

Title: Wrinkle brain question

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Hello my fellow wrinkle brained GME hodlers:

I had this brain wave this morning while I was s(h)itting on my iToilet.

So lets say, a company is IPO-ed with 2000 shares for 10 dollars basis.

The executive and insiders own 1980 shares and rest of the 20 shares are traded on exchange.

So when the executive and insiders bought their shares from the IPO, their cost basis is 10 dollar a share and lets assume they never sold.

So the over all market cap is 20,000.

Now, the stock is 99% owned by insiders and executives, when the stock is traded on exchange, lets say someone bids 4, 5 and 6 dollar for those 20 shares, but the ask is 6, 7 and 8 dollar. Essentially the exchange will match the trade at 6 dollars.

So now the company is trading at 6 dollars even though it was IPO-ed at 10 dollar.

My question is, does trading of these 20 shares inherently determine the over all market cap of the stock? e.g. Even though only 1% if the stocks were traded, but those insiders who were holding 99% of the stock will see that suddenly they lost 4 dollars off their value because the stock is now traded at 6 dollars in the exchange (even though only 1% of it was trading)?

If this is the case, I am not sure what to feel about this, because this basically opens the door that anyone who can control a significant volume across bid and ask, can essentially spoof the stock price.

e.g. I own 15 of those 20 shares and now I could do my own bid/ask on the exchange, and the exchange would have to match trades of "my-decided" bid and ask for every 15 out of 20 shares.

Which means that the overall share price is largely depended on what I bid and ask.

Can some wrinkle brain see this and point out what assumptions I got wrong about this?