
 What does it ever cost the kids to give electricity?

OPPOSITION: *The issues of the CEO are unethical and illegal.*

Pros	Cons
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A numbers based ranking system leads to unproductive competition and sabotage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -https://ideas.baudville.com/the-baudville-blog/there-negative-effects-of-competition-in-recognition - Basing an entire civilization on stealing from another is really unethical - The need for increased production leads to the destruction of morals. -No effort was made to attempt to find another, more ethical source of energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jul/19/big-oil-climate-crisis-lobby-group-api -Supported Randal when he made the scream extractor machine (Illegal) -Has banished multiple people, acting outside the law (Illegal) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploitation of children - Lies to employees regarding physical contact with children - Lies led to mass hysteria (human shooting beams, etc) - Monsters not knowing the real dangers of their occupation - Waternoose tries framing Mike and Sulley to cover his own tracks - Waternoose is literally harming children with the scream extractor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sulley and Mike essentially betrayed the company by not only harboring a human, but assisting it - While what they were doing was morally correct, they could have gone about their actions differently instead of what they ended up doing
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Possible Questions to ask the affirmative group:

Why couldn't the monsters have researched another more ethically reasonable source of electricity?
Why was a government power facility run by a single family?

Closing Statement:

Overall, Monsters Incorporated have been criminally corrupt, allowing the use of unethical experimental machines and kidnapping, as well as creating a toxic workplace that encourages sabotage and murder. Waternoose himself has been compliant with the unethical harvesting of scream without even attempting to find another, less problematic source of energy. In addition, his disappearing of multiple people is categorically illegal. There is no universe in which he is innocent.