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<u>The Lancet of Dec 6, 2008</u> shows an excellent example of independent science (and in particular public health research) and gives an account why this is necessary although I agree with the author

I am sure that Coca-Cola will find other universities eager to pluck the low-hanging fruit of industry-sponsored research. If my experience is anything to go by, not much plucking will be necessary. A research proposal will be written for them and a research grant will be plopped into the open mouths of their university's finance department while their academic egos are stroked by the company's scientists. What a sad abuse of the rare freedom granted to publicly funded academics to seek answers to socially important questions.

And what a nice coincidence with a paper in <u>Nature Medicine about the commercialism of academic research</u> plus some <u>earlier posts here</u>, yea, yea.

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