

# BUSINESS, SOCIETY & ETHICS

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## Do Businesses Have Special Obligations to Migrant Workers?

As you read the material for our next class, keep the questions below in mind. To answer these questions you will have to reflect critically on what you have read and possibly re-read important passages. Keep in mind that there are two basic kinds of information that you need to look for in the reading:

1. What are the main points or conclusions that an author accepts with respect to a particular issue?
2. What are the reasons, important considerations, and evidence that lead the author to accept that conclusion?

For our purposes, *it is information of the second sort that will be our primary concern* since our most basic task is to *evaluate the reasons and evidence* that are offered to support accepting one possible conclusion about an issue, rather than another.

Although I strongly suggest that you write out brief answers to these questions, you do not have to turn in written responses. You do, however, need to be prepared to speak intelligently about these issues at our next class meeting.

### Reading

- Aviva Geva, "Moral Problems of Employing Foreign Workers".

### Questions

1. According to Geva, why do migrant workers typically earn much less than national workers, even when doing the same job?
2. Why are migrant workers much more dependent on their employers than national workers?
3. What is Geva's argument that employers have more demanding moral obligations to their migrant workers than they have to their national workers? What are these obligations?