

EthicLens: AI Ethical Shopping Assistant



By: Melanie Regalado Hernandez, Sayali Kamble, Naina Minhas, & Amulya Bindu

AGENDA

- 01 The Problem
- 02 Who We Help
- 03 Our Solution (EthicLens)
- 04 How it Works (AI Tools)
- 05 Ethical Considerations
- 06 Social Impact

The Problem



Consumers want to shop sustainably, but it is almost impossible to tell which brands are truly ethical vs. greenwashing.

Who We Help

Target Users:

- College students & young adults
- People with skin sensitivities or allergies
- Conscious consumers who care about sustainability, ethics, and affordability

User Challenges:

- Confusing claims
- Limited transparency
- Time-consuming research

Our Solution: EthicLens

Browser Extension

Flags product ethics, ingredient safety, suggests cleaner/better alternatives, and gives sustainability score

Mobile Scanner

Scan product tags, barcodes, or ingredient labels to check sustainability instantly.

Personalized Chatbot

Recommends skincare, clothes, and makeup based on your style, allergies, values, and budget.

Grocery & Gourmet Food > Beverages > Coffee > Iced Coffee & Cold-Brew



Peppermint Mocha with Almond Milk Dairy Free Plant Based Free Non GMO Iced

1K+ bought in past month

\$6.50 (\$0.14 / fl. oz.)

Price history

prime Overnight

- SEASONAL SIPPINGS: Slow-brewed cold brew coffee blended with creamy almond milk deliciousness, real cocoa, and a peppermint zing
DELIGHTFUL DRINKABILITY: Cold brew has a smooth, bold taste with very low acidity Drink up!
ARABICA TASTE: Califia Farms uses only 100% premium arabica beans, which have a sweet, mellow taste with notes of fruit and sugar

ETHI-SCORE: 86
Sustainable Sourcing
Recycled Packaging
Energy & Water Conservation
Fair Labor Principles
78 QUALITY 93 MATERIAL 89 SAFETY
COMPARED TO SIMILAR PRODUCTS
Organic Valley Dairy Co. 66
Fair Oaks Farms: Fairlife 49
Threemile Canyon Farms 41
Reitz Dairy Farm 34
YOUR CHOICE IS THE BEST!
ChatBot Scanner

4 / ft)

overnight

ery Overnight

M on qualifying

\$25. Order within 2

s

shipping distance

Nitin - Fremont 94539

Quantity: 1

Add to Cart

Buy Now

SNAP EBT eligible

Shipper / Seller Amazon.com

Returns Non-returnable due to Food

How It Works (AI Tools)

NLB (IBM Watson NLU/Azure Language)

Reads product descriptions, ingredients, and brand sustainability claims.

Computer Vision (Azure Vision)

Recognizes barcodes, QR codes, and product labels during scans.

Machine Learning (Azure ML / IBM ML)

Learns user style, allergies, values, and ranks ethical alternatives.

Chatbot (IBM watsonx Assistant)

Conversational assistant for recommendations and Q & A

Ethical Considerations

- Privacy: User controls their data; no selling or unnecessary tracking
- Greenwashing: Cross-check brand claims with external sources
- Bias: Sources built on transparent, verifiable data (reports, certifications)
- Fairness: Avoid favoring big brands who can afford certifications
- Accessibility: Free version for budget-conscious users

Social Impact

Supports SDG 12

Promotes responsible consumption & sustainable production

Reduces Waste

Encourages long-lasting and low-impact materials

Educates Consumers

Breaks down sustainability info clearly

Promotes Ethical Brands

Highlights companies with fair labor and low carbon impact

Improves Health & Safety

Flags harmful ingredients and allergens

THANK YOU

Any questions?