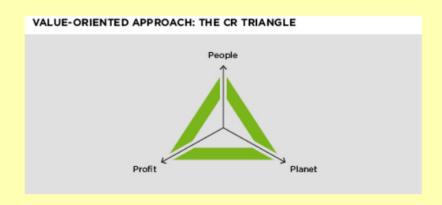






Business Sustainability



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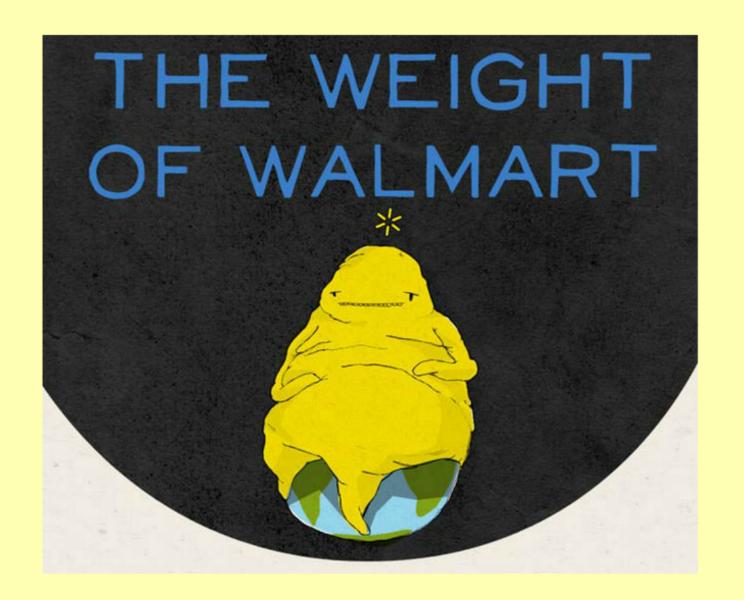
Why Walmart?

2011:

- · 8,970 Walmart stores worldwide
- · 100 million customers per week
- Net Sales: 419 Billion dollars—larger than the GDP of 170 countries
- Number of Walmart Associates > 1.4 billion more than US firefighters & greater than the population of South Dakota

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BIGGEST
-SELLER
-RETAILER
-EMPLOYER



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To create zero waste.

To sell products that sustain people and the

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- value proposition: "Everyday Low Prices"
- distribution channel: Mass media and advertising companies
- set customer relationship:
 - "brand aspirations"
 - "price sensitive effluents"
 - "value shoppers"
- key activities: are to purchase goods, deliver goods, and control costs
- key resources: physical resources, human resources, company culture
- key partnerships: brand-supplier
- revenue stream: retail sales
- cost structure: cost driven, minimizing costs at every level

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Bolt-in vs. Embedded

Is Walmart's 'greening' sustainability program Bolt in or Embedded?







or



In China...



"Now Walmart is acting something like a private regulator. Nonetheless, the nature of their outsourced business model is not, ultimately, sustainable."

-Hume

In fact, one could say the same thing about China, which—after so many decades of defiant proletarian opposition to capitalism, consumerism, and American imperialism—has embraced the American-style market and is ardently following the Walmart path to prosperity.

The bitter reality is that even if unrestrained consumerism becomes less environmentally destructive per unit of production than it was in the past, it is still unsustainable in the long run.

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