

1) The Children Judge Gray - They will be helped

FRIENDS TELL FRIENDS THE TRUTH

2- Children - Not Shielded - Remained by this system

6- Updated concept of "First - Do No Harm."

7- on Maintenance - addiction gets high or has withdrawal

8- List of alternatives to drug use - all must contain large education component.

9- If it's taken up to me

10 Approach the issue as managers not moralists to bring these drugs back under our laws. Law n Order we have a set of laws that are - The more we bring drugs under the law the less collateral damage there will be. Always be strong role of law enforcement.

11 Must have new final National Commission

Reasons for illegal racism for empowering ignorance

Alternatives without problems too

12 Walter Cronkite on End of Robert McNamara

VII Why the USA - Why hasn't this complex of drug use

Crime over crowded contraband economy here unparalleled totalitarism upsurge at the center of empire.

Only people who have been fitted large dealers/Drag Warriors

14 1988 Resolution - we'd be "Drug free by 1995"?

All comes down to 2 fundamental questions

(1) Manager or Moralist (Important going away)

(2) Is it worth the risk (maybe moral) to bring them back under the law

15 Clear Fed govt does not have right answers

(1) Renew Federalism - more local governments take command

(2) Alter our treaties

16 Friends tell Friends the Truth Quote

17 Judge Whitman Knapp Quote - Jail? Doesn't do any good.

Hard drug use constant

Common theme - get tougher - problem worsens - 28th C

18 PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX prison - we quote unimaginable amounts of money, real abuse of power, scandal of people

20 First Law Rec. illegal substance requirement to grow hemp

21 1906 Most effective Drug law in history, prompt substantial forward action

22 Launched the nation into crime / Sellers - high profit Buyers - high cost.

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Advance Praise for Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed and What We Can Do About It

23 1953 Rufus King Quote - Protects organized crime

"Judge Gray's thorough and scholarly work, based as it is on his personal experience, should help considerably to improve our impossible drug laws. [His] book drives a stake through the heart of the failed War on Drugs and gives us options to hope for in the battles to come."

Alc. Prohibition fed prison - 400% ↑

Walter Cronkite

73 San Francisco drug offenses

"However harmful the ingestion of drugs are to their users, the attempt to prohibit drugs has made matters far worse, threatening our basic rights to life, liberty and property. That is Judge Gray's thesis in this important book and he cites overwhelming evidence to support it. His proposals to improve the situation do not go as far as I would like, but they are all feasible and in the right direction. If adopted, they would produce a major improvement."

Milton Friedman

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"The war on drugs cannot be a war on discussion of this problem. We can fight drug use and abuse and still explore viable options. Judge Gray illuminates options and in the process will promote necessary discussion of them."

George P. Shultz

(It's all here!) A stinging indictment of today's drug strategies and a rallying cry around new strategies for tomorrow."

Gary E. Johnson, Governor of New Mexico

"It has been said that in public policy development we must distinguish between ideas that sound good and good ideas that are sound. In this book, Judge Gray provides sound ideas for a more effective national drug control policy. He recognizes that the War on Drugs needs new thinking for this new century."

Kurt L. Schmoke, former Mayor of the City of Baltimore

"This book is a powerful indictment of our failed war on drugs. Jim Gray not only communicates the devastation wrought by a war he witnessed from the frontlines as a trial judge and federal prosecutor, but he displays in these pages the moral courage it takes to cry out that the emperor wears no clothes."

Arianna Huffington, syndicated columnist  
available that nobody knows what was in

