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Drug Prohibition



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1884: Cocaine invented
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1895: Heroin Invented
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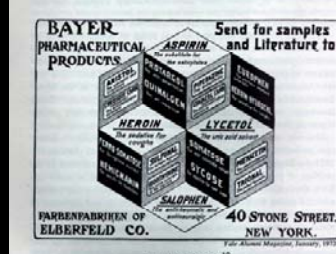
1910s: States pass marijuana laws

1914: Harrison Narcotics Act
 (prohibits *unprescribed* opiates and cocaine. Feds get in the game. NYPD establishes "drug squad.")

1930: Federal Bureau of Narcotics
 (Commissioner Anslinger and many agents come from prohibition agencies. Leads anti-marijuana campaign, popularizing marijuana nationwide.)

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Nineteenth-Century Bayer Ad for Heroin



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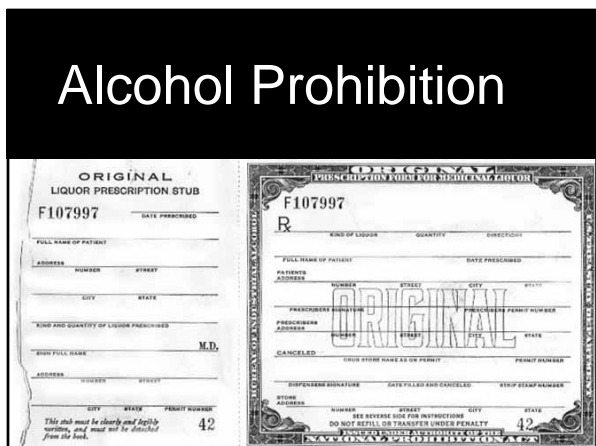
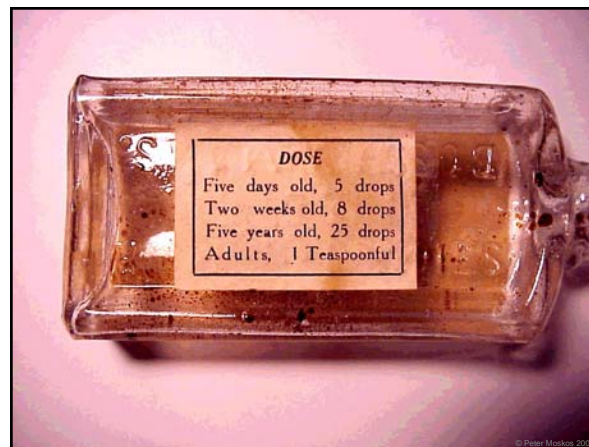
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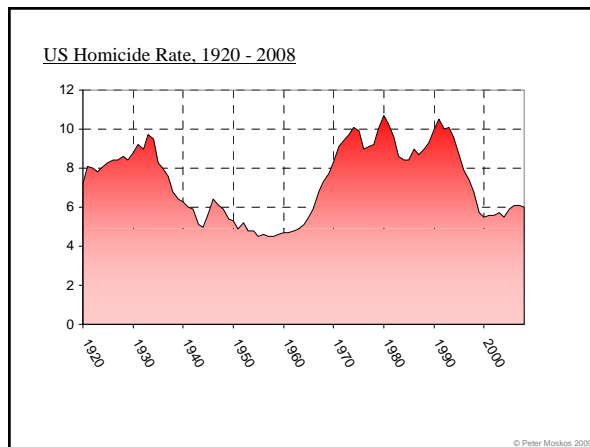
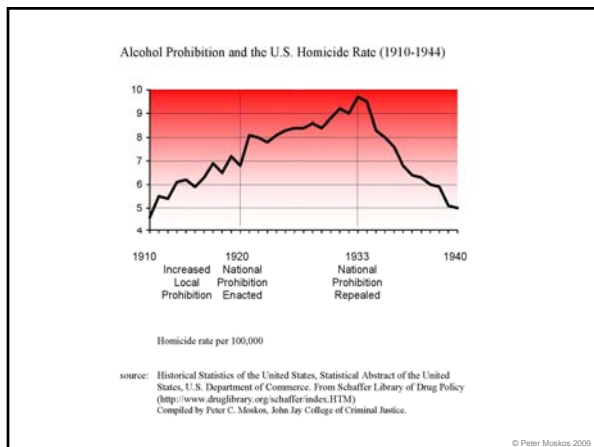
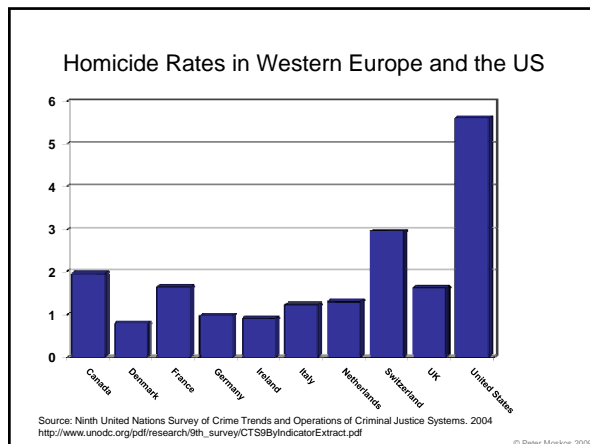
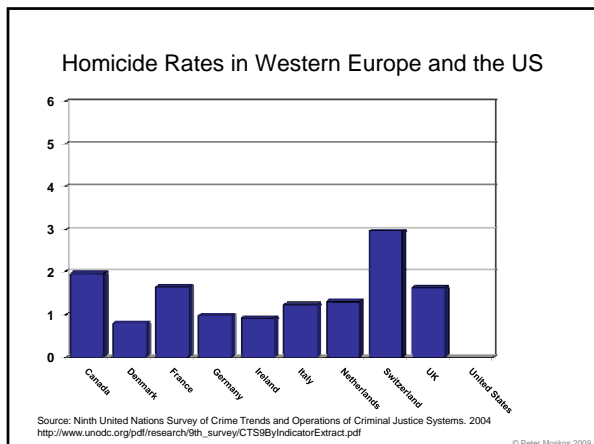


