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Abstract

As the deepening links between nations, the human rights policy becomes more important in the international relations. The trend of economic globalization impelled the multinational corporations (MNCs), and the global expansion trade liberalization principle gives the multinational companies more rights, but little obligations specified in its pursuit of profit maximization goal, often infringing international human rights as a means of achieving goals for the MNCs. The requirement of the corporation respect human rights was included in the question of human development, and was valued by the international.

The purpose of this article is to provide an analytic framework to find out the advantage and disadvantages impact of the human rights polices of the MNCs in China, in order to test if the MNCs behaviors have the influence to the local government, how the sovereignty react to those influence, and after analysis the reason to proof that is fit for the theory of the transnational relation between the non-state actors and state.

In the human rights incident, double standard is existed in the human rights policy of multinational firms in China. And the Chinese government responds to multinational companies actively. When dealing with the problems that corporate social responsibility (CSR), the Chinese government requires multinational company comply with international practice. On the other side, for their expanding interests, MNCs in China had to positive response to government requirements. In the interactions between them, thus promote the process of

China's human rights development. From the above, we can find that as a sovereign state, China really feels challenges from the influence of multinational firms. The article explores the multinationals in China's human rights policy and its influence in China. And also from a theoretical perspective again demonstrates the transnational relation theory. A combination of these two aspects, multinational company and sovereign state, the interaction between them, which is in line with the theory advocated by the multinational actors in host countries can affect to the country's policy.



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List of Abbreviation

CSR Corporation Social Responsibility

EU The European Union

FDI Foreign Direct Investment

GRI Global Reporting Initiative

ILO International Labor Organization

MNCS Multinational Corporations

OECD Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

WTO World Trade Organization

UN Unite Nations