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Tyson food is one often most famous food industry of the USA, and it is the second largest food processor in the world. It mainly deals with beef, chicken, and pork. It is also famous for exporting a large percentage of beef out of the United States. This food industry as being a global food maker keeps this thing I mind that it has to take care of t ethics that are being applied in various countries. There are different cultures that exist in this world and it is not necessary that all the cultures are going to have to same way of looking at the things that are being used as the edible, as it has been seen that there are different food items that are appropriate in one culture, but the same thing may be not acceptable for the people of other cultures. So by taking all the things in mind, this food marking industry keeps certain ethics in mind, but these things cannot be denied as well that different societies and cultures have different ideologies and moral values regarding one concept and it is almost impossible to find a common concept that would be good for all humans.

In his article “Ethical issues facing the Food Industry," Thompson (1993) discusses various ethical issues that many food industries face and also Paul spotlight on the ethical theories that industries that are involved in the food production. Though each of the industry tries to take care of the ethical issues there comes many things that industries think, one of the things is the conception of the utilitarian theory that says one must do the thing that gives benefit to more people even than if it is not beneficial or good for few. Most of the industries think that they cannot gather all the people on one page so they should do what will facilitate more than those who would be having any social, religious or ethical issue with it. In this article, there could be seen other theories as well, such as rights theory that is in favor of the people who would be having an ethical issue. When it comes to the food industries as it could be seen that beef is not allowed in India as it is against their religious teaching to eat the beef. However, the same beef is eaten by other people who belong to other countries and cultures. Here the right theory could be applied as it says that the people for whom a food product or item is not appropriate ethical then they have the moral right that they should be protected (Fernando & Moore, 2015). Having rights mean that people have special protection, against the things that are inappropriate according to their moral and religious teachings.

There is another theory that he has pointed in this article and that is virtue theory, and it is the act, in which a virtuous person would be doing when putting in the same circumstances. When the theory of virtue is applied in the food industry, it could be seen that industries which make food products that don't fit in other culture should think what they should do morally. Suppose there are five food industries that are facing the same ethical issue, when these industries are left to take their own decision may be two are going to make a decision that would be beneficial for the users but at the same may be the rest of the three industries are going to take a decision that would be against the ethics but would give them financial benefit (Scutaru, 2013). So as a whole it could be concluded that ethical issues are being faced by many industries that make the food item and they know that they could make everyone happy at one time as they make a product that would be appropriate for one culture or society but would not be appropriate for the other.

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