1920: 18th Amendment
 (Volstead Act and National Alcohol Prohibition)

1924: Heroin Act
 (prohibits manufacture of heroin)

1933: 21st Amendment
 (Repeals 18th Amendment. Ends alcohol prohibition.)

1937: Marijuana Tax Act
 (Effectively bans Marijuana at Federal level)



History is *not* Bunk

(Henry "History is Bunk" Ford was a staunch prohibitionist)

- Learn the lessons of Prohibition: Drug *dealing* (prohibition fueled violence) and drug *use* (recreational use and addiction) are two different problems.
- If Prohibition isn't good for alcohol and tobacco, why is it for other drugs?
- A policy-centered approach should focus on results: make drug use safe, legal, and rare.

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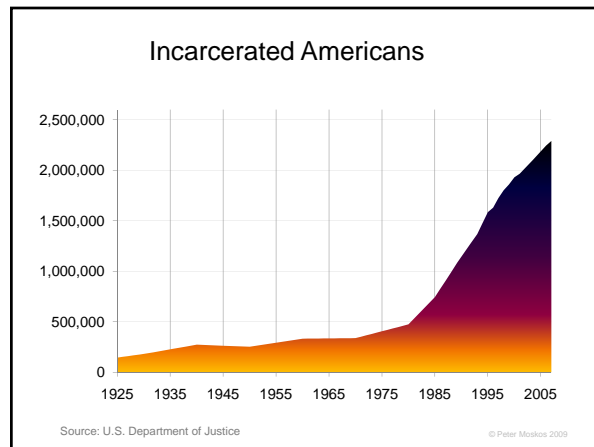
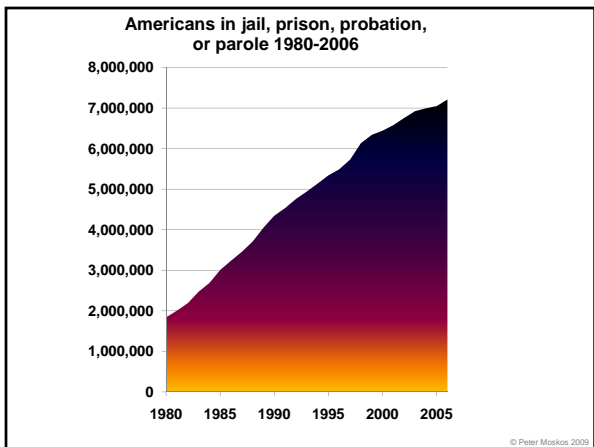
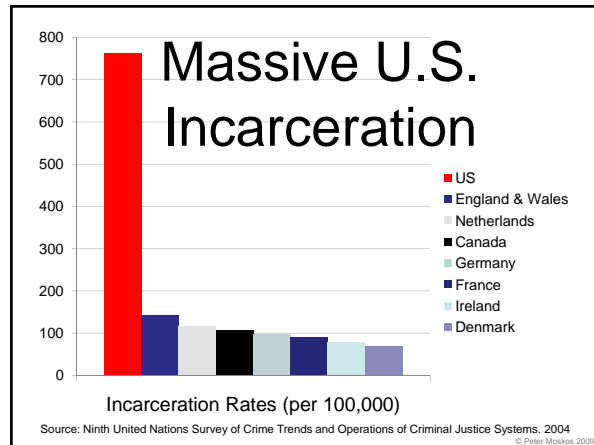
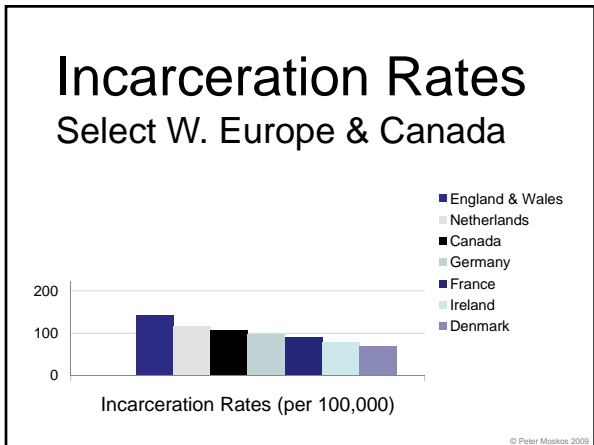
Rule #1: Keep the Drugs & Money Separate

