***Gift giving and the African Elder***

**Justify a decision to give a gift that meets the 3 criteria.**

   Giving a gift is an African custom, therefore you would be respecting the culture. (acknowledging empirical cultural relativism, also the arguments for moral-relativism)

   The criteria stated by the host Africans are (i) not cash ( if you give cash, it looks like you are paying him for a future service)    (ii) not for return of favor ( a gesture of friendship, not a bribe  )   (iii) a tribute to status of the receiver.( shows respect to the culture, the boss deserves to be the boss )

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**Justify a decision not to give any gift**

   Providing a “tribute” can act as a form of bribery in other cultures, influencing the receiver to provide something in return (which might seem like the basis of mkt economies, however, the ethics point is that mkt participants should try to uphold the ide of decisions base don the best economic deal, not whats best for themselves only)

    Gift giving is not a mandatory custom, more of a courtesy, while the OECD regulations are mandatory.

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***The Oil Rig case***

**“There is nothing wrong with the situation described in the case. It is being managed well”**

  **People complain about the apparent or real race-based injustice here, but that is arguably…**a ‘HUGE” DISTRACTION from the main issues raised by this description, which are (i) environment, public health, climate (ii) concentration of wealth associated with extractive industries

  There are many Angolans applying for these positions, they know what it’s like.

  Different cultures have different standards of living and these conditions may be acceptable in each country(cultural relativism).

  THE situation on the rig is determined by mkt forces and demands for efficiency which (arguably) maximise utility

  The idea of doing business like this (ie oil rig), according to the Golden Rule is just so unrealistic. The people on the rig would find that irrelevant.

**The Rig operating company should fully integrate the ex-pats and Angolans, because…**

  this case typifies the injustice and evil of global capitalism: global extractive industries that colonize, exploit and pollute in the interests of an elite**”...**closing the gap between the Expats and the Angolans improves the lives of the Angolans

  Fully integrating the ex-pats and Angolans may motivate the Angolans to increase efficiency and output

  If you were on the lower-level, you would want to be treated like the Expats, so just follow the Golden Rule.