- 23 - Ended Prohibition - Mandate Rate dropped 11 straight yrs  
 25 1937 J.A.M.A. editorial strongly said Fed govt  
 should not ban cannabis.  
 26 Anti pot law "distinct, direct, and lasting effect"  
 was to Bring in Cocaine  
 27 Book - Include Second WW revival "Hemp for  
 Victory"  
 28 Legislation Sequence '51, '56  
 '61 US, got other nations to sign that its way was the  
 only way  
 MONEY - 19.2 Billion for 2000 = total major airlines  
PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX - each year  
 related - because of high cost.  
 Great Judges Quote  
 29 European Union - 100 mil more people than us. We have  
 6 times as many locked up:  
 400,000 Behind Bars for drug offenses.  
 58% of federal prisoners  
 30 700,000 pot busts - 87% for possession only  
 every 45 seconds, somebody is arrested for Pot  
 parole - Pot - 28 day wait test "an easy stat"  
 One in 20 of my babies will do time in jail - over 4  
 do my black ones.  
 32 Violent offenders sentences have decreased to make room  
 N.Y. State Corrections Commissioner said the wrong people are  
 serving the long time. - Tough on drugs = soft on crime.  
 33 Addicted to PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX  
 34 Cal. till 84 + 13 state prisons 84-99 20 more  
 over crowded  
 35 Government going broke  
 36 Mental Hospitals - Local Jails become largest Mental Hosp.  
 37 Now Let Go Be cause of Over Crowding - L A County  
 38 Don't let go - serve 25% of sentence  
 39 1000 Drug Smugglers just let go - no room deported  
 Prisoner cost 20,000 to 30,000 per yr - down to 50,000  
 40 jumps to \$69,000 for over 55 prisoners

- 35 strikes Mandatory 25 yrs to life  
 85% of them violent  
 Pot 4 times as likely to give 3rd strike as  
 murder, rape, kidnapping combined.  
 41 Power of the C.P.O.A. Jail Employees union 1.9 mil -  
 Biggest donor to Legislative races - more money than  
 a tenured UC professor with Ph.D.  
 40 - For Police State Conf. of Judges secret committee  
 and its  
 because police want to  
 u incidentally  
 Criminal net.  
 42 judges  
 protest soon as the "revolutionary document that it is" - that  
 Courts can't handle  
**Why Our Drug Laws  
Have Failed  
and What We Can  
Do About It**  
 The evolution of cases - (exp + provide "justice", giving trials  
 43 - Gray says  
 The volume  
 causes prosecutors to settle for shorter sentences - bail, non-jury  
**A JUDICIAL INDICTMENT  
OF THE WAR ON DRUGS**  
 42 - understand with Federal Addiction  
 All the different federal agencies are made addicted to drug &  
 They also get addl. B to fight War on Drugs.  
 43 - In 10 years the number of women incarcerated for drug  
 WOMEN offenses increased 888%  
 Deal with women with "the children"  
 WOMEN - 75% also single parents of young children,  
 May end up put up for adoption.  
 Costs upto \$5000 a month to keep child in soup kitchen  
 So Cost of keeping family apart \$145,000 per year + Taxpayer  
 44 Racism on a given 1991 Baltimore day 58% of Black males  
 between 18-35  
 45 More RACISM in state, by 1995 1/3 (33%) of "Males in 20's  
 13% VOTING disenfranchised - now this is for  
 Throat reasons. "Help" them by accomplishing discrimination  
 by own methods  
 One in 6 Fed prisoners incarcerated for Pot  
 47 - we have been poisoning ourselves by the policies we have chosen  
 Prisoner cost 20,000 to 30,000 per yr - down to 50,000  
 48 - Best Judge quote - Myers Nobody ever said we were winning  
 49 - 91% test positive for drugs Behind Bars

- 49 Pearson, Charles - deals drugs in prison / transformed  
 If we can't keep drug out of prisons - how could we  
 in society / community
- 53 The Children My god Harsh Drug law has children  
 recruited as dealers  
 So law enforcement has hired children informants - who  
 have then been killed
- 51 ~ Incredible long letter from Judge who set up  
 Whole ODALE Network  
 total busts of Phoenix & San Diego - 8th day reappear  
 month Burners as usual But don't know who's doing  
 ★ If we had been given 100% 20 times the resources  
 we would have failed
- 53 Many jurisdictions have produced crack cocaine  
 for stings. Made with your taxes  
 Taxes pay to make crack!
- 54 For "our children" Just say No to failed drug policy  
 Judge Gray Effective Answer: Ednc. & Treatment of People  
 to medical, individual responsibility.
- 56 - other countries  
 International - "What we need is for your country to stop -  
 consuming the drug ..."  
 Support Needlesman "Create price support for the drug  
 Judge industry." They couldn't  
 have designed it better
- 57 100 of cocaine in Colombia = 5 to 10,000 in US  
 No police in a free society could counteract that force.
- 58 And if we did cut off the plant-based drugs we would  
 just get synthetics - much more dangerous - not  
 standing international norms
- Fentanyl - Kills 126
- 60 - New High Yield Coca Bush in production
- 62 Would it be better to have a policy that didn't invite  
 such corruption?
- After list of Police excess  
 What causes highly respected Republican military-trained judges to say "The  
 present situation is hopeless - things will never get any better, ...."
- 63 EX-BEAT guy says - No hope in Law Enforcement in stopping drug  
 traffic Bill what if the point of it is to expand the Enforcement  
 Court says 75% of currency has cocaine traces - L.A. - Las Vegas
- 64 - DEA failed - succeeded in spreading drug use Heroin

