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## Money, Mining and Death in South Africa: Justice and Authority

National Public Radio recently introduced US audiences to the conflict taking place between rural and subsistence village populations in South Africa and large international mining firms. A local village leader, Sikhosiphi Radebe who has been resisting the mining interests was recently assassinated by individuals dressed up as police. The mining company involved is Australian-based Mineral Commodities Limited denied any involvement in the death and continues to exert their influence to open up titanium mining along South Africa's eastern coast.



Quoting from the South African, *The Saturday Paper* (4/9/16), “At Radebe’s funeral last weekend, Chief Cinani,... criticized the government’s acceptance of Australian investment .... “I am blaming the government because the government gave permits for those Australians, while [local] people were saying ‘no’ to the government ... It is clear that the business community is ruling the government. ...People are coming here with huge sums of money to divide the people.”

Battles between rural indigenous people and large business interests are occurring all over the world. The power and government authority that seeks to advance progress and business opportunity conflicts with the cultural and subsistence life style of small population groups in many nations. Students are encouraged to consider what core values should guide the outcomes of these conflicts. Are there core values that might achieve a win-win solution? What skills might negotiators need to possess for core values to guide an ethical outcome?

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