

Summary

Using a flag of convenience is the practice of registering ships in charters of lesser-developed countries in order to avoid taxes and regulations. I believe that I will find that this practice allows shipping companies to offer a lower workplace standard that is unethical and dangerous. However, the issue is not strictly black and white as some workers' rights organizations have begun using flags of convenience to enforce a sort of guerilla regulatory body.

I will come to my conclusion by examining past shipping accidents, and documents of cases brought to the attention of international courts. I have put together a list of human rights abuses that are more likely to occur on ships, adapted from the UN Human Rights Declaration, to better assist in my analysis.

I am hoping my project will bring more public awareness to an issue that the general public often overlooks.