

## Topic 3 Class, Power and Crime

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### Activity: Webquest

#### Corporate crime

#### Learning objectives

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Understand how a global corporation may commit criminal/deviant acts.
- Use case studies to analyse the concept of global corporate crime and how it takes place.

A. Divide into three groups. Your task is to research one of the following three case studies of corporate crime to understand how crimes of the powerful are able to escape prosecution.

1. Nestlé: promotion of infant formula ('baby milk') in less developed countries
2. Shell: contamination of the Niger River Delta
3. Nike: exploitation of workers in Asia

B. Use the links below and any other sources you can find to research your case study. Prepare a ten-minute presentation to include:

1. Background information on the company and its business.
2. What crime or crimes were committed?
3. How were these carried out?
4. Was anyone prosecuted for the crimes?

C. Using pages 91-94 of your textbook and the presentations from each group, each person should write a summary of how the three case studies illustrate the criminogenic nature of capitalism and how those with financial power are able to escape prosecution.

#### Case study 1 - Nestlé

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nestl%C3%A9\\_boycott](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nestl%C3%A9_boycott) Background information on Nestlé and the Nestlé boycott

[http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/docs/a\\_generation\\_on\\_1.pdf](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/docs/a_generation_on_1.pdf) Report on activities of infant formula companies

[http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/docs/babymilk\\_legislation\\_1.pdf](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/docs/babymilk_legislation_1.pdf) Document on loopholes in the law

#### Case study 2 - Shell

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-13949550> Background on Nigeria

<http://bit.ly/1srVWv4> Factsheet on Shell in Nigeria

<http://bit.ly/1xAXIIP> *Guardian* article including video

#### Case study 3 - Nike

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jim-keady/when-will-nike-just-do-it\\_b\\_308448.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jim-keady/when-will-nike-just-do-it_b_308448.html) An account of research on sweatshops in Indonesia

<https://www.oxfam.org.au/what-we-do/ethical-trading-and-business/workers-rights-2/nike/> Oxfam report on Nike

<http://resources.oxfam.org.au/pages/view.php?ref=177> Download the Oxfam report on *Labour rights and sportswear production in Asia*