

# What is the **DRUG WAR Tree?**

As can be seen on the inside of this handout both John the Baptist and Jesus used the tree metaphor for people and things. In particular it was used to encourage people to look past surface appearances and to judge the “tree” by its fruit.

You are encouraged to closely inspect the inside of this flyer, to question each of the points (fruit) raised, and to question yourself, government policies, and God.

Various aspects of the Drug War are over 100-years-old. It was stepped-up in earnest in the 1970’s; since then over \$1 trillion dollars has been spent on it, yet drugs are more pure than in the 1970’s, drugs are easier to find, and younger and younger people have access to them. Why? Drug prohibition makes every problem worse.

## WAR ON DRUGS Myth

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

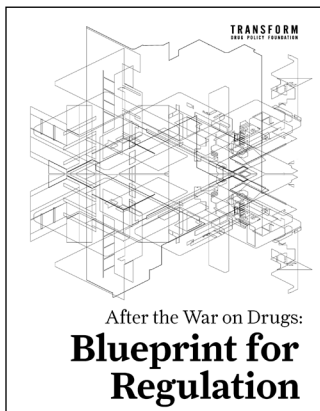
**FALSE!** Government has no more control of those substances than the man in *The Little Prince* had control over all the stars, which he made lists of and claimed to own.

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 will be. Dealers and gangs decide the hours of operation. 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*

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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# What has been the Fruit of the DRUG WAR TREE



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