

Winning the War on Drugs

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Simple, as the only drug war America has won was on prohibited alcohol – and how dear reader did the State win that war, by legalising alcohol consumption and taxing alcohol producers?



Al Capone - small fry

Has the US government learnt anything since launching its farcical war on other popular drugs in the modern age, not likely, nor will the farcical war on drugs ever be won by policing? The proof is in the stats. Regardless of the amounts of contraband that various branches of the police seize and confiscate, it is only a tiny fraction of the amount that make it to the illegal market; one need only go to the appropriate venues and procure any drug of choice and that applies to all western nations/cities where strict prohibitions apply.

Indeed, the legitimate and rational question could be asked, why not solve the problem by legalisation and applying taxation, a proven method of solving the problem? The answer then becomes convoluted as clearly no western nation seems interested in legalising popular drugs.

Now a word or two on markets, profit and quality:

It is widely known that the illegal market produces trillions of dollars annually for crime syndicates globally; this dirty money must find its way back into the legitimate economy as not only has it nowhere else to go but larger 'legitimate' interests have vested interests in procuring drug money, specifically large offshore banks which go to great lengths to funnel black money here, there, everywhere, until it magically re-emerges clean. This clean-dirty money is then absorbed by the larger legitimate financial players and is utilised in the mainstream economy, remember we are talking \$trillions here. Now if that source became legalised these amounts would plummet as most popular drugs are relatively simple and very inexpensive to produce. Legal prices would then reflect the competitive market and the overall price per whatever unit, becomes minimal -- goodbye black money in the \$trillions!

The next obvious question to be asked is in whose interest is it to maintain an illegal market in drugs, of course those that handle and benefit most from illegal profits and if we follow the money, which is not too difficult with today's computer technologies, we discover it is the major banks and major financial institutions, which in the USA own the government which legislates legality and illegality.

Work the rest out for yourselves and then perhaps you may come to the realisation that real representative democracy should be restored and judicial/political systems reformed and purged of corrupt cronies.

Illegal drugs lose their glamour when legalised and become a freely available commodity like alcohol, no mysteries -- and as the population is aware of the dangers of tobacco and alcohol an aware public would make informed choices and the crime rate would plummet. Now consider that in Australia it costs the taxpayer approximately \$50K/annum to house, feed and manage individual prison inmates, the vast majority of which are drug offenders, however, that cost is dwarfed in the USA where housing some inmates costs \$200K/individual.

Legalising drugs WORKS on numerous social and state fronts, pure, simple FACT and those forces that hide behind conservative religious organisations, which are by nature vehemently opposed to any form of legalisation are the white collar criminals that infest large banks and Wall St., which as we know also own western governments. So to put it in real terms we do not have a drug problem we have a gargantuan corruption problem.

It is absurd to the extreme to constantly waste the public's hard earned tax dollars on attempting to police a problem that could be solved almost overnight with a proven, tried and tested one-word formula, LEGALISATION! However, money corrupts and while the trillions of illegal dollars continue to funnel into the mainstream economy legalisation would seem unlikely. Surely, that is another GOOD reason for the vast majority of people to restore their respective governments and jail currently respected white collar criminals that prey on the weak, young and socially under-privileged for profit.

As a final note it's probably worth relating that during the prohibition years, infamous Chicago gangster Al Capone declared openly after he was convicted of tax evasion and sentenced to jail that he was only a small fry compared to the criminals that run the State, people he was forced to deal with throughout his entire criminal career; if it was true then in the kindergarten of organised crime, how much more relevant today?

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