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I believe that it's time to end these ridiculous drug laws that are based on public hysteria and misinformation. Lawmakers have an obligation to use science and reason when reaching decisions about public policy, which rarely seems to occur.

Prohibition does not work

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Prohibition of alcohol in the United States was repealed because it did not work then, and it does not work now. Like in the 1930s, it has created gigantic criminal organisations while the public ignored and mocked the law while just hiding the fact they were breaking it.

Laws do not change people's opinions

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It's ridiculously easy to obtain illegal drugs at any time I'd like. Banning things does not work - politicians seem to live in a fantasy land wherein things they don't like disappear overnight after being made illegal. It's time to face reality.

Drugs are made more dangerous by being illegal

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Adulterants in illegal drugs are almost guaranteed, as dealers look to increase profits by adding potentially harmful and non-active substances. A drug like MDMA, in the words of former UK health minister David Nutt, "is no more dangerous than riding a horse". Yet, people are routinely hospitalised and even die after unknowingly consuming drugs like DXM and PMA, sold as real MDMA. I have been made ill by this practice myself. I consider these draconian laws to be the root cause of these avoidable situations, and by allowing it to continue, you are all showing extreme negligence.

Police corruption and public perception

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As someone who knows multiple drug dealers, I can tell you for a fact that the police routinely under-declare the quantities of drugs they seize, most likely to consume or sell. The dealers remain silent, because they receive less punishment.

Public perception of the police is in the toilet. I, and most people I know, avoid interacting with and talking to the police as a rule. There is zero benefit, but a potential to get in trouble, so why would I? We do not feel that they are our protectors, we are frightened of having 3 week old, non-impairing THC being detected in our systems when being surprised by a booze bus. I should not hesitate to report a crime because I'm worried they'll find something in my house that I forgot about, which then affects my future employment prospects permanently.

There is no consistency

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It is a fact that alcohol is more harmful to the human body and society at large than a huge portion of illegal drugs, yet it flows freely. Isn't it time to have some consistency in our laws?

The propaganda being pumped out by the government is hilarious, and I laugh at it with friends. I recall a bus ad a few years ago trying to insinuate that MDMA is, and can be, synthesised in filthy toilets (it cannot). Smoking marijuana turns people into sloths? You must think we are idiots.

I am in no way addicted to any substance, go months at a time consuming none, and I've tried a lot of them in my time. The notion that you can be addicted by one inhale of methamphetamine is simply incorrect, yet it is parroted constantly by our leaders, who just appear to be foolish, or liars.

It is immoral to incarcerate people for drug use

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If the only person being harmed by something they choose to do as an adult is themselves, it is ridiculous to waste our taxpayer money locking up these people. Paternal government must stop. If they are addicts, they need help, not to be thrown away like trash.

How can you think it is acceptable to break up families by imprisoning non-violent people?

Let's follow the US' lead

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Marijuana has been legalised in many states of the US, and the sky has not fallen. Former criminal gang money is now being taxed legally. Huge new industries are opening up. Jobs are being created. How can you ignore literal evidence that the hysteria around regulation is unfounded? The definition of insanity is to continue to do the same thing expecting different results, as we know.

The government works for the public, not the other way around. Stop treating people like children who can't think for themselves. Let's bring Australia into the current century and become innovators.

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