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Subject: Re: The "War on Drugs"

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The fact is that the police force is a reactionary force. By criminalizing something, the police force becomes a prevention force. Just because a substance \*may\* cause a person to do something, that person can do it WITHOUT that substance. I can drive recklessly while sober. I can bump into people and start fights at home or in bars without a drop of alcohol in my body. Punish THOSE actions and not the catalysts for them because the catalysts are numerous.

It's, also, not fair to use drunk driving in the post-prohibition world, though. I mean, when prohibition was in effect, it was the 1920s and 1930s. The number of cars on America's streets today is 229 MILLION cars. That's 79.6% of the population. The number was a mere fraction of that during the 1920s and 1930s. Not to mention how much faster cars go and the difference in speed limits.

It just makes no sense for me to be punished when I've done no harm to others. Plus, it's a fraction of the users that cause any problems. Of course, when you have an increase in something, there's going to be more instances of something negative, even while the percentages may actually go down.

If you have 10 planes, and one crashes, that's 10%. If you have 500 crashes and 10 go down, that's 5%, yet the crashes increased by 1000%.

Not to mention that violent crime goes down when things are decriminalized because black markets no longer have a stranglehold of the market and can't get away with murder, literally.

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