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RE: INQUIRY INTO DRUG LAW REFORM

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Safe injecting rooms may keep some alive for possible future ability to get off it. I would be interested to find out how many "recover" and where they continue to get the money from. I suspect keeping them alive this way continues their participation in crime. If they are sick give them what they need. Or make them pay for their medicine, but this brings up a more important issue "Who pays for essential health care?". See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sicko>. But this is another if related issue. Also I expect that most would prefer to consume their drugs in a more friendly, less sterile setting, home or party.

It appears that the current drug policies make it very profitable for criminals. From 1920 to 1933 the USA ran a strange social experiment that proved prohibition of something that a large proportion of the people wanted was counter productive and lead to a great increase in the number and power of organised criminals with a number of "officials" becoming corrupted. The higher the penalties, the higher the profit.

Why was hemp rope band? Hysteria? Why are medical Marijuana experiments so hard to run? Get real. Such inaccuracy and hysteria is only likely to cause these weak people to see that SOME of the information is wrong so they reject the lot.

Current drug information does not appear to be accurate. Many drugs are not as bad as represented, the problem is the strength and purity are often not as represented. Many artistic types over more than 100 years have been regular drug users and "appear" to be relatively unaffected. Accurate information on effects of different strengths is important.

I recommend that drug supply be legalised via pharmaceutical companies and possibly tobacco companies and liquor companies. Cost would be low, purity and concentration would be guaranteed. Illegal suppliers would soon disappear. Users would be less likely to be involved in crime to pay. Less money or incentive to corrupt officials. Anyone supporting these sick (physically and mentally) people would be seen as nice people and would not risk violating any laws.

I understand that a term used a corruption "Needle exchange" now means give them new ones, non taken back. Where are the used ones?

Stop the hysteria and ensure ALL information is accurate and not coloured. Make them legal. Again see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sicko> and apply this in the manner intended and to this issue.

I am 65 years old. Have a glass of red wine with most evening meals and once or twice a week have two, some times three standard drinks during an evening with friends. I have never taken any illegal drugs and never intend to using illegal substance to change my mental state. I have taken a drug on prescription to assist me cope with my depression.

-- Don Ray

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I'm happy for my submission and details to be made public.