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### Is Walmart Good For America?

Like many other people around the world, I have always considered Walmart as one of the best retailers to shop at. This is not only because Walmart is a one-stop shop place where I could go and buy everything I need, from food to baby clothes, to furniture, etc, but also because I have a bigger selection of items to choose from. This means that if I go to Walmart, I will find ten different types of baby shoes or twenty different bookbags for me to pick from. However, the main reason is because of its low prices, which in fact is also the number one reason why Walmart is not as good as we all thought for America.

Walmart is not good for America because its low prices lead them to take most of its factories (jobs) overseas. Because their products have the lowest prices compared to other retailers, they can not pay high wages to their workers. This is the main reason why they take most of its jobs to non-developed countries, where they pay very little to people because there are no laws or regulations that protect them. According to Powell (2004), "The Wal Mart model is a pattern of destruction of life as we know it in America and exploitation of unfairly treated foreign workers". The fact that Walmart takes most of its factories overseas, means that they are taking away thousands of jobs from Americans. Although unemployment is not high in America, there are thousands of Americans that are looking for a job and can not find one because hundreds of retailers like Walmart take its jobs to other countries.

Another reason why I think Walmart is bad for America is because it is creating unemployment. Walmart is making other retailers go out of business. This is affecting the Americans because those companies that are going out of business have thousands of workers that are losing their jobs due to price competitions between their employer and Walmart. Although they might recruit many of these employees that used to earn a good salary but lost their jobs, Walmart is paying them way less money, than what they used to earn.

Like many other businesses, Walmart has its positive and negative impacts in the country. Although Walmart is offering thousands of affordable products to people that can barely afford anything around the world, it is impacting negatively the lives of many Americans by taking away their jobs and creating unemployment. At the end of the day, it is everyone's decision to continue buying at Walmart because of necessity or to stop buying there as a way to stop this powerful retailer from continuing hurting America.

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