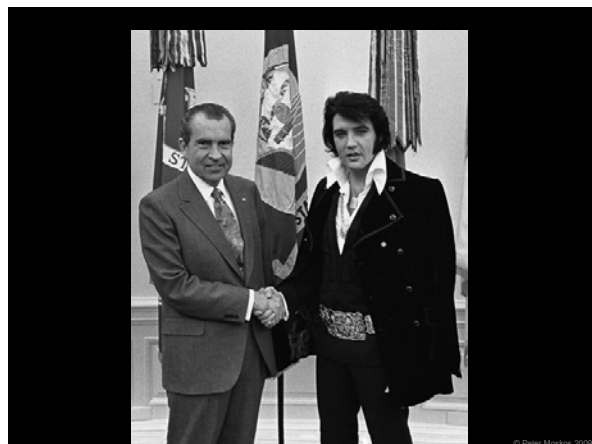
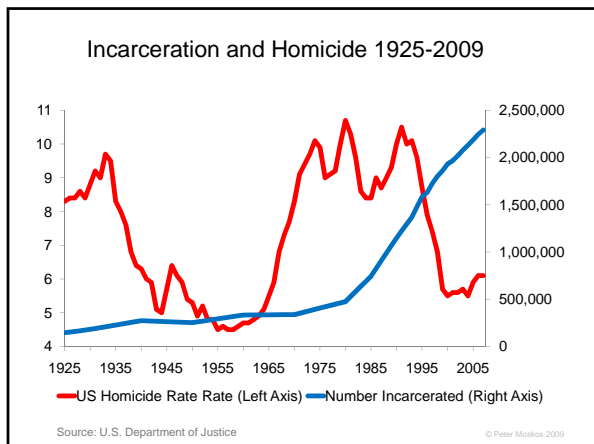
“One [dealer] waited until his customer dropped money near a telephone pole. He picked it up, and one of his agents put the drug wanted, as indicated by the amount of money, in a crevice in the same telephone pole.”

“Where money is taken by one person and the package is inserted by another, conviction is difficult if not impossible.”

