



U.S. pharmaceutical companies and the FDA kill 100 times as many Americans as terrorists

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The [FDA](#) is getting desperate in the war to monopolize the U.S. [pharmaceutical industry](#) and prevent citizens from purchasing [prescription drugs](#) at lower prices from [Canada](#) and elsewhere. They've now invoked the "terrorism" label in the fight to suppress consumer free choice. Unbelievably, [the FDA](#) commissioner Lester Crawford is now saying that prescription [drugs from Canada](#) are a threat to U.S. consumers because terrorists might be attacking us through those prescription drugs. This idea is so ridiculous as to be laughable.

For one thing, the drugs coming across the border and sold in U.S. [pharmacies](#) are extremely toxic already. It would actually be a challenge to make them more toxic than they are right now. Secondly, the idea that Al-Qaeda would attack the United States by targeting drug sources in a neutral country like Canada is absurd, especially when it would be so much easier to set off a dirty bomb in Washington or New York or some other large city.

Is the FDA seriously suggesting that the next wave of terrorists are going to target [aspirin](#)? Are we going to have prescription drugs that are laced with toxic chemicals that cause patients to suddenly die? And if we do, *how would we tell the difference between the patients that are already dying from taking prescription drugs?* I mean, do you sort the dead people into two piles and say here this group of people was killed by prescription drugs, and this other group was killed by prescription drugs laced with chemicals by terrorists? Seriously: if we have 100,000 people being killed each year by prescription drugs right now, according to the Journal of the [American Medical Association](#) -- making prescription drugs the third leading cause of death in the United States today -- it's hard to imagine how a terrorist could add any more terror to that equation. Even [9/11](#) doesn't compare with the terror statistics of prescription drugs.

In fact, based on these statistics, the FDA and the pharmaceutical industry has right now been far more effective at terrorizing the U.S. population than Al-Qaeda. Assuming that terrorists were responsible

for killing 3,000 people at the World Trade Center attacks, the statistics indicate that the prescription drug industry has killed 33 times as many people in the United States each year. In the three years since the 9/11 attacks in 2001, the U.S. pharmaceutical industry has killed 100 times as many people in the United States. If that's not terrorism, I don't know what is.

So, let's get real, folks. If the FDA is going to cite terrorism in this debate about prescription drugs, then they need to answer to the question of why they are approving drugs that are killing 100 times as many people in the United States as the terrorists ever managed to kill. If the FDA was really concerned about [public health](#) and public safety, they would recall virtually all prescription drugs that have been approved through fraudulent safety studies over the past three decades and require [drug companies](#) to start engaging in real science, where they have to publish all studies, not just the positive ones, and where [clinical trials](#) aren't distorted in order to show a result that will produce profits for the pharmaceutical company in question. All these recent talk about the Vioxx recall just goes to show you that even FDA-approved drugs aren't safe for human consumption.

To look at all this from another angle, if someone wanted to terrorize another country in the world -- call it Country X -- perhaps the easiest and most effective way would be to install a Food and Drug Administration in Country X that would approve highly toxic drugs and suppress all natural cures in order to make sure that virtually the entire population is dosed with toxic chemicals that lead to injuries and death. It's far more effective than a dirty bomb because no one notices it, and just as interestingly, it can all be done in the name of so-called science.