- Heroin 20 yrs 1980-2000 1/4 of price 10 times exposure.  
 They will tell the children to maintain power grab.
- 65 DEA Went into marijuana & demanded garden poppies uprooted  
 66 Opium - used to be as common as aspirin
- # Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed and What We Can Do About It
- Drug Selling Violence  
 Can Drive People from homes - run neighborhoods woman drawn out by molotov cocktail  
 67 on Judge 40yr  
 HOA exp "do more harm than good quote"  
 GY Crime is caused by Drug Policy sending high price  
 turf battle  
 To get the money
- 68 Can't A JUDICIAL INDICTMENT  
 adequately deal with other crime - rapist, murderer  
 What if that rapist had attacked your family - The only way  
 to get any law and order is to end the war on drugs.
- Crime Huge Percentage drug war related CRIME  
 Reduce crime by reducing drug war - fight just crime
- Judge James P. Gray plenty of air space.
- 70 Other crime not resolved NO budget for burglary  
 murder investigation - 47% prosecuted  
 compared to 80% in 60s 16% conviction
- 71 If the same effort could be used  
 other crimes - Same Resources on Murder, Rape, Robbery, Burglary  
 have a drop in rate
- So crime drops 2 ways  
 - No Drug War Crime  
 Able to focus resources on crime
- 72 Crime Diagrams How the CYCLE - circle of drug war  
 crime works.  
 Forfeiture T Temple University Press  
 goes to economy  
 incentives  
 concentrate on drug sales rather than solving crime  
 - Drugs supposedly cause harm but cops are told to follow  
 the money & get it - let drugs flow  
 Spend funds should go to private account  
 Fed's must state crime fighting decisions  
 when they undermine control of the fed

73 Drugs have boosted Crime for Decades  
73 Wm. F. Buckley - More people die from War on Drugs than from O.D.  
Alcohol Prohibition Exactly same - crime high then went up  
73 Judges, Prosecutors, he had come down after war

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Convicted - Stole \$ mil  
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Fed Prosecutor - story of police corruption revolves around

④ drugs used in Book  
73 Detail on Ramparts Scandal - Stealing drugs - killing, selling drugs  
④ For Book - Never say anything to anyone about you or others  
"drug" behavior, NO teacher, counselor, doctor, police officer. There may be a law that says they have to turn you in. However, if so, part of your personal responsibility to know if you do need help & see if there's a halfway to get it.

76 Official corruption is one of the most invidious Crimes against Society - Indeed the Worst - Why I won't go into Mexico

Indeed - what would you have

- Regulated / Tamed Drug market - some possible increase or destruction of integrity of law enforcement & police state  
④ heale - and zero tolerance

Some do win giant lawsuits for atrocities - Taxpayers Money will lose other civic goods - roads parks libraries  
1993 - 2000 Ops in Fed. Prison went to 668 a 600% increase  
List of All the Officials Corrupted

1 Mil per week from Mexico  
77 The About Einstein quote  
disrespect goes to the law

Crime increases

77 The Children - Causes Youth gangs - dealing by gunsmoke  
78-79 The Children Who want to buy them, confronted with dealers with all the cash - temptation to anybody  
6 - get guns involved in children's environment  
79 - The Children - Intro quote "Look at what our drug policy is actually doing to them." The CHILDREN Lead Quote  
80 - we have made a plague out of a disease - huge profits created a market, crime  
mostly

International  
Colombia Peru Bolivia Mexico

**Friends tell friends the truth**

Killed 95 people in Bogota, Captured Palace Justice  
Bogota, Captured Palace Justice  
11 of 20 SC Justices

83 - We Certify and de-certify their compliance  
82 with Great Kid. Game Lead Quote "Let's Pretend"  
Overall - Didn't realize that we were just 1/3 of it Black Pepper

Years of Drugwar is the totalitarianism finding the modern jew to hound. Defect criticism & Bush Power  
# Machiavelli Total Power - Darkward to risk democracy  
any more with this much to lose.