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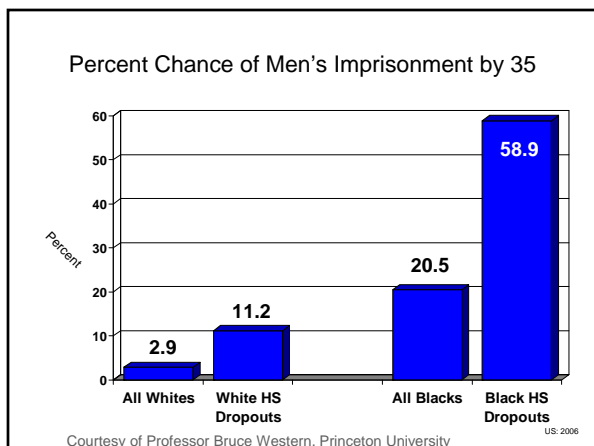
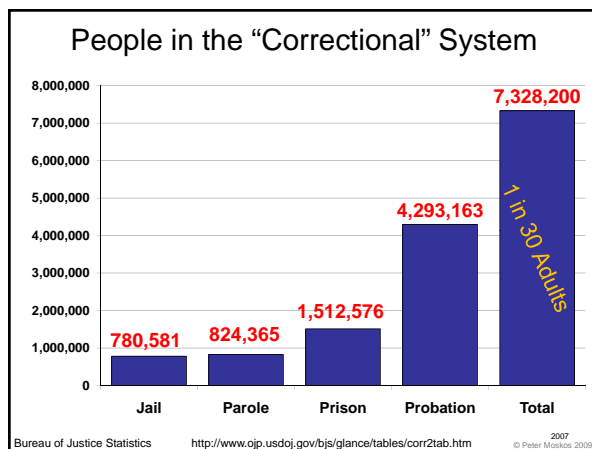


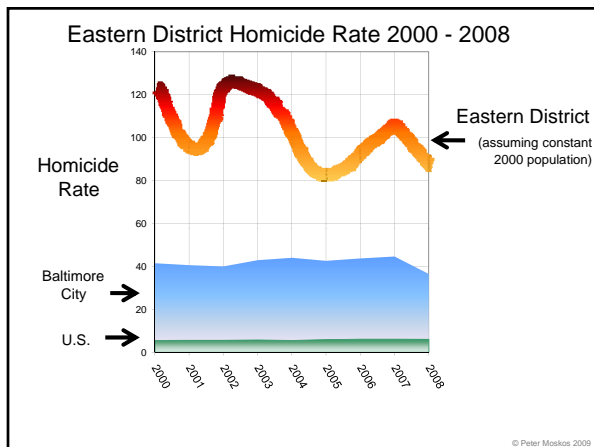
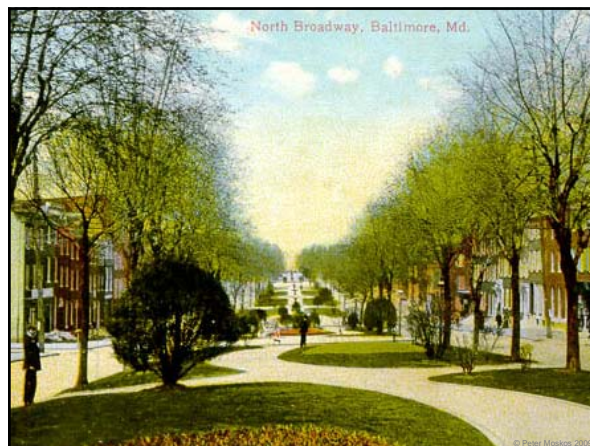
1968: Phrase "War on Drugs" used by Richard Nixon

1973: DEA Established (from Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs)
Rockefeller Drug Laws take effect

1986: Anti-Drug Abuse Act (Sets mandatory sentences for crack cocaine and allows greater pee testing in the workplace)

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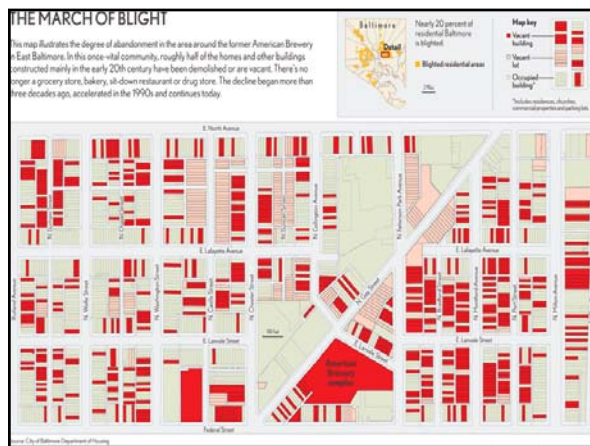
Baltimore's Eastern District:

- Fewer than 45,000 Citizens.
- 99% African American.
- 20,000 Arrests annually.
- More than one in ten (12%) men are murdered before age 35.

