

Re: Canadian doctors coming to the US

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In article <[cgra53\\$4a0m@odds.stat.purdue.edu](mailto:cgra53$4a0m@odds.stat.purdue.edu)>, hruhin@odds.stat.purdue.edu (Herman Rubin) wrote:

> In article <[41309b16\\$0\\$18253\\$79c14f64@nan-newsreader-05.noos.net](mailto:41309b16$0$18253$79c14f64@nan-newsreader-05.noos.net)>, > Lictor <ghostmlNOSPAM-REMOVE@online.fr> wrote:

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> >Yes, but that's my own decision. I'm not forced to buy a car – I actually > >consciously decided not to. Likewise, I'm not forced to buy any kind of > >food. Advertisements should plainly don't exist. I mean, they provide no > >information to help me with taking a decision. > >Without advertising, you would not even know of the > >existence of the products. If you are relying on the > >government for information, you are a total fool.

If you are relying on advertising for information, you are even more of a fool. Advertising exists to sell people something and thus make money for the person doing the selling. That's its only purpose when it comes to commercial products. If there weren't laws regulating what advertisers can claim, they would exaggerate, distort, and even lie as much as required to entice you to buy their product. (Indeed, they routinely did so 100 years ago.) Even with the meager controls on what advertisers can claim that do exist, advertisers routinely make exaggerated and distorted claims.

Sorry, but as untrustworthy as the government is, in this case, I'd say it's less foolish to rely on the government for information than it would be to rely on advertising.

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Orac      | "A statement of fact cannot be insolent."
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          | "If you cannot listen to the answers, why do you
          | inconvenience me with questions?"
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