

Ethics News – July 4, 2019

A recent roundup of commentary on ethical issues currently affecting organizations.

“Skills for future finance leaders: ethics take centre stage.” This piece from the *Financial Times* discusses the range of strategies employed by business schools to give students the skills to handle ethical challenges in the workplace.

You can access the article here:

<https://www.ft.com/content/664cf752-70e3-11e9-bf5c-6eeb837566c5>

“Walmart Bribery and the Importance of Anti-Bribery Management Systems.” This piece from *Business Ethics Highlights* is a reminder that ethics isn’t just a matter of behaviour — it’s a matter of actively putting systems in place to encourage the right behaviours and discourage the wrong ones.

You can access the article here:

<https://businessethicshighlights.com/2019/06/22/walmart-bribery-and-the-importance-of-anti-bribery-management-systems/>

“Employees Don’t Feel Comfortable Speaking Out.” This piece from *Yahoo! Finance* reports on a study conducted with ethics & compliance professionals. Interesting results include: “60% say employees are uncomfortable speaking out about ethical issues during meetings” and “only 49% say their companies’ senior leaders take action against compliance failures”

You can access the article here:

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/why-companies-still-having-ethics-150000110.html>

“Nike shares slide as Arizona’s governor blocks factory incentives after Kaepernick-fueled sneaker controversy.” This piece from *Business Insider* discusses the latest in the politicization of corporate ethics. Read and ask yourself: Should politicians be telling people what to buy? Should companies be taking sides in ethical and political debates?

You can access the article here:

<https://www.businessinsider.com/nike-stock-price-reaction-to-flag-sneaker-kaepernick-controversy-arizona-2019-7>

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