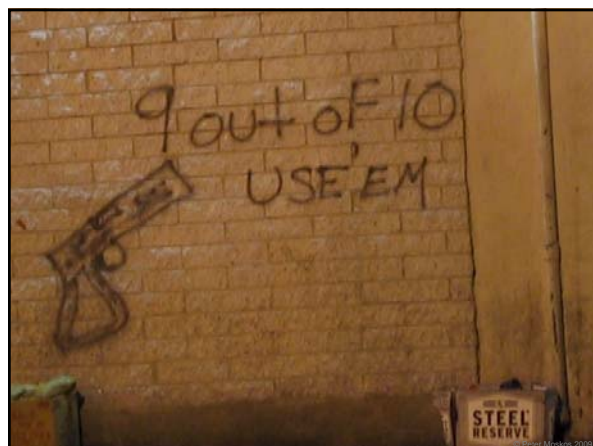
Men Murdered in Baltimore's Eastern District, Age 15 – 34

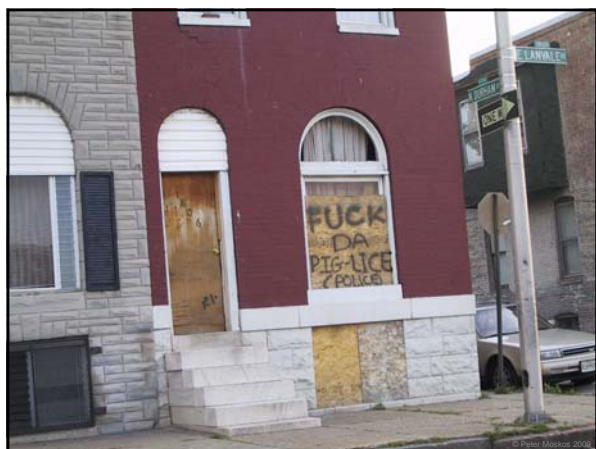
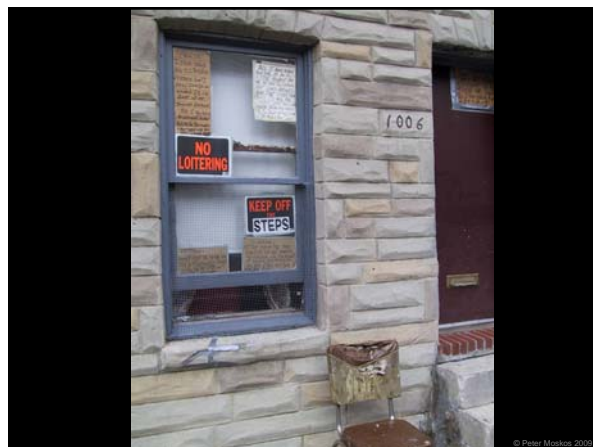
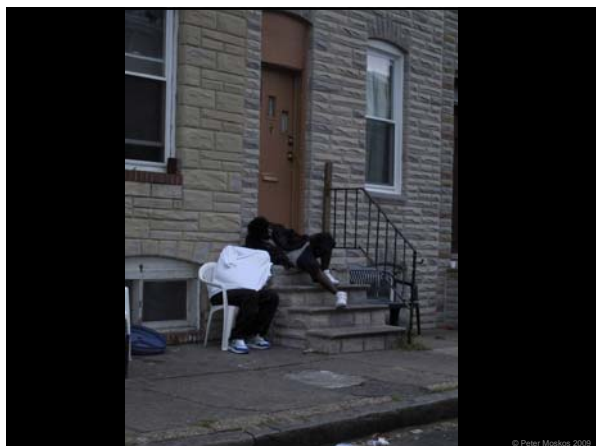
		Eastern District Men, 15 – 34			
Homicide rate (per 100,000)		615			
Chance of man in Eastern District being homicide victim between age 15 and 34		11.6%			
Year	Homicides in Eastern	Estimated male victims in Eastern (homicides * .939)	Estimated number of male victims 15 – 34 (male victims * .789)	Eastern District Male Population 15 – 34 (2000)	Estimated Eastern District Homicide Rate, Men 15 – 34
2000	59	55.40	43.71	5,844	748
2001	38	35.68	28.15	5,844	481
2002	61	57.28	45.19	5,844	773
2004	55	51.64	40.74	5,844	697
2005	35	32.86	25.93	5,844	444
2006	43	40.38	31.86	5,844	545

