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Where, oh where, has logic gone? How much would it cost to lower drug consumption in the US by 1%?

A few years ago the Rand Corporation, the most prestigious think tank in the world, was asked to calculate how much it would cost to reduce drug consumption in the United States by one percent? Actually, they were asked specifically about cocaine consumption, but drug consumption data show that the numbers are pretty much the same for overall drug consumption. All the following dollar amounts are to achieve a one percent reduction in drug use. Interdiction at the source, preventing drugs from being grown in South American countries, costs about \$800 million. Intercepting drugs at the borders, preventing them from reaching the United States, was estimated to cost about \$500 million. Local law enforcement and so on, what we're doing to a very high degree, is about \$250 million. And that goes down to looking at drug addictions as a medical problem, treating it with rehab programs, which was the least expensive, namely \$34 million.

Since we are using a combination of all the drug interdiction methods outlined above, the Rand Corporation calculated a cost of \$550 million to reduce drug consumption by one percent.

More important, since using the Narconon medical detox method (niacin/sweating) increases the effectiveness from 10 to 60% (a factor of 6), reducing drug consumption by 1% via the medical treatment method would reduce the dollar amount from \$ 34 million (34 divided by 6) to a mere 5.6 million. Reducing consumption by 100% (not really achievable, for mathematical calculations only) would therefore suggest a total cost of about 560 million.

In summary: While this drug war that is a total failure costs the United States from \$120 to \$150 billion, we could be solving the problem by changing our approach, treating it as a medical problem, and spending only a mere \$560 million. Many experts have calculated administrative costs, some law-enforcement and other expenses, but the total never exceeds \$5 billion. In the light of these numbers, don't you question the sanity of our Washington leadership that insists on continuing this insanity that is far worse than prohibition was? Have those people acknowledged the fact that when marijuana was legalized in some European countries, usage actually dropped by more than 20 percent? That legalizing marijuana would bring an absolute minimum of \$ 30+ Billion in taxes.

For more consumption and cost details, scroll down to **“THIS BUD’S FOR THE U.S.”** TIME, Aug. 23, 2004.

For detailed estimates/calculations of US annual marijuana consumption, confirming the above numbers, see:

www.drugscience.org/Archive/bcr4/5Supply.html

Marijuana:

The American College of Physicians (ACP) is calling on the federal government to ease its strict ban on marijuana as medicine and hasten research into the drug's therapeutic use.

The American College of Physicians is one of the largest organizations of doctors, with 125,000 members.

Our government, obviously under the influence of drug company money, has always insisted that medical use of marijuana is not supported by the medical community, and that it has no value as medicine; both were proven wrong in the 13-page position statement posted on the groups web-site.

IAAM applauds the college of Physicians.

Many years ago studies at UCLA, Los Angeles, showed that marijuana is neither addictive, nor does its use lead to addictive drugs. Just recently UCLA studies found no connection between smoking marijuana and lung cancer.

Reference: www.acponline.org/acp_news/medmarinews.htm

When Teens want to get high: Your prescription drugs are ready for pick-up in your bathroom.

Teens abuse prescription drugs more than any illicit street drug except marijuana. Every day 2,500 kids age 12 to 17 try a (your) painkiller for the first time. Prescription drugs are the drugs of choice for 12 to 13 year olds.

For details, and what you can – should, must – do about it, go to THEANTIDRUG.com.

Meth Use tied to New HIV Cases

As pointed out by Berkeley professor Peter Duesberg as long as eight years ago, there is a strong (up to 97%) connection between drug abuse (cocaine, heroin, nitrite inhalants, amphetamines) and HIV infection. In 1998 there were 11 major publications, and today there are in excess of 70 scientific papers showing a very high (up to 98%) correlation between drug abuse and AIDS. It appears obvious that drug abuse affects immune functions, thus lowering the threshold for HIV to do great damage to a person's immune system.

“For seven years methamphetamine helped R.C. believe he was the talented, sexy, bold man he had always dreamed of being. The 37-year-old graphic artist would have sacrificed everything to hold onto this glamorous vision of himself – and, ultimately, he nearly did. I lost my house, two cars, my checking and savings account, my piano - - .” Quote from a case history described by L. Richardson and L. Romney, LA Times, 1.19.05.

Health officials and AIDS activists nationwide are alarmed at the increasing correlation between new HIV diagnosis and drug abuse, specifically methamphetamine abuse.

DUMB AND DUMBER?

Why America is losing the war on drugs - - and what we can do to win it! A special 8-page edition of the PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE UP-DATE, published by the International Academy of Alternative Health and Medicine - - simply acknowledging facts, not fiction, fighting a losing battle, wasting billions, drug money corrupts, government at war against its own people, the pseudo-science of drug addiction, the reality of - ineffective - drug rehab, breeding crime, politicians with their heads stuck in the sand, no logic, no brains, not acknowledging scientific facts, a \$ 100 billion/year waste of money, corrupting kids, refusing to accept the connection between doing drugs and a high risk of getting AIDS, refusing to acknowledge the fact that countries where marijuana was legalized actually experienced a 20+% drop in marijuana use - - and more, and more - - published in 1996 - - and every prediction and fact still as accurate as when it was published - - everything just a little worse. **We re-printed a small number of copies. Available at no charge; just send self-addressed and stamped envelope to: IAAM, 218 Ave. B, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.**

THIS BUD'S FOR THE U.S.

TIME, Aug. 23, 2004, p. 36-37. An estimated 880 - 2,200 tons of marijuana are grown each year in Canada. About 90% of this crop winds up in the US, where its street value ranges from \$ 5 billion to \$ 25 billion. This article in TIME is a "must read" for anybody concerned about the US drug problem/war.

Let's take this one step further: Since only 5% of the US pot comes from Canada (government facts), the total US pot consumption is somewhere from 16,000 to 40,000 tons/year, bringing the street value to \$ 100 billion to \$ 500 billion. Legalizing pot and selling it slightly above present street prices, the government could easily take in from \$ 25 to \$ 100 billion in taxes. Such a measure would not only empty our totally over-crowded jails, but it would also cut down on the drug pusher's financial capacity; their major financial base comes from marijuana sales. Let's take this to the next level, using the created tax dollars for law enforcement to go after drug dealers and the truly dangerous and addictive drugs - - and anti-drug efforts would now realize results.

Meth Use Causes Long-Term Brain Damage

Dr. Nora Volkow of Brookhaven National Laboratory and her colleagues used positron emission tomography (PET) to measure brain functions in 15 former heavy methamphetamine users and published their findings in the March 2001 issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry. In crucial areas of their brains, they had significantly lower levels of key chemicals called dopamine transporters. Dopamine helps to energize the body, and a lack of it results in the opposite: a slowing down that affects the motor functions of the brain.