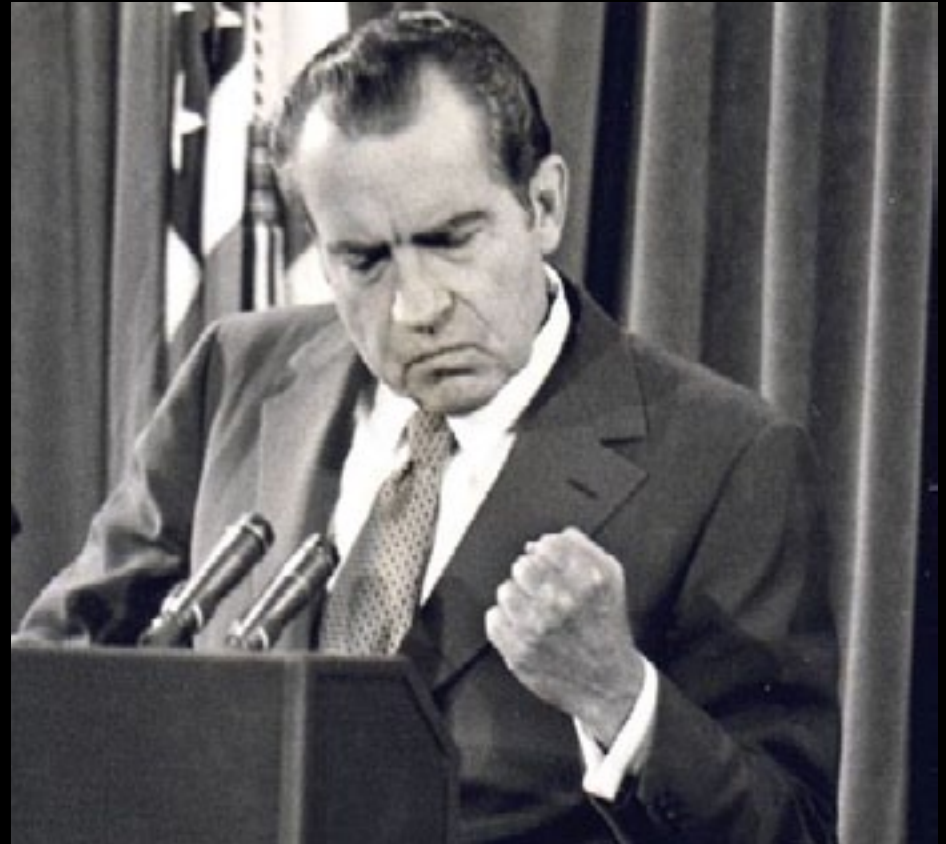


The War On Drugs

A brief history of drug use in the US & legality issues from 1800-current

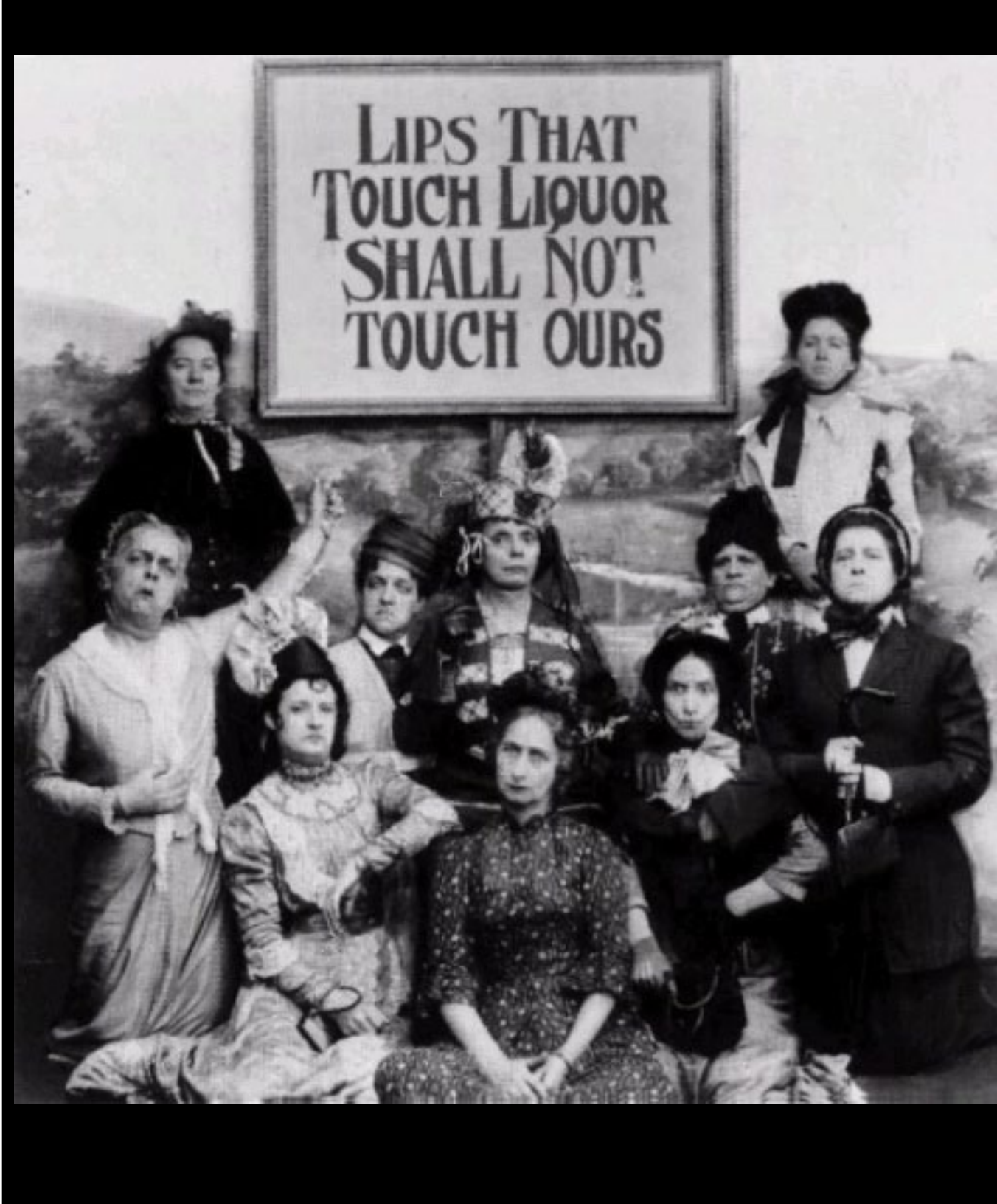
The term
“War on Drugs”
was first used by
President Nixon
in 1971.



The War on Drugs is a controversial campaign of prohibition, taken on by the U.S. government, with the assistance of participating countries, military aid and intervention, intended to reduce illegal drug trade.

The initiative includes a set of drug policies of the United States that discourage the production, distribution, and consumption of illegal psychoactive drugs.

America's early use, acceptance and encouragement of drugs is largely hidden in U.S. History.



LIPS THAT
TOUCH LIQUOR
SHALL NOT
TOUCH OURS

