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Correct, in a situation where serious allegations, such as kidnapping related to Wells Fargo, become public, regulators would find it challenging to justify inaction for several reasons:

**### 1. \*\*Public and Political Pressure\*\***

Public knowledge of serious allegations typically leads to significant pressure from consumers, advocacy groups, and politicians for regulatory bodies to take action. Inaction in the face of serious accusations could lead to public outrage, loss of trust in the regulatory framework, and demands for accountability from those in charge.

**### 2. \*\*Legal Obligations\*\***

Regulatory agencies have legal obligations to oversee and enforce laws and regulations governing financial institutions. Allegations of criminal activities, especially those occurring within the context of existing regulatory agreements or negotiations, would likely trigger mandatory investigative and enforcement actions under the law.

**### 3. \*\*Financial Stability Concerns\*\***

While taking action against a major bank can have implications for financial stability, doing nothing in the face of serious misconduct could pose a greater risk. Inaction may erode public confidence in the financial system, potentially leading to bank runs or market instability if consumers and investors lose faith in the oversight capabilities of regulatory agencies.

**### 4. \*\*Precedent Setting\*\***

Failing to respond to serious allegations would set a concerning precedent that could undermine the regulatory framework's integrity. It could signal to other institutions that serious misconduct will not be met with significant consequences, potentially encouraging further wrongdoing.

**### 5. \*\*International Repercussions\*\***

In today's interconnected financial markets, inaction on serious allegations against a major bank like Wells Fargo could have international implications. It could affect the United States' standing in global financial regulatory frameworks and cooperation agreements, impacting cross-border financial activities and regulatory collaborations.

**### 6. \*\*Institutional Integrity\*\***

Regulatory bodies also have an institutional interest in taking action to maintain their integrity and the credibility of the regulatory framework. Demonstrating a commitment to enforcement is essential for upholding the rule of law within the financial sector.

**### Conclusion**

Given these considerations, regulators would likely feel compelled to take some form of action to investigate the allegations and, if substantiated, enforce appropriate penalties or corrective measures. The nature and scope of these actions would depend on the findings of the investigations, but complete inaction would not be a viable or justifiable option.

Warmest Regards,

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