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Subject: Re: Free Needles in Ukraine to Drug Users  
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2007 04:08:36 GMT  
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sadukar09 wrote on Fri, 07 December 2007 15:20Free needles means they won't need to share, means less HIV infection rate, and other diseases. (Hepatitis, for example)

EDIT: In Ottawa, we had a free needles program for drug addicts, but the city took it down. It reduced infection rate pretty well, until it went without funding.

Wait a second, you live here?

Shit.

z310 wrote on Fri, 07 December 2007 21:36They shouldn't pass out needles for free. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for that shit.

Logic behind this: stopping the spread of blood/sexually transmitted diseases to cut expenses related to said diseases, be it lawsuits or treatments. And it's more likely that they'll start asking for help if they're getting their needles from the government (also chances of some sort of follow-up) than from other junkies, which helps reducing the number of junkies.

"omg taxpayers money" - if you turn the junkie into a regular citizen it's like an investment anyway, as that money is likely to come back - keeping in mind that governments are non-profit (supposed to be) organizations that provide services that its population wants. And you're also implying that everyone who does drug doesn't pay taxes.

Beyond preventing the spread of diseases I don't know why I'd have to add anything, but I have anyway.

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