

# BUSINESS, SOCIETY & ETHICS

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## Debate #2: This House Believes Turing Pharmaceuticals has the Right to Increase the Price of Daraprim as It Sees Fit

As you read the material for our next class, keep the questions below in mind. To answer these questions you will have to reflect critically on what you have read and possibly re-read important passages. Keep in mind that there are two basic kinds of information that you need to look for in the reading:

1. What are the main points or conclusions that an author accepts with respect to a particular issue?
2. What are the reasons, important considerations, and evidence that lead the author to accept that conclusion?

For our purposes, *it is information of the second sort that will be our primary concern* since our most basic task is to *evaluate the reasons and evidence* that are offered to support accepting one possible conclusion about an issue, rather than another.

Although I strongly suggest that you write out brief answers to these questions, you do not have to turn in written responses. You do, however, need to be prepared to speak intelligently about these issues at our next class meeting.

### Readings

- Andrew Pollack, "Drug Goes From \$13.50 a Tablet to \$750, Overnight".
- Dan Diamond, "Martin Shkreli Admits He Messed Up: He Should've Raised Prices Even Higher".
- Margot Sanger-Katz, "Prescription Drug Costs Are Rising as a Campaign Issue".
- Jared Bernstein, "Drug Price Controls Are Vital in a Market That's Not Free".
- Neera Tanden & Maura Calsyn, "Encourage Drug Research Over Profiteering".
- Darius Lakdawalla, "Drug Price Controls End Up Costing Patients Their Health".
- Paul Howard, "To Lower Drug Prices, Innovate, Don't Regulate".
- Logan Albright, "Blame Government for High Drug Prices".

### Questions

1. What seem to be the strongest arguments that support and justify this debate's motion?
2. What seem to be the strongest arguments that critique and reject this debate's motion?