

# WAR ON DRUGS WHY?

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## INTRODUCTION

This booklet will present some thoughts about the war on drugs. If you agree with the conclusions it will require you to take some action. Some of the questions we need to ask ourselves are as follows:

Would we rather house and feed the homeless, start paying off our national debt, decrease our crime and incarceration rate, create legitimate jobs while improving our economy, improve our trade imbalance by keeping our money within our own borders, and make our country stronger financially or keep paying for a war on drugs that has not worked in the past and is not working in the present?

Is our country heading in the right direction? Are there more important problems in this country that we would rather solve than continuing Nixon's war on drugs? How many homeless and hungry people do we have? How bad is our national debt? Is our national debt getting bigger and unmanageable? What would be the most painless solution to start paying off our national debt? Would you rather the government collect the drug money or the big time drug dealers? (I'm sure the big drug dealers have enough saved so they can retire early.) Why do the countries that have decriminalized drugs have the lowest crime rates? Why does America, "The Land of the Free," have the all-time record incarceration rate of any other country in the history of the world? Is our economy getting better or worse? What can we do to get our economy back on track? Can you have a crime, if there is not a victim? If there is not a victim in a drug infraction; can you have a drug crime? Should the penalty be relative to the crime? Is it fair to give a drug user many years in prison? Is it more harmful for the drug user and their family to lock the drug user in prison for many years, than the actual harm of the drug? What exactly are our constitutional privacy rights?

Did you know that if we released the one million drug offenders in our prisons, we could easily house and feed the half million homeless in America and give at least half a million college scholarships for the same cost? Would we rather house and feed the homeless or keep paying to lock up drug users? Did you know that it costs more to send one drug user to prison than it would cost to pay the tuition of 5 students at a community college?

Did you know that if you divided our \$21 trillion national debt by our 300 million citizens that everyone, including children, owes on average \$70,000? Did you know that all citizens, including children, have to pay on average \$1,750 per year in taxes just to pay the interest on

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the \$21 trillion national debt? Did you know that we could raise about \$100,000,000 per day to apply to our national debt if we taxed and legalized recreational drugs? Would you rather this drug money go to the underground or to our national debt? Do we want to leave our future generations this much in debt? Can you think of any other painless way to pay off our national debt?

Did you know that the war on drugs causes crime and incarceration rates to soar? Did you know that murder rates increased during alcohol prohibition and during the war on drugs? Did you know that the countries which have decriminalized drugs have lower crime rates? Did you know that America, "The Land of the Free," has the highest incarceration rate of any other country in world history including Stalin's U.S.S.R.? Did you know that America only has 4% of the world's population, but 25% of the world's prisoners? Did you know that America has more prisoners than China and Russia combined with only 1/5th the population? Are "We the People" that bad, or is something wrong with our current government policies?

Is the war on drugs working? Does it make sense to keep spending huge amounts of taxpayer money on a program that is not working? Since we have been fighting the war on drugs for over 100 years and it is not working, should we try something else? Like alcohol prohibition, does the war on drugs cause more problems than it solves? Is it fair for innocent tax payers to pay for the "drug problem" through taxes or would it be fairer for drug users to pay for their own problem? Does it make sense to spend taxpayer money to send drug users to prison where the prisoners can still obtain drugs? Is it not time to end the war on drugs and release the prisoners?

Consider the following typical drug case: A person gets arrested on a drug charge. The government threatens this person with a lot of prison time if they do not help them catch other drug offenders. The government then bribes this person with probation for becoming a confidential informant. What would happen if "We the People" threatened and bribed a witness like our government does? This confidential informant then turns in one of their suppliers and the supplier that was turned in gets 20 years. Not only did this person lose 20 years of their life, but you can imagine the grief and hardships their family faces. It costs the taxpayers about one million dollars over those twenty years. This person goes to prison for twenty years where he can still readily use drugs of all kinds. The confidential informant now sells just as many drugs in that town as his old supplier did. What was accomplished in this typical drug case? How much harm did this drug case cause? What did the taxpayers get for

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their one million dollars? If you had one million dollars would you spend it in this way? Should we not spend taxpayer money as if it were our own? Our founding fathers of our country were very conscientious of how they spent tax payer money. Are our current politicians conscientious of how they spend taxpayer money?

Should you be able to tell a person how to live their lives if they are not affecting your life? Should your neighbor be arrested because they have different moral values than you? Should your neighbor be arrested if they live their life in a way that you do not approve of? In America, should the government be able to arrest people who do not have the same moral values as the majority of citizens? Should our government be able to arrest people who live their lives in a way the majority disapprove of even though they are not affecting anyone else's life? Is this not what drug laws do? Drug laws are laws which dictate how people must live their lives or face prison.