83 International - what we're saying. We confront consumption so you must enforce production - when

Biggest Cash crop of California is Marijuana  
84 - Countries Economies too dependent on Revenue from Drugs  
Busts make no difference - cat in mouse for decades

87 Ecology poisons, pesticides & scenario based ocean market  
Internat'l - Developing country-dependent could not afford to stop flow

Columbia top export, Far exceeds oil or coffee  
88 Corrupts the police of many countries  
89 Tara Lumen Indians - wiped out in Mexico - had lived in mountains for 6000 years - Area overtaken by gunmen  
137,500 contaminated acre.

89, 90 TERRORISM - Drug Money Supports  
90 Money from drugs smuggling supports terrorists.  
George Schultz Quote

MEXICO thoroughly & utterly corrupted.  
it is the Mexican who are bleeding heavily from violence - implying our money

92 Several Thousand a year dead - Drug War killing  
70% of Drugs come across border.

- 93 Int'l - Nothing good happening on foreign front.
- 3/ Bill of Rights - Nothing has wrecked B. II of B.R.s nearly as much as war on Drugs - Legal Quote for B.II.  
Judge Quote - laws draconian, sentences savage  
Why 1) Money of Prohibition → Crime - push for law  
2) Constitutional crime, no complaint, so you must intrude into private life
- 96 Many would give up a "few" rights to control drugs - but that hasn't happened  
"for this loss of civil liberties we have no leg. to sue anyone."
- 98 - Frozen Vehicle - if previously used to transport Drugs.  
Atrocity List - 4th Amendment
- 99 4th Am't. Exclusionary Rule denied. This was the institutional safeguard that protected society from law enforcement excess. gone US v. Leon  
Can walk around locked gates. No trespassing sign - look on your property  
**INTERNATIONAL**. wanted Mexican Doctor - Not extradite. Just paid \$20,000 to kidnappers  
Rheinquist said fine. He was Not Convicted. 15 Safeguards  
3 Justices said it was a "monstrous" decision
- 100 Tom Paine Quote - Establish liberty for all - or the tyranny will reach you - Time for people with money to worse, But used as precedent to kidnap another guy  
"How would we like it if they kidnapped the tobacco company CEO and took him to their country for trial."  
- On a mission from god - like Old Test.
- 102 A major cause of U.S. Revolution was Home Invasion and "carte blanche search. With U.S. A. said Can't have one const. for good guys vs. one for "bad guys".  
Conservative - liberal who just got mugged  
Liberal - a conservative who just got mugged  
Society to lose protections - So hard to get them back
- 103 Settlements - Rare - but Taxpayers pay  
JUDGES - many around the country - spread alarm. Drug Policy must be changed
- The Children - off to College - freshman cocaine killed dorm counselor and self. Some just want to go through the purpose for Humiliation.
- 104 How DEA works - Don Scott - warrant was based on DEA pilot "observations" other Air 8 ground search, saw nothing. Smo investigation Revealed - They wanted his property  
**DON SCOTT**, paid tip - also shot computer exec. Donald Carlson informant also fingered another innocent guy.
- 105 Tip Have Police Kill someone for you - Pedro Oregon Narvaez
- 106 Shot 65 year old mom; the back in his bedroom was never suspected - want to find evidence against guy next door
- 107 They are never tried, personally. Property forfeited  
This book is dedicated to or even fined
- 106 The Children Mashed/Riot Gear Rufus King, Esq.  
Prof. Alfred Lindesmith  
Dr. Milton Friedman  
Edward M. Brecher
- 107 Posse Comitatus Justice Gerald LeDain on a philosophical level.  
Armed Forces Dr. Herbert Berger  
Mayor Kurt Schmoke  
William F. Buckley, Jr.  
Secretary of State George Shultz
- 108 Informants Richard Dennis  
- Facing Mandatories  
Quote "Lie and Lie  
Let about 15,000 Dr. Willis P. Butler take charge of investigations  
wild out of control, Informants Judge Robert W. Sweet
- Informant how Chief Joseph D. McNamara  
Worse record than Prof. Ethan Nadelmann  
Defendant Prof. Arnold S. Trebach  
Kevin Zeese, Esq.
- 109 Juries can reject informants  
And are bribed. and all of the other pioneers who had
- 110 Big fish are cut loose the audacity and courage years ago to and paid Hundreds challenge our country's failed drug policy.  
of Those to build Court ruled \$580,000 plus.  
Cases against others \$400,000 bonus pd. after testimony was not a bribe or an "improper inducement for perjury or fabricated evidence." on 1998 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. Ruled it had to STOP  
cross-revered itself. Then found federal prosecutors exempt from the federal bribery law.

