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I- According to the authors of documents 1 and 2, how have recent drug-related scandals affected public opinion and policies with regard to the pharmaceutical industry?

Over the past few years, the pharmaceutical industry has been through several scandals, akin to the opioid crisis, which casts a new light on this industry, usually spared by frightened politicians. Therefore, the question at hand is: how have recent drug-related scandals affected public opinion and policies with regard⁵⁰ to this industry?

First, both authors agree that things are finally changing, since the pharmaceutical industry has long been unpopular, but it is only once the heavy death toll of the opioid crisis, and the COVID-19 pandemic opened the eyes of Americans that things changed. (doc 1) Indeed, they realized ^{the} ~~the~~ ¹⁰⁰ ~~from~~ giants of this industry were making profits on them,

without actually finding a lot of life-saving medicines, by selling drugs up to a 100 times more than they cost to produce with public money, as wanted to do Pfizer for a vaccine dose, which horrified the US government. (doc 1) Thus, famous ¹⁵⁰ families once beloved, such as the Sackler family, are nowadays hated, and many academics and students called for reforms, which led to new policies responding to ethical concerns and these criticisms. (doc 2).

That is why

the Biden administration is at war against Big Pharma. Its actions are turning points with regard ²⁰⁰ to the ~~pharmaceutical~~ relationships between the US government and the pharmaceutical industry. Namely, it ^{as alluded to in doc 1,} ~~gave the power to~~ the government ~~now~~ can now negotiate the price of some medicines, treating common diseases, that many American ~~can~~ can not afford. For once, it is having influence on this industry and Big Pharma don't ²⁵⁰ get to decide whatever they want with regards to their privatized drugs anymore. (doc 1). Moreover, powerful families donating to prominent art and academic institutions, are losing the support of these

institutions. Their names are being removed from buildings for instance, their donations are no longer accepted or the members are no longer invited to exclusive events. In that way, they are losing influence, which they need to prosper in their industry. In a nutshell, a whole series of new policies against pharmaceutical giants are taken.

However, some institutions don't enforce yet these policies and find pretenses to avoid them and keep receiving donations. What transpires from this analysis is that the pharmaceutical giants are finally under regulation, but there is still a lot to do.

375 words.

III - Theme

It's a family of migrants like thousands of others. In the early XXth century, Sophie Greenberg came from Poland to live the American Dream in New York. There, she found Isaac Sackler, who came from Galicia. Together, they will have three kids: Arthur, Mortimer, and Raymond and despite some bad lucks, the couple will be proud of one thing: giving their sons a clear name.

A short century and three generations later, this name is hated in the country and a Congressman said he was "not sure whether he knew a family in America more disgracious." ...

Meanwhile, the rise of a pharmaceutical empire and the billions given by OxyContin, one of the opioid that killed almost half a million Americans in twenty years, according to health authorities.

It is this family's story that ^{tells us} the American reporter Patrick Radden Keefe, in a wonderful and extremely documented book. There are a lot of excellent books about the opioid crisis, confines the author. However I wanted to write a story of a different a kind, a saga depicting three generations of a familial dynasty and how did it change the world, a story about ambition, philanthropy, crime and impunity, ~~corruption of the institutions~~ about the institutions corruption, power and profit-appealing."

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II - In your opinion, have the opioid crisis and the power of pharmaceutical companies challenged the concept of ^{the} American Dream?

"From rags to riches" is the motto defining the American Dream, dream that consists in coming to America, "the land of opportunities" as they call it, in order to work as hard as you can for a while to eventually become rich, to be a real self-made man in ~~in~~ other words. The goal is always the ⁵⁰ same: ~~to~~ succeed in what you do and keep growing until being a multibillionaire. That is why Isaac Sackler came to New York in the first place, but his son played a pioneer role in the opioid crisis that killed half a million ~~in~~ Americans, and accordingly turned this dream ¹⁰⁰ into a nightmare (Le Figaro). Therefore, the question at hand is: have the opioid crisis and the power of pharmaceutical companies challenged the concept of the American Dream?

On the one hand, I do not believe they ~~challenge~~ have challenged ^{the concept of} the American ~~Dream~~ since the Sackler did become a multibillionaire family. ¹⁵⁰ It may be selfish, but nothing defines this dream ~~like~~ as "what will make you a billionaire will ~~save lives~~ not hurt anybody". That is why in my opinion, the very concept of the American Dream is not challenged at all, on the contrary, ²⁰⁰ it is respected. Granted, in a practical point of view, it is horrific to contend that the ~~pharmaceutical~~ power of the pharmaceutical ~~point~~ companies is in tune with this concept for these companies are making the most of public money to

maximise their profit, regardless of who lives and who dies, regardless // of 250
 those who can not afford a vital drug*, but, be that as it may, the owners
 of these firms have lived their American Dream. * as the dossier explains it
 Thus, on paper, this crisis and this power pharmaceutical companies have have
 not challenged the concept of the American Dream // 300

However, on the other hand, I think the reality and popularity
 of the American Dream is still being challenged. Indeed, this elements
 can only reinforce the fact ^{that} the American way of life is less a sweet
 dream as it is cracked up to be. Knowing that the American health // 350
 insurance system is already shredded, such a crisis and such an influence
 of money-thirsty companies on your access to your medicines are all the
 more frightening. It is not the concept that is being challenged, but the
 very American Dream, since such ~~a situation~~ issues are already ~~makes~~
 increasing the number of // Americans moving abroad //, and especially since 400
~~abortion~~ it is going to be harder and harder to get for a woman to get an
 abortion, as the 1973 Roe vs Wade rule was recently overruled. Typically,
 Arizona already re-passed a 1864 ban. ⁹³⁵
 What is more, America is also known to be the best democracy // in the world, 450
 which happens to be a bit paradoxical because here, it is in the pharmaceutical
 companies' hands that the power resides, not in Americans'.

To conclude, what transpire from this analysis is that the future
 of the American Dream, with the current context, does not seem very bright. // 500
 The opioid crisis, the power of pharmaceutical companies, and plenty of other
 hurdles ~~it~~ keep challenging the American Dream, so maybe it should be
 reshaped, which boils down to redefine its concept.

531 words