

Clearing Away Confusion - We Are Not the Extremists

Some people want you to believe there are only two possibilities: on one hand there is prohibition and on the other hand there is allowing any drug to be consumed by anyone of any age at anytime. Most reformers are on the straight and narrow, in between those extremes.

As seen below in "WAR ON DRUGS Myth," prohibition ensures failure, it mandates black market control of drugs.

On the inside you will find simple statements-as-parameters and statements-as-hand-holding to guide you between the two extremes: intrinsically flawed absolutist prohibition and wild free for all.

When you are ready for more details please read the "Blueprint" book mentioned below.

WAR ON DRUGS Myth

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

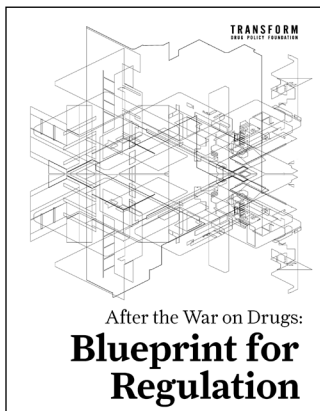
FALSE! Government has no more control of those substances than the man in *The Little Prince* had control over all the stars, which he made lists of and claimed to own.

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*

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 We Are Not Saying

- What We Are **Not** Saying is do drugs.
- What We Are **Not** Saying is if you can't beat them, join them.
- What We Are **Not** Saying is get loaded, wasted, "party time," etc...
- What We Are **Not** Saying is being concerned about others is evil.

- What We Are **Not** Saying is all drugs should be on every corner-store's shelves for everyone to try out for fun (*near total lack of regulations*).
- What We Are **Not** Saying is all drugs should be in the hands of the black market for it to sell to anyone (*complete lack of regulations*).

& What We Are Saying

Drug War is not God's will!

Drug War is *against* God's will!

Religion

- Jesus said, "be merciful," which he meant first and foremost as an attitude and behavior to show others.
- Jesus said, "be perfect," which he meant as a standard for each individual to hold himself or herself to, not a subjective standard to force on others.
- Jesus prophesied people's hearts would grow cold; Drug War is neither loving nor merciful.

Health

- Politicians could end injection overdose deaths with a stroke of a pen.
- People who feel addicted need our help, not condemnation.
- Drug addiction should

be redressed through the healthcare system, not criminal justice system.

- Shaming drug addicts causes them to hide and not seek help, making their problems worse.
- Most addicts quit on their own, without coercion.
- Because drugs are controlled by the black market they are unregulated — unknown strength, unknown pollutants — substance identification is based on hearsay, contraindications are ignored, past medical history is ignored.

The Black Market

- Prohibition leads to the black market where disputes are settled with

violence and innocent bystanders are harmed.

- Prohibition props up grossly inflated prices, ensuring an endless supply of traffickers and dealers wishing to get in on the action.
- Violence breeds violence. Witness U.S. Drug War policies being forced on Mexico in earnest these past 5-6 years in which ~50,000 have died.
- Due to enormous profits on one hand and death threats on the other, corruption exists at all levels of government.
- Removing the enormous profits of black market drugs automatically begins to shrink it and its proclivity to push drugs.
- No drugs are "gateway" drugs; the only gateway

encouraging stronger drugs are profit-seeking underground peddlers.

- The more potential harm caused, the more potentially addicting a drug is, the more it needs to be removed from the black market.
- Businesses that launder money hurt legitimate businesses.

Teens

- Teens and gangs should not be selling drugs.
- In both economically depressed and affluent areas, dealing drugs is an attractive way to earn money.
- Many teens only need to hear kindly advice to keep them from trying drugs.
- Children and teens often test limits and rules imposed on them; they

need to know we love them. To that end we need to end the vilification, shaming, and condemnation of drug users in case they experiment and need help. Otherwise they will hide the truth from us and could end up dead.

Simple Statements of Fact

- Every major panel assembled to study drugs and drug use concludes it should not be a criminal matter.
- Neither individuals nor corporations should profit from imprisoning others.
- The government has created a conflict-of-interest for itself, it props up grossly inflated drug prices on one hand then uses civil asset forfei-

ture laws to grab money with the other; unfortunately, forfeiture laws are grossly abused.

- The "War on Drugs" is not a war against drugs, but a war against people; too often an excuse to engage in ethnic cleansing and socioeconomic cleansing.
- Our country needs more places of learning, and fewer prisons.
- Schools add value to society, prisons do not.
- Our country has ~5% of the world's population, but ~25% of the world's prisoners.
- Unsustainable, ballooning, Drug War budgets should be slashed, money and human resources redirected.