10 In informants - Convictions were reversed. Informants had been given Cocaine & Heroin in prison by prosecutors - allowed to have sex w/ girlfriends in govt offices.

11 Photos of Sex in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office

112 McNamara Diego for an informant.

on Police Perjury - hundreds of thousands every year - because politicians tell them they are in "holy war" against evil.

115 The Judge Bursiga decision on religious rights

16. We should have religious hallucinogens - by doctor-remedies men

117 Judge Tried to throw out illegally gathered evidence  
Professional - overruled by political segregation grandstanding

118 On Innocent Till Proven Guilty For sentence Then turned upside down - People have burden of proof.

Never Before in US History

Ais Sign - "There Can't Be No Peace in a Land without Justice."

The Children - How Motivation of to know all you are in

your press to you can be arbitrarily destroyed at any time, kids kidnapped - Student Aid  
- Anti-motivators

Forfeiture from wallets of people.

Cops take the money from wallets -  
120 Innocence No Defense - Couple lost their shop - tenant

children, house guest,

2 Key Parts of Forfeiture Reform

a) Come after a conviction decided by jury  
b) Not go to law enforcement - huge amounts of cash  
too much incentive to do evil

121 Accounting? It just dribbles away - corrupt.

A Car? - Just go see one!

124 Jesus - Out of the mouth defileth a man  
Supreme Court "Pagan Precedent" That you can only be punished for your behavior, not your condition  
Robinson v. US

125 Why are they so successful in a Public Deception  
Demonize drug culture - opposite of decent

Drug use more than 40%.

TREATMENT - is effective ↓ drug use more than 40%.

126 Media "In the degraded political arena of 5 second sound bites, most politicians dare not be labeled soft on drugs

WOMEN - Moms - Not the organizers - future economists/kids  
Health Effects on users 1) overdoctors 2) No Quality Control 3) Unhealthy during 4) Need to commit crime.

127 M. Freedman CRIME estimate 10,000 people a year killed  
Because of High Price of buying & selling drugs.

128 The Children - No Amnesty for O.D. cases into hospital  
So kids friends let them die - for a fresh "would send the wrong message." Len Bias

129 Len Bias **Contents** Friends afraid to death - Caused by Prohibitionist fear - take him in.

130 The Children - Pregnant would pull away from help  
- Not accepted into treatment programs.

130 Medical Marijuana - Quote from patient - Could eat, sleep, now can walk

131 Mentally ill - we push them out - They self medicate than

132 Prescription Drugs PART II: Our Drug Laws Have Failed  
1 Past and Present 133 134 135 are full of them.

Huge Black Market \$25 B a year

132 Children with Emergence of the Prison-Industrial Complex

huge jump in pain killer abuse

turn to trash 2 - Increased Harm to Communities

↑↑ Now - gasolin Communities Awash in Illicit Drugs

↑↑ Arachidic Glue Violence and Corruption

133 Pharmacodynamics Domestic These are strong-addicting

④ 9.5 mil in 1998 Foreign Arrests 67

④ Why not focus on them? Pharm power 79

④ Erosion of Protections of the Bill of Rights Put w/ Legal Drugs

When legal Mood drugs ↑↑ Killers more abused than Her Coke

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134 Billion Dollar Campaign Deterioration of Health Education 126

