

You're the Boss

Group members: _____

Guiding Question: If you were an executive at a U.S. company that sells clothing sewn in China, what policies would your company require Chinese factories to follow?

Directions: Work through the questions on this page to construct two potential corporate policies.

1. Of the following, which two things do you think are most important?

Labor Standards	Environmental Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum number of hours in a work day • Guaranteed rest days each week • Required breaks during work day • Health insurance for workers • Safety training and equipment • No child workers • No harassment or discrimination by managers • Other: _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycle and reuse waste materials • Use locally sourced materials • Purchase sustainably extracted raw materials • Set and enforce limits for air and water pollution • Find alternatives to replace toxic materials • Record and report on disposal of all wastes • Create durable materials that will not break • Other: _____

2. For the two most important things, write a policy statement for each.

For example: *Our company is going to require any factories it works with to limit workers to a strict 50-hour work week.*

Policy Statement #1: _____

Policy Statement #2: _____

3. For each policy, determine its pros and cons.

For example: *Pro—Limiting workers to a strict 50-hour work week could increase the productivity and health of workers. Con—Limiting workers to a strict 50-hour work week could increase prices for consumers.*

Policy Statement #1 Pro: _____

Policy Statement #1 Con: _____

Policy Statement #2 Pro: _____

Policy Statement #2 Con: _____