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My comments are:

Naked shorting is supposedly illegal or against regulations, yet brokers and market makers engage in naked shorting on a regular basis. It is viewed as an extremely lucrative activity with very little penalty from the SEC or other public enforcement. The fines imposed by the government are tiny in comparison to the mounds of cash that can be made by naked shorting, so hedge funds just see the fines as a small part of the cost of doing business.

The practice is damaging to the market, to businesses who are targeted by hedge funds and market makers, and to the economy. Until government does something about enforcing Naked Shorting with real measures, faith in the market will continue to decline.

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