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Increased Harm for the Future would "catastrophe" 137

Conspiracy Theories Campaign 137

④ Protection Government Policy: Don't Discuss It! 142

Don't ever tell anything to a counselor, doctor, nurse, psych/doctor

That you would not want a judge to hear in court

The Children I must advise them Not to talk to anyone

↑↑ who wouldn't go to jail to protect their identity

Prison resentment brutality - lead - Prisons Chapter

19 yr old farm boy raped 140 times - Post

include.

135 Pain Relief	in cancer patients
DEA can't do what doctors	
Professionals under federal thumb.	
136 Soda-Sugar pop culture	- Biggest seller at grocery store
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6 Increased Zero Tolerance	
140 CIA moving COKE	- Is it still in force?
7 Education	
DEA head admits it	
Drug Treatment	
Rehabilitation	
Medicalization	
142 Great Concern	of drug users
That Govt - CID is dealing	
Drug war is massive prison	
i. mass incarceration of the users	
ii) Demonization of Drugs	
iii) Deprivitization of Drugs	
iv) Refusal to consider legitimate legalization	
143 Mandate	The Children
Decriminalization	
Regulated Distribution	
+ send the wrong message	
144 Conclu.	if 10 Federalism, Not Federalization
? Stop zero tolerance - wave of drug addiction	
? No basis in fact.	
Hij Statement	
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I never used drugs, not interested if religious leaders blessed them and gave them away I wouldn't be interested.	
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147 Won't Debate - or Answer Questions	
146 McLaughlin	No time to debate - but yes to a speech
Fascists want to be above question since morality	
they are grossly inde honorable	
they are grossly inde honorable	
147 U.N. totally heretic - laying foundation for fascism	
substance fascism - Communists opposition	
148 Drug Prohibitionists	so effective scaring people
Knowledgeable people afraid to open mouth	
149 Bail down to 1 Question	- Benefit v. Risk of locking up
150 Humiliation Sentences	
150 must have complete legalization or black market will continue	
154 Police State - lose unrelated privileges (not rape, murder)	
① Student loans	Federal Highway Dept. for cash only
② Drivers license	to accept formally reject the "impose a limit - like your license law"

155 Colombia, Peru, Panama, Bolivia, Ecuador  
 Escalating U.S. and national guard presence - DEA

155 Colombia - Political contributions - give them more helicopters than they can deal with

161 ONDCP Puts "cookies" into your computer when you log on - Track internet use for government

163 S.A. Lib - We risk becoming more like Saudi Arabia and Singapore

165 PRESS - Judge says - Articles and insights not in the popular media.

167 Accurate Introduction  
 Info. Tobacco 1970-1992 from per capita 10lbs to 5 lbs

EDUCATION - will fail if not strong, but, verifiable, reasonable, and practical

169 - 1% of Pot users use it daily.

In April 8, 1992, I did something quite unusual for a trial judge: I held a news conference in the plaza behind the courthouse in Santa Ana, California, and openly set forth my conclusions that our country's attempts through the criminal justice system to combat drug use and abuse, and all of the crime and misery that accompany them, were not working. In fact, I had concluded that drug reform was the most important issue facing this great country and that our so-called War on Drugs was our biggest failure. I had reached these conclusions after spending years as a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles, a criminal defense attorney in the navy, and a trial judge since 1983 in Orange County, California. I had seen firsthand that we were wasting unimaginable amounts of our tax dollars, increasing crime and despair, and severely and unnecessarily harming people's lives, particularly our children, by our failed drug policy. In short, I had seen that our drug laws were a failure, and I simply could not keep quiet about it any longer. Some people listened; some agreed; some were outraged and wanted to punish me for my comments.

We have been following essentially the same Drug Prohibition policy for many decades, and it has given us the worst of all worlds. Today there are more drugs available in our communities, and at a lower price, than ever before. We have greatly expanded the number of prisons in the United States, but all of them are overflowing. As a direct result of