Average annual homicide rate for Eastern District men 15 – 34: **615**
 Odds of being murdered in a single year, Eastern District men 15 – 34: **1 in 163**
 Survival rate = 1 - (1 - r)^x; r = death rate, x = number of years.
 Odds of being murdered during 20 year age span, Eastern District men 15 – 34: **11.6%**











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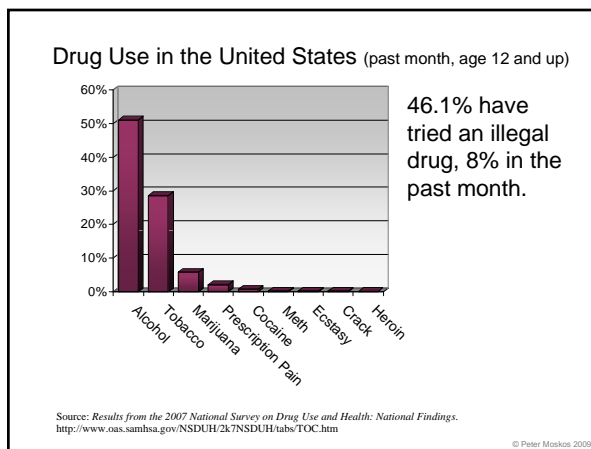
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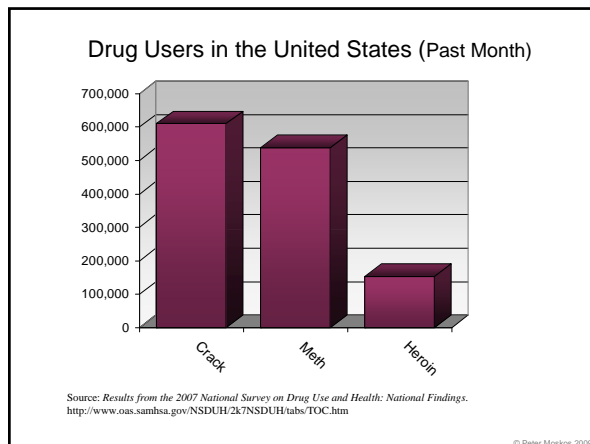
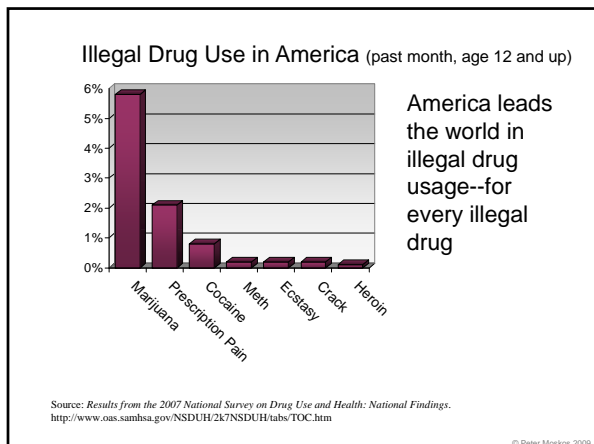


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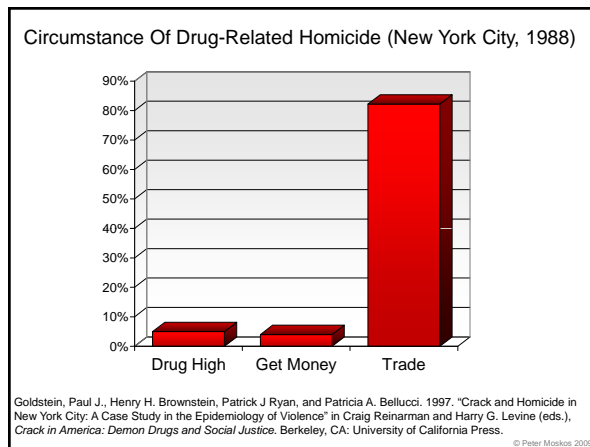




“The vast bulk of crack-related homicides occurred between dealers or dealers and users. They did not involve the murder of strangers outside the crack world.”

