

# Bungee Jumping? Land Diving? Car Racing? Horse Riding? Motorcycle Riding?

Although this pamphlet is titled Bungee Jumping, and Land Diving is mentioned, there are many dangerous activities engaged in every day.

You need not attach rubber bands to your ankles and jump from bridges to risk breaking your neck, cracking your skull open, or drowning. There are myriad legal activities the government regulates to some degree in which you can be maimed or die. And you need not be a participant in those activities or sports; sometimes spectators die or are seriously injured. The moral of this story is to educate yourself, be prepared, and be careful.

## WAR ON DRUGS Myth

*The U.S. 'Controlled Substances Act' means we control those substances.*

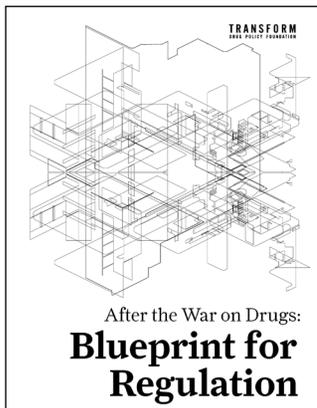
**FALSE!** Government has no more control of those substances than the man in *The Little Prince* had control over all the stars, which he made lists of and claimed to own.

Because of prohibition, government has abdicated control of those substances; **it is the traffickers, gangs, and dealers who control them!** Traffickers, gangs, and dealers decide where to sell drugs and how pure or adulterated the drugs are. The dealers and gangs decide the hours of operation. The dealers and gangs decide how old a person must be to buy drugs, and what to charge for them.

## IDEAS FOR ENDING THE DRUG WAR

The Transform Drug Policy Foundation has published a book everyone should read, *After the War on Drugs: Blueprint for Regulation*. It suggests and analyzes "specific models of regulation for each main type and preparation of prohibited drug, coupled with the principles and rationale for doing so."

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## Questions

— *Why end prohibition?*

Although the origins of drug prohibition are rooted in racism, even ignoring that and focusing on good intentions, as it has been implemented it's doing the exact opposite of what we want. It ensures kids have easy access, it enriches those who wish to harm us, it has put more armaments on the streets, and drugs can't even be kept out of prisons.

— *Doesn't prohibition keep drugs out of people's hands, especially children?*

No! Vilifying drugs causes the rebellious to gravitate to them in order to anger authority. And, as with alcohol prohibition, adults use kids to run and deal drugs because if caught, the penalties are much less for kids than for adults. As a side "benefit" of using kids, this makes it easier to get other kids to try drugs.

— *Are you saying drug prohibition is like alcohol prohibition?*

Yes! It has created a mind-bogglingly lucrative black market. Traffickers and gangs fight over routes and turf. Manufacturers are not regulated, they work to make stronger concentrations, and their products can kill, like some bathtub gin.

— *Are you saying everyone should try drugs?*

No! Ending prohibition is about ending the overwhelmingly negative and counterproductive repercussions it has created.

## Quotes

The answer is to hold people accountable for what they do, but not punish them for what they put in to their bodies. — Judge James P. Gray -- [www.JudgeJimGray.com](http://www.JudgeJimGray.com)

Nothing outside a person can make him unclean by going into him. — *Jesus, Mark 7:15*

He had discovered a great law of human action, without knowing it - namely, that in order to make a man or a boy covet a thing, it is only necessary to make the thing difficult to obtain. — *Mark Twain*

It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his job depends on not understanding it. — *Upton Sinclair*

It is when power is wedded to chronic fear that it becomes formidable. — *Eric Hoffer*

Drug prohibition exacerbates every ill the prohibitionists decry. — *Andrew C. Bairnsfather*

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# Bungee Jumping & Drugs

## *A Lesson in Harm Reduction*

- **Potential Terror**
- **Potential Accidents**
- **Potentially Deadly**
- **Potential Thrills**

*Why bringing things in to the light is always better than showing them in to the darkness.*

The simple historical & sociological facts behind the inevitable failures of prohibition.

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## What is Bungee Jumping?

Bungee jumping is a form of thrill-seeking where people attach elastic cords to themselves then jump from high places and bounce up and down. Most often bungee jumping takes place off of bridges.

## What is Land Diving?

Land divers jump from tall, primitive structures of vines and tree branches. Wearing next-to-nothing, men attach jungle vines to their ankles and dive off. **Their goal is to hit the ground with their heads!** See photo below.

