

Nike admits to mistakes over child labour

Summary

Nike is a multi-billion dollar sportswear company that admitted its mistakes in employing

children from third world countries but also added by saying ending this practice might be

difficult. Nike doesn't follow human rights.....in the article we find out that children as

young as 10 years old used to make these shoes, clothes and footballs in Pakistan and

Cambodia. Nike did of course impose strict conditions on the age of employees.....but they

did admit that there were instances in which the condition was ignored. When Nike was

accused for their employment of children in Cambodia , they defended themselves by

stating that fake evidence of age could be bought in Cambodia for as little as \$5. The

detractors claimed that only a tiny fraction of the £70 cost of a pair of its shoes goes to the

workers who make them.

My opinion

In my opinion I feel that child Labor should be abolished under all circumstances. Child labor

threatens children's physical, mental, or emotional well-being. This prevents children from

attending school which can affect their future. Child labor to me is a work that is harming

children's life. If children start working at such a young age what will they do when they

grow up? In my opinion, I feel that all governments of the representative countries should

also agree about the abolishment of child labor.

I feel that less well off people should be able to receive a job that is able to help

their children to get in to schools. Usually children actually agree to working because they

know that this is the only way to help support their family. So I feel that governments of

third world countries should step up and try to observe the situation going on and try to fix

it.

Questions

Q1) Child labour stills goes on in India and Pakistan, how does one go about trying to eliminate this?

Q2) As the article has said "fake evidence" of age could be bought in Cambodia for as little as \$5, what can be done to make sure that this won't happen again and should the respective governments be involved in this issue?

Q3) All these multinational companies transfer their jobs to third world countries because it's cheaper and thus sometimes exposing younger kids to child labour. Should we allow multinational cooperation to work outside their own country of origin? What are some of the benefits and negatives?

Q4) Looking at from the 3rd world countries, families of these children being worked are tremendously glad as they all get extra income to their families. Even whatever little they get, it's a huge boost to the family's income. Do u think it's fair to not allow the opportunity for these poor families to make money? Or should we stick with protecting human rights?

