**Coffman Writing Prompt- Student Essay Sample, ESSAY ONE**

Irving Coffman's argument is stating that the tobacco companies are responsible for the health problems of consumers. In Coffman's argument, he states that other manufacturers that produce harmful and legal products should also have to pay restitutions because they are also responsible. Coffman finds that the alcohol companies and the gun makers are responsible for the problems that they cause.

In some ways, I agree with Coffman. I do agree that other manufacturers should pay financial settlements. The manufacturers make a product that they know will produce health issues. I agree that manufacturers who do such a thing should be and are responsible for the damage inflicted.

Where I do disagree is with the extent of the responsibility. The tobacco companies had to pay financial settlements because they were selling a product that was known to be addicting. Now, if they were producing a product that wasn't addicting and the consumer can stop using the product at anytime, then the responsibility lies within the consumer. Also, if the cigarrete companies were neglectful and forgot to post warnings on their products about the health consequences, then they are also liable. Alcohol is another substance that can become addicting, and so the alcohol companies should pay lawsuits. But gun manufacturers, those are not an addictive product, the harm caused is either in defense or in the wrong hands. In the situation of guns, the responsibility lies within the person who pulled the trigger.

Another point to bring up is about the warning labels. If maybe, the tobacco and alcohol companies did accept the facts that their products are addictive and warned consumers about their product being addictive, then where does the responsibility lie? it is between the consumer and the producer.

In conclusion, I agree with the opinion that Coffman has made. I agree that manufacturers of such deadly products should be responsible for financial restitutions. But where I disagree is how far do we blame. The responsibility belongs to those who produce an addictive product that causes health problems. Tobacco and alcohol manufacturers are at blame for any health problems caused to addicted consumers. But with guns, the blame goes to the trigger finger.

**Coffman Writing Prompt- Student Essay Sample, ESSAY TWO**

There is not one day in our society in which we find a world empty of drugs, alcohol, and guns. You can walk down your neighborhood and see how many people you know that smoke, go to the park and people are smoking there too, enjoying a nice day at the beach walking barefooted over a whole stack of cigarette butts. When going to buy groceries for your grandmother you find rows of liquor bottles and young people trying to get away with buying them, and when you go to your friends house you see the great big collection of hunting rifles and hand guns their parents own. Why is our society so interested in the most dangerous things? And when an "accident" happens we ask ourselves the most ingenious questions as to how the accident could have been prevented.

Tobacco companies over the years have used many techniques to lure young adults. Most of the time they have succeeded in converting innocent young adults into raged tobacco adicts. When the years pass by these customers become the industries number ones with smoking more than one pack a day. There always comes a time when their best customers become their enemies since they get hit with lung disease and are very ill. By recieving money these sick people will not gain the twenty years they could of had. Tobacco companies want to make the sick people believe that a cash settlement is wonderful just how they made them believe in cigarretts.

When you are seventeen and in high school you begin to realize who you are and where you can take your goals. When you live in a culture different from the American you feel pressured to become stronger in all the aspects of life. You see other teenagers trying things out so you want to also. When you experience that first time smoking you wish to have taken it back. Limiting it is the only way out. Knowing that around your parents it is not possible to smoke, for a smart person you would be able to get to know your parents more and know that without them aware of you trying to quit they are helping. Only by imagining that in twenty or thirty years you could end up real sick and even die before your elders it is when you realize who you are.

Any company that in any way produces harmful items should think in what their lives could end up to be if an accident would occur and what they would feel towards their life if it was hurt by something very much preventable.

**Coffman Writing Prompt- Student Essay Sample, ESSAY THREE**

If the tobacco companies pay a financial settlement, that would be good. For other companies would be good that they pay a financial settlement. Also if they pay that, it could be better or helpful for the people.

it is a good idea that the tobacco companies pay a financial settlement because they know that, the cigarettes are not good for people's health. That money could help people who have cancer for smoking cigarettes. If they are agreed to pay a financicel settlement, that is a good step.

For other companies who produces alcohol, guns, etc. will be good for the society that they pay a financial settlement. That will be good because there will not be more violence. The point of this is that, those companies are not already agreed.

If all the companies who produces adictions for people. There were no more people who die for that products who kills people. Also those products makes the people change in their personality. If they a financicel settlement for everything that their products causes, they maybe will produce less products.

The point is that they produce things that are no good for people's health. I hope that they pay for damage for every person that makes people die.

**Coffman Writing Prompt- Student Essay Sample, ESSAY FOUR**

Thousands of people die each year due to tobacco addictions and many people have died due to guns and alcohol addiction each year too. So what's the difference? Should these different "killers" be treated the same? Irving Coffman thinks they should, but I definitely would have to disagree. There is no way that you can classify these different problem causers in the same category. Throughout my life I have seen many negative reprecussions that tobacco addiction can cause and these outcomes are far worse than any other. Therefore, I disagree with Coffman that these different companies should have to pay for problems they cause because they are different and tobacco addiction is far worse than the rest.

Guns are used for safety, to protect yourself, family, and others. These devices come with strict guidelines but unfortunately are not always followed. Many accidents have resulted in death because people leave loaded guns out or are haphazardly playing with them. Although guns are deadly and have caused many problems, I do not feel that the companies should have to pay financial settlements because of these problems. Guns were invented for safety purposes and it is the American public who is to blame for not following the rules. The companies do not produce these so that civilians can kill each other for no reason. They are meant for emergency and for protection. Also, for the police who look out for our well being and military men who are fighting for our country. Gun problems are far different that alcohol or tabacco addiction because these companies are not out to get you addicted or to kill people to make a buck.

Although alcohol is a very addictive product, you can stop. To fight the addiction of alcoholism is a tough one, but there are ways to end it, like AA meetings, "cold turkey," or near death experiences due to being under the influence. The problems that are caused by alcohol are bad and definitely life threatening, but I do not feel that it is to the extreme that tabacco addiction is. I have seen what alcohol addiction can do to a person, how it can take over there lives, but I feel that there is still hope to end that addiction. Once again, I do not feel that the companies should be treated in the same manner as tabacco companies, because although it is deadly and addictive, the American public is not following the rules provided by the companies and the laws set by the states.

Although all three products are life threatening, none are like tabacco and its addiction. In my life, I have seen slight addictions, teenagers fighting to fit in addictions, and deadly addictions. My grandfather, who lives three hours away, whom I seldom see, was unable to come to our recent family reunion. He was unable to come because he cannot walk more than a block without sitting down and resting. Due to a tabacco addiction one of his lungs collapsed, which now makes it very difficult for him to breathe. Yet he keeps smoking. Knowing that an addiction like that can stop you from be present at significant family gatherings just kills me inside. all these tabacco companies want is money! They do not care about how many people they kill each year. They just want to be filthy rich and get more people "hooked." I feel that this is the difference between tabacco companies and the others. they do not care about anything but their own well being and financial status. I feel that they should definitely have to pay many financial settlements because maybe it will be an eye opener and they will realize how horrible they are.

Guns, alcohol, and tabacco; three products our country could live without but three products that make our economy turn. Although guns were intended for safety, those rules are not followed and alcohol was intended to relax you but that is also taken overboard. These companies have warned us and tried to help us, but not tabacco companies. They suck the American public for all its worth, taking our family members away from us and blackening our lungs. I disagree with Coffman and I feel that we should do all we can to close tabacco companies and save the future health of America.