

War on Drugs

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In the war against drugs most Americans understand neither the problem nor the solution. The problem is not that illegal drugs destroy people and society. The problem is: society cannot control the extent to which the destruction occurs, nor afford associated costs.

The solution is not to outlaw drugs, nor to force law-abiding citizens to foot the bill for destruction caused by drug abuse. The solution is: legalize presently illegal drugs, impose an age limit for their utilization, tax them heavily, and the levy the death sentence on those who bootleg drugs either as buyers or sellers.

The death sentence is the sticky part. Parents who use drugs, or know their children use drugs, are loathe the see themselves or their children die, or to see their bootleg supply dry up.

Well, that is just tough titty. Our nation does not need drug dealers or abusers, and killing them is not cruel or unusual punishment. In fact, it isn't punishment at all. It is simply society's way of humanely getting rid of the cause of the problem.

The remainder of the solution is to kill foreign drug traffickers on the spot, confiscate their useful property and bank accounts, and destroy their fields, factories, and methods of communication. The U.S. government fostered the development of fungi that would kill opium poppy crops for many years to come, but the Clinton administration shut down the program for some unknown reason, and the Bush administration has failed to resuscitate it. The U.S. military should have spread that fungus into Afghanistan, Pakistan, the golden triangle, and any other major world source of opium. The government should sponsor similar technology for destroying coca crops.

A serious problem in the implementation of the war on drugs is that administrators and officers often keep drugs and money found in the possession of drug criminals, and/or accept bribes and payoffs. Nothing else could account for the ineffectiveness of the war on drugs.

To fix this problem we should heighten qualifications for drug agents and officials, and give them bonuses as a percentage of recovered money, plus death sentences for being caught with their hands in the cookie jar, were being blind to or tolerating corruption. Our nation does not need criminal cops. And, it's about time good cops got good pay.

But, "How we pay for all of this," you ask. No-brainer. The excise tax on the sale of newly legal narcotics will cover all of the expenses that are not paid by recovered property. It will make so much money we can get rid of the income tax altogether. And, the fact that the police receive bonuses based on the property recovered will elevate the quality of police and other public servants. My plan will also get rid of about half the financing of international terrorism and organized crime, and that will produce enormous benefits to mankind and civilization.

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