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I - Compréhension

In the wake of the recent drug-related scandals, the US government, along with many institutions, implemented measures to show their rage regarding what was going on. Besides, these scandals enabled Americans to realize the dangers of the situation.

Firstly, the recent drug-related scandals have provoked a general distrust of the Americans towards the pharma industry. Thanks to the Purdue Pharma scandal, American citizens realized the real purpose of the Purdue Pharma corporation. Meanwhile they thought that the corporation was trying its hardest to create life-saving medicines, it was actually doing the opposite and caused the death of hundreds of thousands of Americans (document 1 and 2). Moreover, people were not the only ones to distrust the pharma industry after the several scandals; the government did too. In fact, the Biden administration was horrified when Pfizer tried to charge the government a great amount of money for a vaccine, that was not worth that much money and that was not shared nor produced widely (document 4).

Secondly, these scandals have not only affected the policies of many institutions but also resulted in decisions took by the US government, regarding the prescription of drugs. Indeed, the government negotiated the price of 10 prescription drugs including necessary drugs such as those which treat diabetes, cancer... This recent decision is supposed to enable Americans to save some money because of

The fall in prices (document 1). Many institutions also responded and implemented measures. For instance, the Oxford University had to cut social ties and remove the Sackler name from its buildings. The Sackler family owns the Purdue Pharma corporation which marketed Oxycotin for years and the Oxford University received donations from this family for years. After the scandals, the public discontent and a Financial Times's investigation, revealing the social ties between Oxford and the family, this University had no other choice than cutting ties. The Louvre Museum, the National Portrait Gallery and other institutions took the same decision (document 2).

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III - Thème

They are an immigrant family like thousands of others. In the beginning of the XXth century, Sophie Greenberg came from Poland looking for the American Dream in New York. There she found Isaac Sackler, who arrived from Galicia. Both of them will have three kids: Arthur, Mortimer and Raymond. And even with some money issues, the couple will have a pride to give their sons a clean name. A little century and three generations later, this name is hated in the country and a Congress Member said he was "not sure to know another family in America which was that awful"...

Between both, the rise of a pharmaceutical empire and the billions brought by Oxycotin, one of the opioids that killed nearly 500.000 Americans in twenty years, according to the sanitary authorities. That is the story of this family that Patrick Radden Keefe, an American journalist, shares in an amazing and extremely documented book. We find many excellent books about the opioid crisis, says the writer. I still wanted to write a different kind of story, a saga telling the story of three generations of a family dynasty and explaining the way this dynasty had changed the world, a story about

ambition, philanthropy, crime and unpunishment, corruption of institutions, power and making profits. "

II - Expression Personnelle

The concept of the American Dream comes from the migrants who want to leave their country and go to the US to live there. They see the US as the country where every dream comes true and where anyone can become rich.

50 Recently, ~~with~~ the opioid crisis, the USA can become less attractive to migrants. ^{Because of}

Is the opioid crisis in the US impactful enough to deter migrants to come to the country?

~~Indeed, the recent drug-related scandals have transformed the American Dream into a nightmare.⁹³~~

~~Because of the opioid crisis and the decision of the US government, the access to medicine is jeopardize. Indeed,~~

100 Even if the recent drug-related scandals and the story of the Sacklers let us think that the American Dream has turned into a nightmare^{*}, it is not the case.¹⁰⁵ Indeed, the opioid crisis has enabled the US government to implement attractive measures.

150 Firstly, the government has negotiated the price of 10 prescription drugs such as the ones used to treat diabetes, blood cancer and kidney disease.

200 This measure helps the Americans to save some money thanks to the fall in prices (1st document).¹⁶⁰ Besides, migrants may be scared by the number of dead people, killed by the overuse of drugs but a survey from the National Center for Health statistics shows that the majority of victims are Non-Hispanic people (document 4). This means that Hispanics should not be scared of the opioid crisis that recently occurred, since they do not do drugs that much.

* (document 3)

Besides the positive outcome of the opioid crisis, the strong will of migrants won't let the American Dream turn into a nightmare. Migrants seeking for the American Dream come, majoritarily, from Latin America. In these countries, the poverty is such that inhabitants are willing to do anything to flee it. And this will, is not going to be erased simply because of an opioid crisis. All the more as, in Hispanic countries (especially in Latin America), drug is a common business and an extremely violent one. So migrants cannot be deterred by this crisis. In El Dorado by Laurent Gaudé, we understand that nothing can stop migrants from immigrating when, in a boat, a mother loses her baby, has to throw him in the water and still makes it to where she wanted to go. We can, once again, claim that if the woman kept going even after losing a child, the American Dream will definitely not turn into a nightmare just because of drugs.

In my opinion, the opioid crisis and the power of pharmaceutical companies could have impacted the American Dream because the Sackler family, a migrant one, saw their dream turn into a nightmare when the empire that they built collapsed because of this crisis. However, I think that migrants will be attracted by the recent health measures. Besides, the will of migrants is so strong that no crisis could break it.

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