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**Question/Idea:** Are the questionable ethical or moral choices made by certain people seriously damaging us as a human race as well as nature itself? There are certain instances in which choices made by a business man or an owner of an industry have really pushed the ethical boundary, in the sense that it is doing more harm than good. Even though these people believe their choices are good for business or for themselves, they don't always take into account personal safety of others. People who make certain unethical choices usually only take into consideration the well-being and desires of themselves, rarely seeing it from another's point of view.

**Ties:** I have tied this theme to three separate works in which we have discussed throughout the semester. These three works include *Food Inc.*, *Polemic: Industrial Tourism and National Parks*, as well as *The Power and the Glory*. These three works all have ties to this theme, in which a decision was made that benefitted a certain group or individual, but ethically it may be incorrect to act in such a manner.

**Thesis/Presentation:** People make have to make decisions day in and day out, some more important than others. These decisions can prove to be very detrimental to human life as well as nature in general. The questionable and unstable ethical decisions made by business leaders and authorities leads to negative as well as harmful effects to society and nature.

**Arguments:** The first argument is that ethically wrong decisions have negative and harmful effects. The first piece of evidence for this is in the film *Food, Inc.* The decisions by the companies, as well as the farmers, to produce meat the way they do is wrong. They are aware that their operations have a high

risk of producing meat that contains E-Coli or other harmful diseases. Another supporting tie is in Polemic: Industrial Tourism and National Parks. The park that is discussed towards the beginning of the reading was being considered to put a road through it. This decision would be made by the government, and would in turn only bring about more destruction to the forest as well as more man-made objects (such as buildings or perhaps more roads). This decision would be good for business men and women, but would seriously damage the park and take away from the habitat of certain animals, putting them at an ethical risk. The third piece of evidence comes from *The Power and the Glory*. The decisions and the actions of the lieutenant are morally wrong, due to the fact that he is hunting down with the intention of killing a priest. He is doing so because he does not believe in catholic practices, and thinks that executing him is a reasonable punishment.

-The other side to this issue is that unethical decisions that are made do not always have negative effects.

-This argument could include the fact that more production, in the case of Food, Inc. and the destruction of forests like in *Industrial Tourism*, provide more job and economic opportunities and profit

-They see this as helping the general people, instead of harming them.