If you had a loved family member who used drugs; would you send them to prison for many years or would you try to convince them not to use drugs or send them to a rehab? If you had a loved one who refused to quit using drugs; would you want them buying dangerous street mixtures with unknown substances or would you rather them buy from a government regulated source with known substances?

Consider the following scenario: Suppose a person goes to work and on their way home they buy some recreational drugs. They go to the privacy of their own home and do the recreational drugs without affecting anyone else's rights. Is there a victim in this last scenario? Now suppose the next day this same person goes to work and on their way home they buy more recreational drugs. They go back to the privacy of their own home and do the recreational drugs without affecting anyone else's rights. While doing the drugs the police break down the door, tear up the house searching for drugs and throw the person in jail. Who is the victim? Who is the perpetrator? Did the police violate the person's privacy rights?

Where have we gone since the end of World War Two? At the end of WWII, America had nearly 2/3 of all the world's gold reserves and more than half of the world's manufacturing capacity. In 1947, the U.S. by itself accounted for 1/3 of all the world's exports and the foreign trade balance was in the black. Our exports more than doubled our imports. Where are we heading now? Since WWII, our government has expanded its reach around the whole world and into our personal freedoms and now we are characterized as a bully to other nations and by

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debt and dependency on other countries lending us money. We have had a negative trade balance since 1975. What can we do to help our country get back on track? Is the war on drugs worth putting our country in financial ruin? Why is it our job to insure that our country is heading in the right direction?

If you answered the above questions the way everyone else has so far then please consider the following solution. The solution is to tax and legalize most recreational drugs and release everyone currently in prison for victimless, non-violent drug infractions. This solution would free up one million beds with three meals a day for the 500,000 homeless currently in America. This solution would also raise about \$100,000,000 per day in pain free taxes to go back to the government to start paying off the huge national debt. (The drug money will be spent every day. Do you want it to keep going to the underworld or would you rather it go to the government and then back to society?) This would also get our incarceration rates back in line with the rest of the world, create jobs, and help get our economy back on track. It is as simple as that.

The bad news is that to accomplish this mission we have to do some work; the good news is that thanks to our founding fathers it will not be that hard of a job for each of us individually if we all pull together. We need YOU to do the following: 1) Go to the web site and sign up. 2) Pass the word and recruit two other people to sign up as well. 3) Make sure that each of the two people you enrolled also recruit two more people and do the same three steps. By networking we can accomplish our mission by dividing the work load and not having to work too hard if everyone does the above three goals. Of course, if you want, you are more than welcome to recruit as many as you like.

If you are convinced then please start right away and sign up at the web site and accomplish the above three steps (we are not advocating drug use, just a more practical solution); if you are not convinced yet then please read on.....

About 60% of Americans have never tried any illicit drug in their lives; most of this group is comfortable with leaving the drug laws the way they are. If you are in this group then please think carefully of the available options. The current war on drugs makes innocent tax payers, like yourself, pay your hard earned money to fund the war on drugs even though you do not use drugs and are not the cause of the "problem." This is not fair to you. Why not tax drug use and put the cost of the "problem" on the people who cause the problem? Instead of paying for

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a problem you did not create, you would now be benefitting greatly from the benefits of the taxes collected from drug sales. We could house and feed the homeless, start paying off our crippling national debt, create a lot of legitimate jobs, and improve our economy for the same cost as funding the war on drugs. Throughout our history American law and politics has created and perpetuated syndicates that supply the vices in our society; from alcohol prohibition, gambling, and now drugs. We have learned that taxing alcohol and gambling was the best and most efficient solution; why not the same for drugs? If you are now convinced then please do the above three steps which are: 1) Go to the web site and sign up. 2) Pass the word and recruit two other people to sign up as well. 3) Make sure that each of the two people you enrolled also recruit two more people and so on. By networking we can accomplish our mission by dividing the work load and not having to work too hard if everyone does the above three goals. Of course, if you want, you are more than welcome to recruit as many as you like for this cause.

If you are still not convinced, then please consider the following. Every baby born in America today owes \$70,000 just because they were born in America. That is our \$21 trillion debt divided by our population of approximately 300 million. While the new born baby may never pay the \$70,000 principle, the new born will pay on average of \$1,750 per year for their whole life in taxes just to pay for the interest of the national debt. The debt our government creates gets passed on to our future generations. Is there any other painless way to start paying down this debt other than taxing drug use? Do we want to leave our future generations in this great debt?

If you are convinced then please start right away and sign up at the web site and accomplish the above three steps (we are not advocating drug use, just a more practical solution); if you are still not convinced, then please order the book so you can see the complete picture. Hopefully you will also enjoy reading the book.

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