

## Economic environment

 Factors that affect consumer buying power and spending patterns

#### Trends of interest:

- ✓ Changes in income, continued spending by consumers
- ✓ Consumer debt levels rising, savings down
- **√**Crisis
- ✓ Devaluation





# Income distribution

Walt Disney markets two distinct Pooh bears to match its two-tiered market.



## Cultural environment

Institutions and other forces that influence:

- Society's basic values, perceptions, preferences, and behaviors;
- Core beliefs passed on through family, reinforced by institutions;
- Secondary beliefs are more open to change;
- · People's views.



## Responding to the Marketing Environment

#### • Reactive:

Passive Acceptance and Adaptation

 Companies design strategies that avoid threats and capitalize upon opportunities.

#### • Proactive:

**Environmental Management** 

 Use of lobbyists, PR, complaints, and contractual agreements to influence environmental forces.

## Class activity

### Step 1

Identify 5 products that will be negatively forced by marketing environment (Alcohol in Muslim countries, Warm clothes in Africa, etc.).



### Step 2 ...







# Natural environment:

- Growing shortages of raw materials
- Increased pollution
- Increased government intervention
- Environmental Protection Acts
- Green movement
- Focus on environmental sustainability strategies

## **Environmental Responsibility**

McDonald's has made a substantial commitment to the so-called "green movement."



## Technological environment

- Creates new markets and opportunities
- Replaces existing products and services
- · Research and development activity drives this sector
- · Government programs to encourage more
- · Changes rapidly.









Most dramatic force now shaping our destiny

## Political environment

- Laws, government agencies, and pressure groups
- Influence and limit organizations and individuals within a society
- Increasing legislation
- Increased emphasis on ethics and social responsibility



#### Sanctions war

