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and I have heard American drug companies bitterly complain in public that the present FDA laws are excessively harsh and, in fact, are actually unnecessary. The companies insist they would live up to their moral and social responsibilities, laws or no laws.

The record of their performance in Latin America, where the laws have been safely bent, broken, or ignored, or where there are no legal restrictions on drug promotion, might--to coin an expression--make a person wonder.