

On-Demand Writing Assignment

Read the assignment carefully to make sure you address all aspects of the prompt. Before you begin writing, read the passage carefully, and plan what you will say.

Harmful Products

"Recently, major tobacco companies agreed to pay a financial settlement to several states, including California, for health problems caused by cigarette smoking and other kinds of tobacco addiction. If this course of action is right for tobacco companies, then manufacturers of other legal but harmful products such as alcohol and guns should also have to pay financial settlements in return for the problems they cause."

---Irving Coffman

Prompt: Explain Coffman's argument and discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with his analysis. Support your position, providing reasons and examples from your own experience, observations or reading.