

## Re: Canadian doctors coming to the US

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"Lictor" <ghostmlNOSPAM-REMOVE@online.fr> wrote in message  
news:<412ee3d2\$0\$2105\$79c14f64@nan-newsreader-05.noos.net>...  
> "George Conklin" <nilknoc@earthlink.net> wrote in message  
> news:sXsXc.13795\$2L3.13420@newsread3.news.atl.earthlink.net...  
>>> Which is why many countries have a ban on advertising drugs outside of  
>>> specialized magazines. Seeing all the ads for various drugs (mainly  
> AIDS)  
>>> was quite a surprise while visiting the USA, and actually quite a  
> shocking  
>>> one.  
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>> Why were you shocked?  
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> It just felt terribly wrong, it's hard to pinpoint exactly why. What I felt  
> was around the lines of immoral, unethical, obscene. I mean, ads telling me  
> how great it is to live with AIDS while on drug X, and that you are able to  
> climb mountains and all, do feel obscene to me. A subway station is not the  
> place to take decisions on a matter of such vital importance as to what drug  
> you will literally bet your life on if you have AIDS. That's a decision  
> that should be taken in the privacy of a doctor's office, with the  
> counselling of a \*neutral\* practitioner. These ads negate that special  
> relationship. They're trying to sell life and death like they would sell  
> chocolate bars or soap. And knowing to what level of disinformation the food  
> industry can go to sell products, I can't help but wonder at the quality and  
> neutrality of the information in drug ads.  
> It felt just as wrong as ads for tobacco or alcohol products, another thing  
> we have a ban on.

I've got some shocking news for you, you poor dear innocent things.  
The decision of what particular drug you take for your illness is in  
many cases a lot like the decision of what kind of food to eat, or car  
to drive. The food and the car can kill you also, if you choose  
"wrongly." But that's part of being an adult, n'est-ce pas vrai?  
Unless you are Canadian.

And now, next tell me. I've heard that in the US, it is money  
interests that rule the government. And that this is not so in other

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countries, such as (for example) that utopia of Canada. But you must tell me of this miraculous thing!

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