

Língua Estrangeira: INGLÊS

Bribery

Bribery is the practice of offering a professional, or a person with authority money or other favors in order to circumvent ethics or other rules in a variety of situations. It is a form of corruption and is generally illegal, or at least cause for sanctions from one's employer or professional organization. The term corruption generally refers to bribery.

For example, a motorist may bribe a police officer not to issue a ticket for speeding, a citizen seeking paperwork or utility line connections may bribe a functionary for faster service, a construction company may bribe a civil servant to award a contract, or a narcotics smuggler may bribe a judge to lessen criminal penalties.

In some cases, the briber holds a powerful role and controls the transaction; in other cases, a bribe may be effectively extracted from the person paying it.

Expectations of when a monetary transaction is appropriate can also differ: tipping, for example, is considered bribery in some societies.

The level of non-monetary favors that constitute an incentive to unethical behavior is variable and may constitute a matter of opinion in a given field:

Music

Payola is the commonplace practice where record companies buy air time from radio and television stations for songs they are promoting.

Government

A grey area may exist when payments to smooth transactions are made. United States law is particularly strict in limiting the ability of businesses to pay for the awarding of contracts by foreign governments; however, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act contains an exception for "grease payments"; very basically, this allows payments to officials in order to obtain the performance of ministerial acts which they are legally required to do, but may delay in the absence of such payment. In some countries, this practice is the norm, often resulting from a developing nation not having the tax structure to pay civil servants an adequate salary. Nevertheless, most economists regard bribery as a negative practice because it encourages rent seeking behavior. A state where bribery has become a way of life is a kleptocracy.

Medicine

Pharmaceutical corporations may seek to reward doctors for heavy prescription of their drugs through gifts. The American Medical Association has published ethical guidelines for gifts from industry which include the tenet that physicians should not accept gifts if they are given in relation to the physician's prescribing practices.

Doubtful cases include grants for traveling to medical conventions that double as tourist trips.

Dentists often receive samples of home dental care products such as toothpaste, which are of negligible value; somewhat ironically, dentists in a television commercial will often state that they get these samples but pay to use the sponsor's product.

Law

In legal situations, lawyers, judges, and others with power may be subject to bribery or payoff for making a decision that benefits someone willing to pay for favors. Operation Greylord revealed that bribery was rampant in the bench and bar community of Chicago in the early 1980s.

Politics

Politicians receive campaign contributions and other payoff from powerful corporations when making choices in the interests of those corporations, or in anticipation of favorable policy.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING 2 (TWO) QUESTIONS

- 1) BASE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT PROVIDED.
- 2) USE CLEAR, OBJECTIVE AND COMPLETE ANSWERS.
- 3) ANSWER QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 **IN ENGLISH ONLY**; ANSWERS IN PORTUGUESE **WILL NOT** BE ACCEPTED FOR THESE ITEMS.

PRIMEIRA QUESTÃO

Based on the text, list **two** ways in which bribery occurs in medicine.

SEGUNDA QUESTÃO

Based on the text, what are the characteristics of a kleptocracy?

INSTRUÇÕES PARA AS PRÓXIMAS 2 (DUAS) QUESTÕES

- 1) RESPONDA SEMPRE DE ACORDO COM O TEXTO.
- 2) USE RESPOSTAS CLARAS, OBJETIVAS E COMPLETAS.
- 3) RESPONDA AS QUESTÕES 3 E 4 EM PORTUGUÊS; RESPOSTAS EM INGLÊS NÃO SERÃO ACEITAS PARA ESTAS QUESTÕES.

TERCEIRA QUESTÃO

Based on the text, what types of bribery have been observed among politicians?

QUARTA QUESTÃO

Based on the text, how is bribery defined?