## What is Harm Reduction?

Harm reduction is a mindset and strategy for dealing with the fact some people want to, *and will*, engage in potentially dangerous and harmful activities.

# What if Bungee Jumping was Declared Illegal?

## Introduction

With bungee jumping as an example, let's apply lessons from alcohol prohibition and see what would happen if bungee jumping was made illegal. Why make it illegal?

All it takes is a few well publicized and particularly gruesome accidents for an activity, and people, to meet sudden and searing public scrutiny.

Let's imagine legislation is passed to outlaw bungee jumping; a sport once enjoyed by many (but not most of the population), employing a modest number, and relatively unknown, has been forced into the public spotlight.

## Bungee Jumping Equipment Will Be Confiscated then Publicly and Ceremonially Destroyed

During alcohol prohibition great fanfare was made by smashing barrels of alcoholic beverages. Some people even tore up drinking establishments. All of this may make the prohibitionists feel good, but creates serious resentment, "you've been vanquished! We are the God-elected righteous winners, and you are the hedonistic and evil losers."

Since it has been given forbidden fruit status — thus enticing the rebellious to try it — you can also expect the numbers of bungee jumpers to grow; many looking to irritate authority on purpose.

## Bungee Jumping Prohibitionists are Confounded by Legitimate Uses of Bungee Cords

An outright ban on all bungee cords will not work. There are many uses for bungee cords which do not involve jumping from bridges.

## Prohibitionists Pressure Government to Pressure Industry to "Poison" Bungee Cords

Just like prohibitionists forced industry to poison industrial alcohol in case it might be diverted for human consumption — and it was and people died — bungee jumping prohibitionists will work to ensure bungee cords fail when used for jumping. This is to "send a message" that bungee jumping is dangerous; their murderous hypocrisy eludes them.

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## People Will Still Bungee Jump — Voilà, the Black Market

This should not be a surprise. Just because you tell people not to do something does not mean they will stop. They will figure out ways to elude detection. They will be called addicts; addicts who abuse their bodies for a few seconds — not even minutes or hours — of fun.

## Bungee Jumping Takes Place in Remote Areas

In order to avoid detection, bungee jumpers scout for remote locations where they can jump with as much privacy as they can; as well as places where lookouts can be on guard. Unfortunately this means they will jump from bridges which are not in the best repair, and locations which are far from help. Those factors lead to the next issue.

## Bungee Jumping Accidents are Particularly Gruesome

Because bungee jumpers are using homemade bungee cords, because they tend to jump from lesser inspected bridges, because they use cords meant to fail for such use, and because they jump in remote locations, accidents are much more likely to happen. And when they happen they are likely to be deadly. Even those who survive the fall will most likely die since trips to the hospital will take much longer, assuming there are people willing to be incriminated by taking them there.

## Bungee Jumping Becomes Associated with Sick-Minded Criminal Hedonists Who do Anything for Thrills

Bungee jumping prohibitionists constantly influence the media and public that bungee jumpers are lawbreakers with no respect for the law, for authority, for the safety of others, and are merely engaging in this activity because they are addicts; addicted to the hedonistic pleasures of bungee jumping.

Prohibitionists with a familiarity of the Bible will draw parallels between bungee jumping and testing God. In particular when the Devil took Jesus up to the highest point of the temple and told him to jump from it, that he would be safe, angels would protect him.

Ultimately, enforcing prohibition becomes a religion for the prohibitionists and anyone who disagrees with them is evil, morally inferior, and should be put in prison for a long time via mandatory minimum sentences.

## Bungee Jumping Prohibitionists Unduly Influence Educational Institutions

During alcohol prohibition, prohibitionists tried a number of ways to force their views into schools. They pressured legislators. They pressured textbook authors and publishers. They created their own materials.

Their textbooks promoting prohibition and demonizing alcohol, were not received well. They contained many errors and propaganda dressed up as science. Bungee Jumping prohibitionists will follow in their footsteps.

## Conclusions

We can not inspect, control, or regulate potentially dangerous activities as long as they are in the black market. We can not set age limits, educational prerequisites, hours of operation, or other important conditions.

Potentially dangerous activities become vastly more dangerous once prohibited. Not just because they are pushed into the dark, where society has a difficult time minimizing harms, but **because prohibitionists often take out their frustrations on those engaging in the activity and actively work to make the circumstances of the activity more dangerous.**



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