

Regulating Ethics: Should the Government Regulate More or Less?

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Parents are suing the major corporation, Triad Group, for the wrongful death of their toddler son.

The Kotharis Family in Houston claim that their son developed bacillus cereus, a dangerous infection after being exposed to the medical alcoholic swabs produced by the Triad Group. Doctors confirmed that what had caused his death was indeed the contaminated product. Their son, Harrison Kotharis died at the age of two.

This year, governmental agencies have recalled numerous important everyday items. The fault can go on both big business and the government. The problem of faulty and or contaminated products being put on shelves for Americans to use is a major problem, especially when such events are

preventable.

The lines have been drawn in Washington as to where political parties stand on the issue of the U.S. government's involvement in the business market. Democrats usually take the stand for government regulation, while Republicans mostly are against it.

Earlier in his term, President Obama took a lot of heat trying to place more regulations on corporations

According to experts, like Paul Krugman, laureate of the Nobel Prize in Economics, part of the reason for the nation's economic decline is due to not enough regulation to make banks do what is best for their clients.

In early March, the House of Representatives and the Senate were in a deadlock trying to get a new budget proposed that both

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area on campus called Trailer City," said Dr. Miller who is writing a book on FSU history

Dorothy Thompson was ecstatic to learn of the chapter's national recognition. Mrs. Thompson, who is a senior business major, serves as the group's secretary, said she wanted a connection with others who have had the same "walk" as she has had.

Mrs. Thompson feels it is important for her to contribute to helping vets. This Staff Sergeant's "walk" includes seven years active duty status in the Army, 11 years as a drilling reservist, with a year tour in Iraq from February 2004 to March 2005. Her husband is a veteran of the first Gulf War having retired from service in 2002, and her 22 year old son has already served two tours in Iraq.

Mrs. Thompson, who works for the Department of Residence Life, says she hopes to reach out to the many vets on campus, as well as the Army and Air Force ROTC programs. She says she believes FSVVA has a lot to offer the ROTC students.

One of the group's primary missions is to "provide a network of support to military veterans and their families."

It is this peer-to-peer networking that attracted former Army First Sergeant Chinh Ngo. The organization's treasurer, Mr. Ngo says it is very important to give back to the

community in whatever way you can. "We cannot just take, take, take," he said. Many vets are on campus due to some military benefit like tuition assistance, the GI Bill, or Vocational Rehabilitation says Mr. Ngo. There are many instances where a vet who has been on campus a while can assist another vet that would be difficult for a traditional student, and this organization serves as a contact point for those newly arrived students says Mr. Ngo. The sophomore accounting major served over 21 years in the Army. He aspires to earn his CPA and operate his own business.

Having found the camaraderie Mr. Ramos says he was missing, the next major task will be the organizations first membership drive after the spring break. He has already reached out to several organizations. He hopes to build additional networks. He also envisions a "Wounded Warriors Program," to assist vets with special needs, a mentorship program, and a spouse's support group.

"Being in a military town, student-veterans now have an outlet here, you have people that have 'been there done that, that can bridge that gap that may exist," said Mr. Ramos. He says it is the 25 current members who are the foundation to build upon, to make things happen for the FSVVA.

There is this expectation that we are so equal that we can be friends with both men and women. I have heard many women say that they prefer men as friends than women. It may be for different reasons but very few have reached the level of expectation of the definition of friendship.

Many women that say that either say it out of habit or don't really understand what a friendship with a man entails. I for one understand boundaries. Although many of my friends are males, I have this internal boundary of respect for their wives, or significant others. It's just something I have learned as my friendships have evolved.

Men tend to be rescuers while some women tend to need a lot of rescuing. For many men the instinct is to fix things or make things right.

Can men and women be friends?

Yes they can, although like any relationship there should respect and boundaries that don't interfere with the everyday life and relationships of each.

There were times in the past where I have unintentionally crossed a small boundary of turning to my male friends for comfort and was quickly steered to the conclusion that because we are friends, they will be there, listen, may give advice but not really, but for the most part my friend reminded me that I should be talking to my significant other and not turning to another man (not even a friend) for comfort.

There is that thin line between actual need and bonding with another over a traumatic event.

I make comments and my guy friends will usually hear my words nod or say

nothing at all. They are there but they will not demean or speak negatively of my significant and they definitely will not give me their "guy advice." If I ask for it specifically they will reluctantly give me advice or try to avoid it all together.

Men and women can definitely be friends. I'm a "gamer" so I have guy friends I have sat for hours with either online, 360 or wii. We've even kicked around the prospect of retro games on a ps2 or 3. We've hit a Waffle House or two late at night after a long night of gaming.

I have guy friends I have a beer with, just to hang out. I also have guy friends I get together to just have discussions. I have guy friends that will help with my computer issues or vehicle issues (they teach me and I learn). I have guy friends that help me bounce around ideas when I have a mental block.

But for the most part the best friendships have boundaries of respect. Good friends respect your significant other and respect those bonds. There is that expectation that your friends male or female just understand that family comes first.

It's about motivation, expectations and priorities.

Men and women should learn that sometimes when you turn to someone else other than your significant other in those hard moments you risk damaging that special bond you share with your loved one, because those moments should be reserved for them.

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dollars a gallon. OPEC is worried that the protest will spread further and affect other countries.

"I would rather walk now these days. The price of gas is way too high. It takes me about 60 dollars every two weeks to fill up my gas tank. That is a lot. I enjoy driving but not to the point where is breaking my pockets," said Ashley Lockhart.

"The gas price is now way to high. I now begin to walk everywhere I go to save money," said Shenetta Lawson.

"I remember when my mom used to tell

me when gas prices were 98 cents a gallon." Said Sherreka Turner.

Oil prices are on the rise. Crude oil prices are about a hundred dollars a barrel. The burgeoning gas prices have affected many families and businesses.

Many businesses have been affected because as customer's demands become more and more difficult to meet, as the price of gas rise so may food prices. The cost to transport and deliver will go up to meet higher fuel prices.

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