

Read the article & article portions and **post twice**. The **first posting is worth 9 points**. For the first posting you need to quote or paraphrase three items from the article that surprised, interested, and/or upset/annoyed you. For each item you must also explain why it made you feel this way. To facilitate grading, you need to enumerate the items in your first post. Here is a sample post:

- 1) The article on ... was interesting because ...
- 2) The video on ... was upset me because ...
- 3) The twitter post on ... surprised me because ...

For the second posting **you need to respond to one post by another fellow student**. The **second posting is worth 3 points**. For the second posting use the following format:

1) I like how because

or

2) I agree/disagree with because

or

3) This relates tobecause

Bioethics discussion 1 (12 points)

Read the article & article portions and **post twice** according to the previously described format. Here are the articles:

A story about misplaced priorities during the AIDS epidemic (read it all):

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/whitewashing-aids-history_b_4762295

FDA knowingly allowed a contaminated hemophilia therapy to be sold overseas:

<https://talkspokane.proboards.com/thread/196/bayer-aspirin-company-sold-tainted>

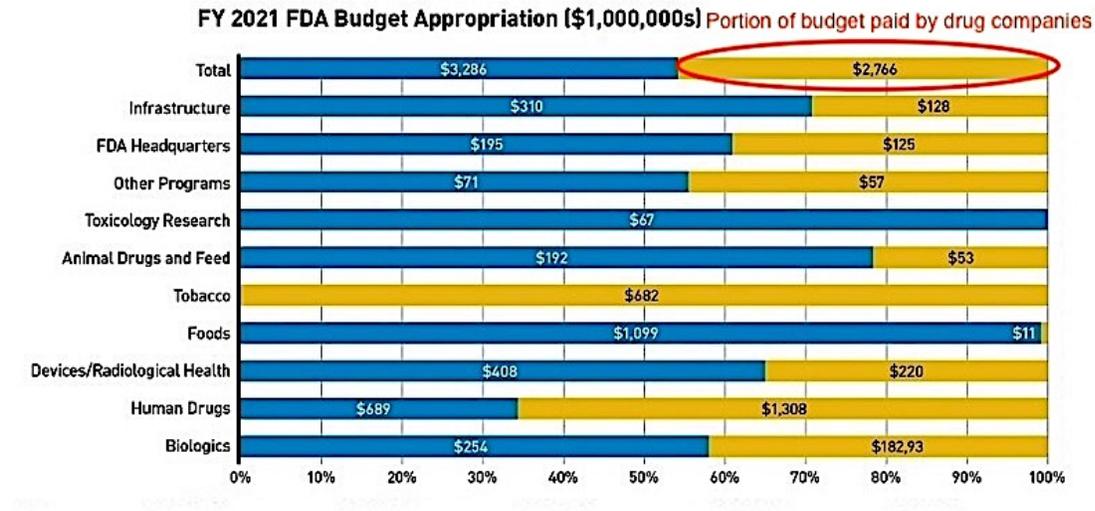
What follows are examples high level officials hired by the corporations they previously regulated (just read the titles of each example). This raises concerns about conflicts of interest that undermine the rigor of the federal regulatory process. This phenomenon is often referred to as the "revolving door" between government and big business:

<https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/558469-stephen-hahn-joining-venture-capital-firm-behind-moderna/>

https://www.pfizer.com/people/leadership/board_of_directors/scott_gottlieb-md

<https://www.jnj.com/media-center/press-releases/former-fda-commissioner-dr-mark-b-mcclellan-to-join-johnson-johnson-board-of-directors>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-merck-gerberding-idUSTRE5BK2K520091221>



Downloaded from: "Fact Sheet: FDA at a Glance"
<https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/fda-basics/fact-sheet-fda-glance>

This 1-minute video raises concerns on the degree to which sponsorship influences the content of corporate media:

<https://rumble.com/voz64j-brought-to-you-by-pfizer.html>

Bioethics discussion 2 (12 points)

Read the article & article portions and **post twice** according to the previously described format. Here are the articles:

Unethical Tuskegee study on syphilis:

<https://www.history.com/news/the-infamous-40-year-tuskegee-study>

Scientist who injected cancer cells to uninformed prisoners becomes vice president of American Cancer Society:

[1952–1964: Chester M. Southam, MD, injected live cancer cells into 14 patients and healthy convicts – Alliance for Human Research Protection](#)

The CDC injected inner city children in Los Angeles with an experimental measles vaccine in the 1980's. The study was suspended after publication of another study showing [higher death rates](#) of vaccinated babies in Africa and Haiti:

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg15020361-000-measles-trial-broke-consent-rules/>

Deadly consequences of unethical experimentation in Nigeria:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=du7aipgaMrY>

Bioethics discussion 3 (12 points)

Read the article & article portions and **post twice** according to the previously described format. Here are the articles:

Watch this half minute video from a hearing in congress on bioweapons research in China:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FsYM7KBhkWE>

Read the first half of this article on dangerous research in the Boston University:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stevensalzberg/2022/10/24/gain-of-function-experiments-at-boston-university-create-a-deadly-new-covid-19-virus-who-thought-this-was-a-good-idea/?sh=553b78aa5ca3>

This twitter thread expresses concerns over the lifting of a moratorium on gain-of-function in 2017:

<https://twitter.com/HansMahncke/status/1559678759841796098>

A prominent virologist who originally believed SARS-CoV-2 was man-made changed his mind completely (and even denounced the lab leak as "crackpot") after NIH paid his lab nearly \$2 million:

<https://twitter.com/CnsprtrlRprt/status/1520135101706903555>

This twitter post cites a FOIA-obtained document showing that NIH had funded gain-of-function research in Wuhan and then lied about it when questioned about it in congress:

https://twitter.com/R_H_Ebright/status/1450947395508858880

This short and very funny video nicely summarizes the way science works. **Language warning!**

<https://twitter.com/TheCynicalHun/status/1590502020393603072>