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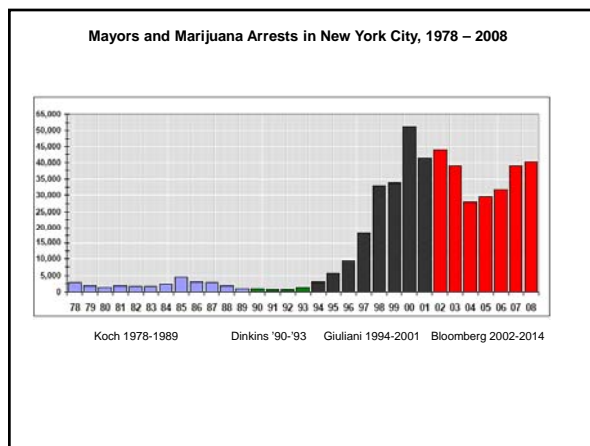


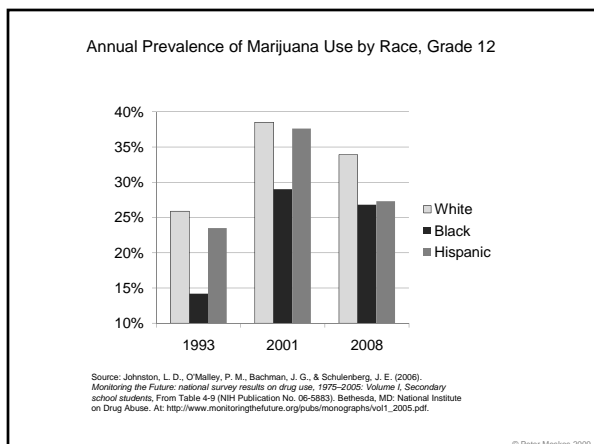
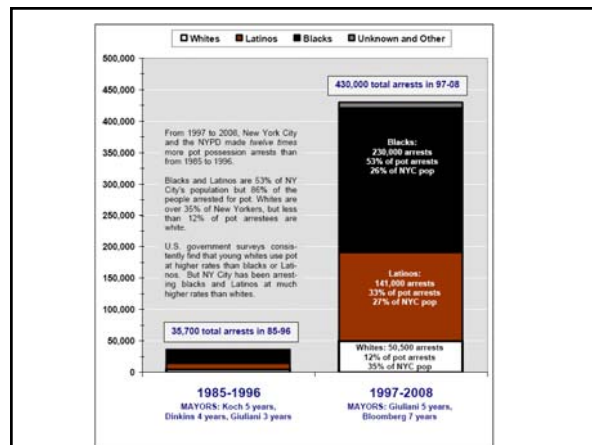
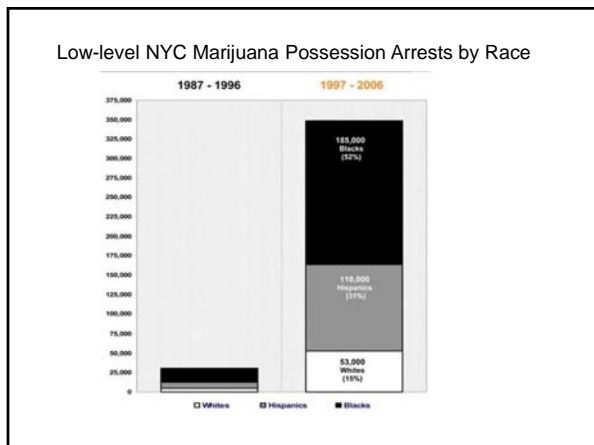
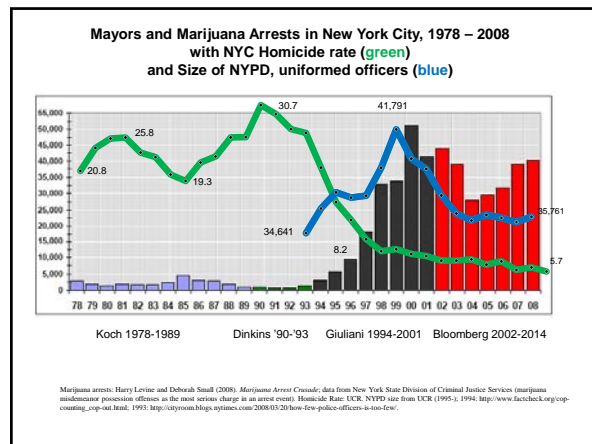
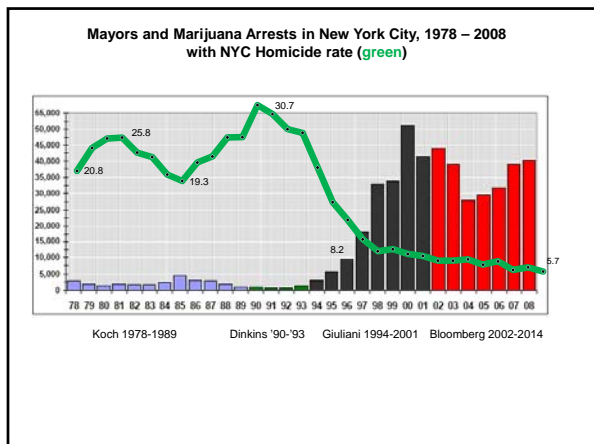
New York City Arrests, 2009

