

Re: The Bullshit Parade

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"Bob (this one)" <Bob@nospam.com> wrote in message
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> *Dr. Andrew B. Chung, MD/PhD wrote:*

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> > *Lost in this is the simple fact that the rising healthcare costs in*
> > *the U.S. predate the recent war on Iraq and current actions against*
> > *with Al-Qaida. We have been paying for R&D of medical technologies by*
> > *these for-profit companies by letting these companies thrive on U.S.*
> > *soil. It seems the Canadians are unabashedly eating the fruit without*
> > *being willing to contribute to either fertilizing or watering the*
> > *trees.*

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> *Given that most major pharma companies aren't American-owned and that*
> *the entire rest of the world pays less for meds, it's a funny picture*
> *that emerges. It shapes up as more political than economic. For some*
> *reason, the medbiz puts out the line that Americans are doing the*
> *right thing by paying these high prices but others are somehow*
> *shirking their responsibilities by not agreeing to pay the same.*

So you are saying that most are Canadian companies taken advantage of the US market? I can't believe Canadians would be so morally corrupt as to make money with health care. In all reality it is market forces that comprise how much profit one can obtain. In Mexico most people can't afford meds so the price for the average med is dirt cheap in comparison. It is better to make some profit than not at all. This can be offset by the high pricey markets such as the US. If you are saying that all markets should be held to near zero profit and you will see companies fold and go into other areas. There are a lot of profit in drugs right now and so there are a lot of companies and research. If you get rid of profit then most of these companies will go elsewhere. There was a boom in hospitals in the early 70's when health care was skyrocketing with money. As business tightened then hospitals started folding.

> *Research is being done in Canada even as we speak. Their med prices*
> *are considerably lower and, somehow, the pharms are still in business*

Their health care system is out of control especially with drugs right now as a result of shifting costs so if it we