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Drugs are best treated as a health issue. Changing how we treat users of illegal drugs will:
#Help people out of the cycle of dependence and prison.
#Will make people safer from users who currently steal and use drugs in public places.
#Will be a cheaper and kinder public policy.

Portugal has a model of dealing with drugs in society that we should adopt. They treat drugs as a health issue and there society is better for it.
1/5 of all USA residence and the whole of Canada (from mid this year) now live with cannabis laws that have parody with alcohol, that is legal, regulated, taxed. The experience in Washington for example has seen no great increase in usage of pot, accidente or people needing medical help. The state is collecting millions in pot tax also, it's a win win.

Studies fail to show long term detriment to pot smokers (except if you are pre disposed to schizophrenia) even life insurance companies in north America have started to dissociate pot smoking from tobacco smoking as pot smoking does not have the same health results as tobacco.

It is time to legalize pot and de-criminalize drugs altogether, they need to be treated as a health issue with the money saved on law enforcement re directed to rehabilitation. Lets make Victoria a safer and kinder place.

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