

“unlike other businesses, drug companies are dependent on the public for a host of special favors — including the rights to NIH-funded research, long periods of market monopoly, and multiple tax breaks that almost guarantee a profit.” (Angell, 2004)

“The US government currently accounts for almost half of all spending on health care in this nation. The regulatory role of the government is pervasive.” (Gruber, 2008, p. 572)

“The US is unique because it alone is the source of half of world-wide profits that provide the payoff for the complex, lengthy, and expensive process of developing new treatments.” (Calfee, 2009)