Total 340,859 (+2% from 2008)	Felony		Misdemeanor
	95,738		245,121
	Felony Drug	Violent	Misdemeanor Drugs
	25,953	27,245	82,729

24% of all NYC arrests are misdemeanor drug arrests

Source: <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/crimnet/ojsa/arrests/nyo.htm>





Are we winning the war on drugs?

- No.
- Drug use is not going down.
- Drug deaths are not going down.
- Drug prices are not going up
- International supply is not going down.

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The Prohibition Cycle

- Legislators pass laws prohibiting activities for which a demand persists
- Illegal means for meeting the demand are devised and the support of the people makes them profitable.
- Political influence... prevents enforcement of the law and engenders disrespect both for law and for the agents of law enforcement.
- Reformers are aroused.
- More laws are passed in the vain hope of effecting a remedy.

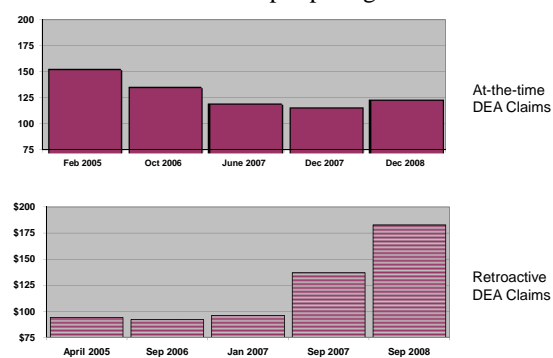
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Lies and Damn Lies

- *“But, but... the DEA says we’re winning the war on drugs! What about rising prices and the cocaine shortage?”*
- DEA: “From January through June 2007, the average price per pure gram of all domestic cocaine purchases increased 24 per cent, from \$95.89 to \$118.70, while purity fell 11 per cent, from 67 per cent to 59 per cent.”

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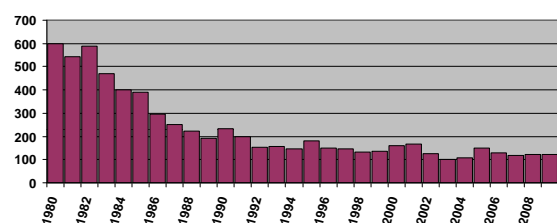
Retail Price of cocaine per pure gram?



Source: John Waters and the DEA

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Retail Price of cocaine per pure gram, U.S.



Sources: Mostly DEA

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“Drug addiction, like prostitution, and like liquor, is not a police problem; it never has been, and never can be solved by policemen. It is first and last a medical problem.”

—August Vollmer, *Former President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.*

In California the percentage of drug addicts among the criminals was low (3 to 6 percent).

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You say tomato, I say Regulation

- Politically, “regulation” sounds nicer than legalization.
- We can’t regulate what we prohibit.
- Regulation *won’t* solve the problem of drug addiction.
- Regulation *will* solve the problem of public drug dealing.
- Regulation *will* reduce overdoses.
- Regulation *will* save money.

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- The Netherlands follows a policy of separating the market for illicit drugs into “hard” and “soft” drugs.
- Cannabis is primarily purchased through coffee shops.
- Coffee shops offer no or few possibilities for purchasing illicit drugs other than cannabis.

Source: Abraham, Manja D., University of Amsterdam, Centre for Drug Research, Places of Drug Purchase in The Netherlands (Amsterdam: University of Amsterdam, September 1999), pp. 1-5.











	United States	Netherlands
Ever tried marijuana (2001)	37%	17%
Past month marijuana use (2001)	5%	3%
Lifetime heroin use (2001)	1.4%	0.4%
Incarceration Rate (2002)	735	100
Homicide rate (2001)	5.6	1.5
Per capita spending (1998)	€380	€220

Source: various sources compiled from Drugwarfacts.org

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