

Review the article and power point deck on issues related to public health and post twice. The first posting is worth 6 points. For the first posting you need to address two of the items below:

1. Quote or indicate an item from the article or power point that you found interesting, surprising, and/or upsetting.
2. How do you prevent astroturfing from undermining your research?
3. Do you think the CDC foundation should be abolished or reformed? Explain your reasoning.
4. Do you think we should replace user fees to the FDA with taxpayer funding? What are the pros and cons?
5. Does the Bayh-Dole Act of 1980 inevitably create a conflict of interest? Should this law be repealed, reformed, or left alone? Explain your reasoning.
6. The Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 prevents you from suing a vaccine a maker for injury if the vaccine causing the injury is listed on the national childhood vaccine schedule. Following the passage of this law, the number of vaccines administered to babies up to 12 months increased from 5 in 1986 to 30 in 2024. Do both sides benefit from this change in the vaccine schedule?
7. The Smith Mundt Modernization Act of 2012 allows the government to generate propaganda believed to serve national interests. Can you think of a situation where this law can be abused?
8. The Prep Act of 2020 provided liability protection to health workers and manufacturers from all procedures and products designated as “pandemic countermeasures.” Do you think this served public interests?
9. Do you think any of the items in the power point adversely affected public health decision-making from 2020 to 2022?
10. Do you think special interest influenced Fauci’s priorities for managing the AIDS crisis in the 1980’s or do you think Fauci was acting in good faith?
11. Can you think of any interesting similarities or differences in how the government handled AIDS and COVID-19?

For the second posting you need to respond to one post by another fellow student (3 points). For the second post I recommend the following format:

- 1) I like how ..... because.....  
or
- 2) I agree/disagree with.....because....  
or
- 3) This relates to.....because.....

Here are the items:

*This power point summarizes how special interests disproportionately influence public institutions:* <https://entropyrider.com/resources/Presentations/corruption%20short.pdf>

This opinion piece calls out misplaced priorities during the AIDS epidemic:  
[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/whitewashing-aids-history\\_b\\_4762295](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/whitewashing-aids-history_b_4762295)