

## Re: Canadian doctors coming to the US

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"Steve Harris sbharris@ROMAN9.netcom.com" <sbharris@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message news:79cf0a8.0408271437.492111bc@posting.google.com...

> "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

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- > > *we have a ban on.*
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- > *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.*
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- > *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*
- > *countries, such as (for example) that utopia of Canada. But you must*
- > *tell me of this miraculous thing!*
- >
- > *SBH*

They have a very simple answer and that is put everything under the government and all the problems go away.