



## ***Business Science Virtual Film Series***

### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

*Respond to the following questions in a 2- to 3-page essay format and submit to your professor for grading.*

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1. Why might a company engage a “firing consultant” to downsize their workforce? Is the motivation simply cowardice, or could there be more behind it? Is the practice ethical, or necessary? Why?
2. What points does Ryan Bingham illustrate that makes Skype-like technology inappropriate for human resources activities?
3. Explain the difference between Ryan's and Natalie's approach and style when firing people.
4. Think about the conversation Ryan, Natalie and Alex have over drinks after Natalie's boyfriend breaks up with her. Natalie describes what "fitting the bill" means, and Alex shares her idea of a good catch. Natalie tells Alex it's depressing. This scene represents some stark generational differences in the beliefs, expectations and perspective in the Millennial/Gen Y vs. Baby Boomers. What differences do you think exist between the two generational mindsets? How do these influence or affect workplace dynamics?

### **Personal Reflections** *(not to answer, just to think about):*

- "What's in your backpack?"
- “Moving is living. The slower we move, the faster we die.”