Prohibition in the U.S. was a national ban on the sale, manufacture, and transportation of alcohol, which took place from 1919 to 1933.



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Postcard, 1925

The ban was mandated by the 18th amendment to the Constitution.



License Plate, 1928

It was a hotly debated issue.

Prohibition ended with the ratification of the 21st Amendment, which repealed the 18th Amendment, December 1933.





“Where do you stand on the whiskey question?”

Without batting an eyelid he replied,

“My friend...if by ‘whiskey’, you mean that despicable devil’s brew,

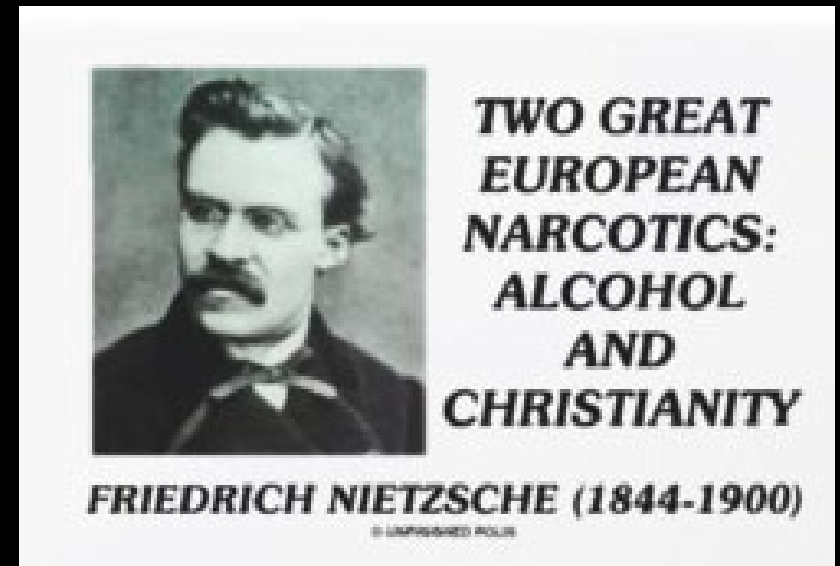
that snake oil from the pit of hell.....

that vile potion, that is the ruin and downfall of many a Christian man and woman.....

that evil that destroys men’s souls and damn’s them to eternal torment and perdition!

