Price Gouging DBQ

The topic of price gouging has been in the news a lot recently as a result of the pandemic. Review the readings and videos below and answer the prompt below. Remember in answering your prompt that you should used evidence from the sources below.

Definition: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/price%20gouging>

Example: <https://www.foxnews.com/us/coronavirus-tennessee-brothers-sanitizer>

Bad effect: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iP1uYl6XP8U>

Good effect: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jKl-SgJQVc>

State Laws: <https://consumer.findlaw.com/consumer-transactions/price-gouging-laws-by-state.html>

Legislation: <https://thehill.com/regulation/491774-house-dems-introduce-anti-price-gouging-legislation>

Ethics: <https://www.marketplace.org/2017/09/01/economy/why-economists-dont-think-price-gouging-problem/>

**Prompt: Should individuals be able to charge whatever they want in a crisis situation for an in-demand good**?

In order to receive full credit, you must cite one idea/fact from one of the above sources in each body paragraph to support your opinion. Your essay should be at least five well developed paragraphs in length. Be sure to cite your sources in your writing.

Sample outline:

Paragraph 1: Introduction

-Explain the topic

-Thesis: your view on the issue

Paragraph 2: Body Paragraph

-Give one supporting reason from a source above for your thesis and explain in a well develop paragraph

Paragraph 3: Body Paragraph

-Give one supporting reason from a source above for your thesis and explain in a well develop paragraph

Paragraph 4: Body Paragraph

-Give one supporting reason from a source above for your thesis and explain in a well develop paragraph

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

-Summarize your main points and thesis

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| Formatting | -Paper is significantly shorter than required  -Paper has significant “typo issues” and shows little evidence of proofreading  \*0 points | -Paper is shorter or longer than required  -Paper has some “typo issues” and shows some evidence of proofreading  \*1 to 10 points | -Paper is required length  -Paper has no or few “typo issues” and shows evidence of proofreading  \*11 to 15 points |
| Thesis/Argument | -Paper lacks a clear and meaningful thesis/ argument  \*0 points | -Paper attempts to develop a clear and meaningful thesis/ argument  \*1 to 24 points | -Paper has a clear and meaningful thesis/ argument  \*25 points |
| Organization/Focus | -Paper lacks focus on the thesis  -Paper’s organization distracts from the purpose  -Paper fails to develop thoughts and ideas  \*1-9 points | -Paper occasionally lacks focus on the thesis  -Paper’s organization occasionally distracts from the purpose  -Paper sometimes fails to fully develop thoughts and ideas  \*10-25 points | -Paper rarely or never lacks focus on the thesis  - Paper’s organization rarely or never distracts from the purpose  -Paper rarely or never fails to fully develop thought and ideas  \*25-30 points |
| Persuasiveness  (be sure to use your sources as evidence for your thesis!!!) | -Paper largely fails to provide logical arguments as support  -Paper largely fails to grab a reader’s attention  -Paper largely fails to clarify the issue for the reader  \*1-9 points | -Paper sometimes fails to provide logical arguments as support  -Paper sometimes fails to grab a reader’s attention  -Paper sometimes fails to clarify the issue for the reader  \*10-25 points | -Paper mostly or always provides logical arguments as support  -Paper mostly or always grabs the reader’s attention  -Paper mostly or always clarifies the issue for the reader  \*25-30 points |

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/100 points

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