Is Big Pharma acting unethically?

Talking Points
1. What do these cartoons say about how the pharmaceutical industry does business?
2. Why do companies say they have to raise some drug prices very, very high?
3. Why does insulin cost 10 times more in the U.S. than in Canada and Mexico?
4. Drug firms sold 76 billion opioid pills in the U.S. over 7 years. Did that have anything to do with an epidemic of opioid addiction and overdose deaths? Why or why not?
5. How much money does the drug industry give politicians?

Between the lines
“Keep ‘em comin’! Flyin’ out of there. It’s like people are addicted to these things or something. Oh, wait, people are…” - Drug executive Steve Cochrane’s email about selling opioids.


Additional resources
- More by Joe Heller
  http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/HellerJ
- More by Pat Bagley
  https://www.cagle.com/author/pat-bagley
- Association of American Editorial Cartoonists
  http://editorialcartoonists.com/