Alas, my dear fellow...if by ‘whiskey’, you are referring to that ghastly satanic liquid....”

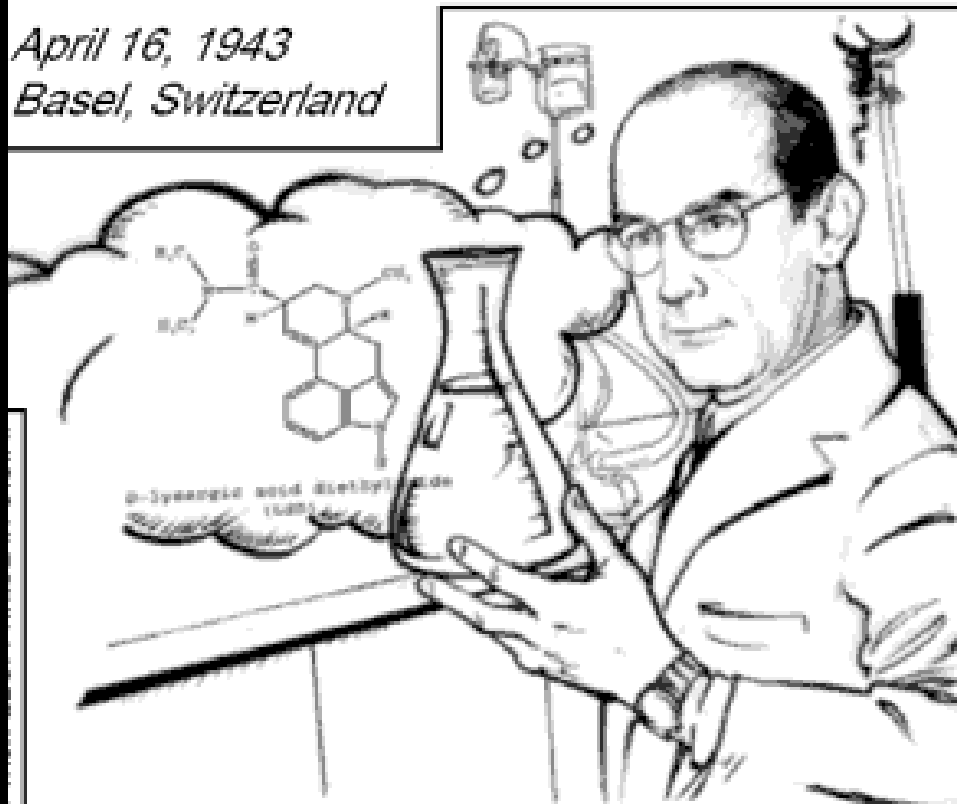
--a politician and pastor during the Prohibition era



The addictive properties of narcotics were gradually realized, but did not become illegal until around the 1900s. Until then, they were recognized as beneficial, therapeutic and remedial treatments in a variety of fields.

