Ms. Nordstrom Corey Dew UVM 3/ 23/ 2015 Short Response Paper #5 The global food industry can be seen as both a hero and a villain of the world. It’s considered a hero because it helps supply the world with food, but can be titled a villain because of how ineffectively it supplies food to people. It’s information like this that makes one wonder if the global food industry has positively impacted human health and nutrition? Well we can answer this with a solemn no.

The global food industry made it so that where ever food is being supplied that it would come at a cost. What this did was turn food into a commodity, which made it a problem for people around the world because depending on where you were food was too expensive. The presentation “Globalization: Nutrition Transition And World Trade” from class shows how mega-stores like Walmart appear and ruin the economic flow of certain places. It also talks about how the global food industry isn’t really looking for sustainable alternatives. Both these aspects become factors because not going through sustainable alternatives means we go through our resources faster making food more expensive to produce which only causes problems. With poverty and raised prices being an issue, how could we trust the global food industry to positively impact people when it’s causing people to starve to death?

The global food industry is industrialized to make matters worse. Having the global food industry being industrialized means more innovative ways of transporting and producing food but also means less care for the nutrients in food. Less care about the nutrients in food means less care for a person’s well being, especially if the foods mass-produced. With this being the case a lot of people are obese because of the consumption of unhealthy foods as shown in the globalization presentation. This only expands the problems the global food industry causes.

A multitude of opinions can be drawn on this subject, but let it be known that the global food industry is mostly hurting the health of people globally. It’s enough to make one wonder how can the global food industry improve itself?