Comic about a doctor's LSD experimentation - 1943

April 16, 1943
Basel, Switzerland

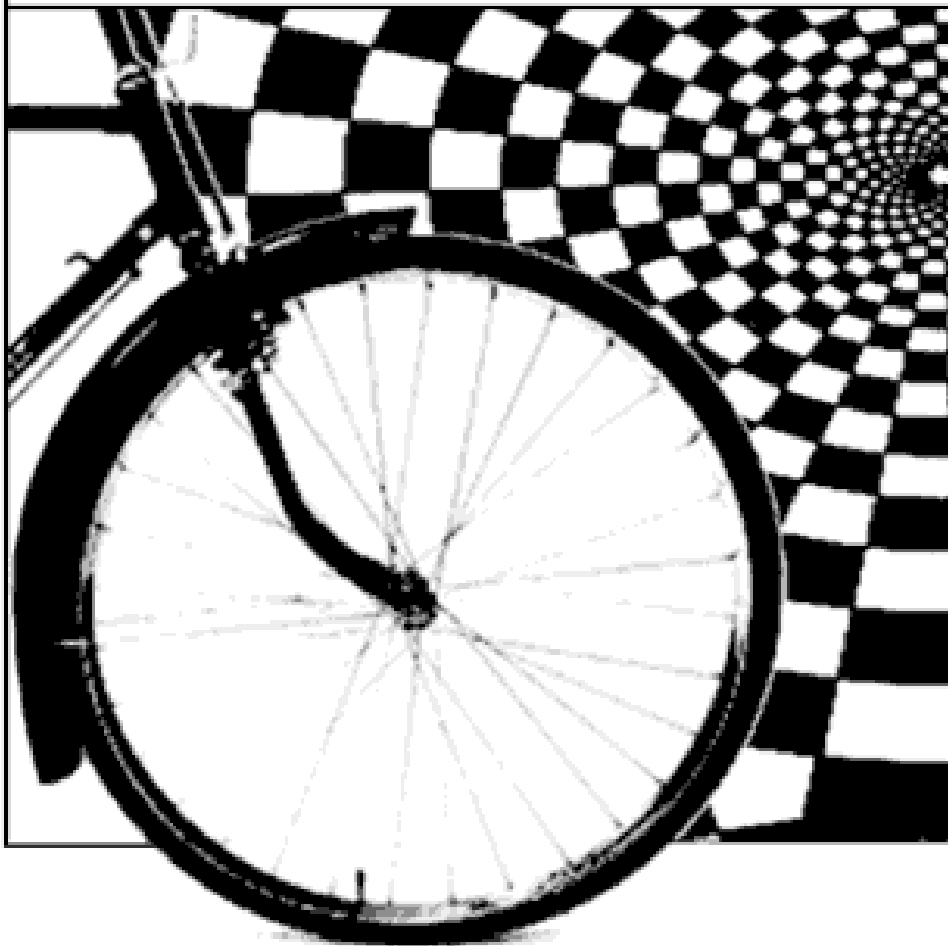


Sandoz Laboratories chemist
Dr. **Albert Hofmann** resynthesizes a
compound he'd created five years earlier:
lysergic acid diethylamide-25.

While recrystallizing to purify the chemical,
Dr. Hofmann becomes restless and dizzy.



About 40 minutes after ingesting the drug,
Dr. Hofmann is again stricken by dizziness.
He heads home on his bicycle.



Once at home,
he has trouble speaking intelligibly.

The world is utterly transformed.



A neighbor lady who brings him milk becomes a malevolent witch.





* The sense of experiencing one's own death is sometimes reported as a mystical component of an LSD voyage.

But slowly, Dr. Hofmann's fear-based experience changes into a more enjoyable display of colorful, flowing mental imagery.



Smoking has been practiced in one form or another since ancient times. Tobacco and various hallucinogenic drugs were smoked all over the Americas as early as 5000 BC in shamanistic rituals.



Modern-day shaman



An Aztec celebration banquet, circa 16th c. smoking tobacco and hallucinogenics



In East Asia, smoking tobacco became extremely popular and led to the smoking of other substances.

This is a man smoking a *kiseru* on the cover of *Komon gawa* ("Elegant chats on fashion"), a novel by Santo Kyoden published in 1790.



A Persian girl smoking cannabis, which was more prevalent than tobacco.

This piece is by Muhammad Qasim. Isfahan, 17th century.

1868.

1874.

A Chinese Opium Smoker.

D. S. B. COLLINS'
PAINLESS
 OPIUM
ANTIDOTE
 LAPORTE, IND.,

Is a Sure and Permanent Cure for the

OPPIUM HABIT

“**THERIAKI**”

A MAGAZINE DEVOTED EXPRESSLY TO THOSE

INTERESTED.

SENT FREE! SENT FREE!



A Chinese Opium Smoker.

Dr. S.B Collins'
Painless Opium
Antidote, 1874

An ad found in a re-
ligious magazine.
The chinese opium
smoker reinforces a
growing group of ad-
dicted immigrants.

Interestingly enough, Freud was the first public figure to wholeheartedly support the use of cocaine, as a cure for depression and sexual impotence. It became further popularized when Coca-Cola utilized the substance in their soft drink, launching it into one of the most popular sodas in history.



Coke is it!
Stencil on Canvas of Kate Moss

From the 1850s-1900s, people of all classes used cocaine and opium-laced elixirs, tonics and wines.

COCA-COLA.

DELICIOUS!

REFRESHING!

EXHILARATING!

INVIGORATING!

The New and Popular Soda Fountain Drink, containing the properties of the wonderful Coca plant and the famous Cola nuts. For sale by Willis Venable and Nunnally & Rawson.

THE SIGN OF FOUR

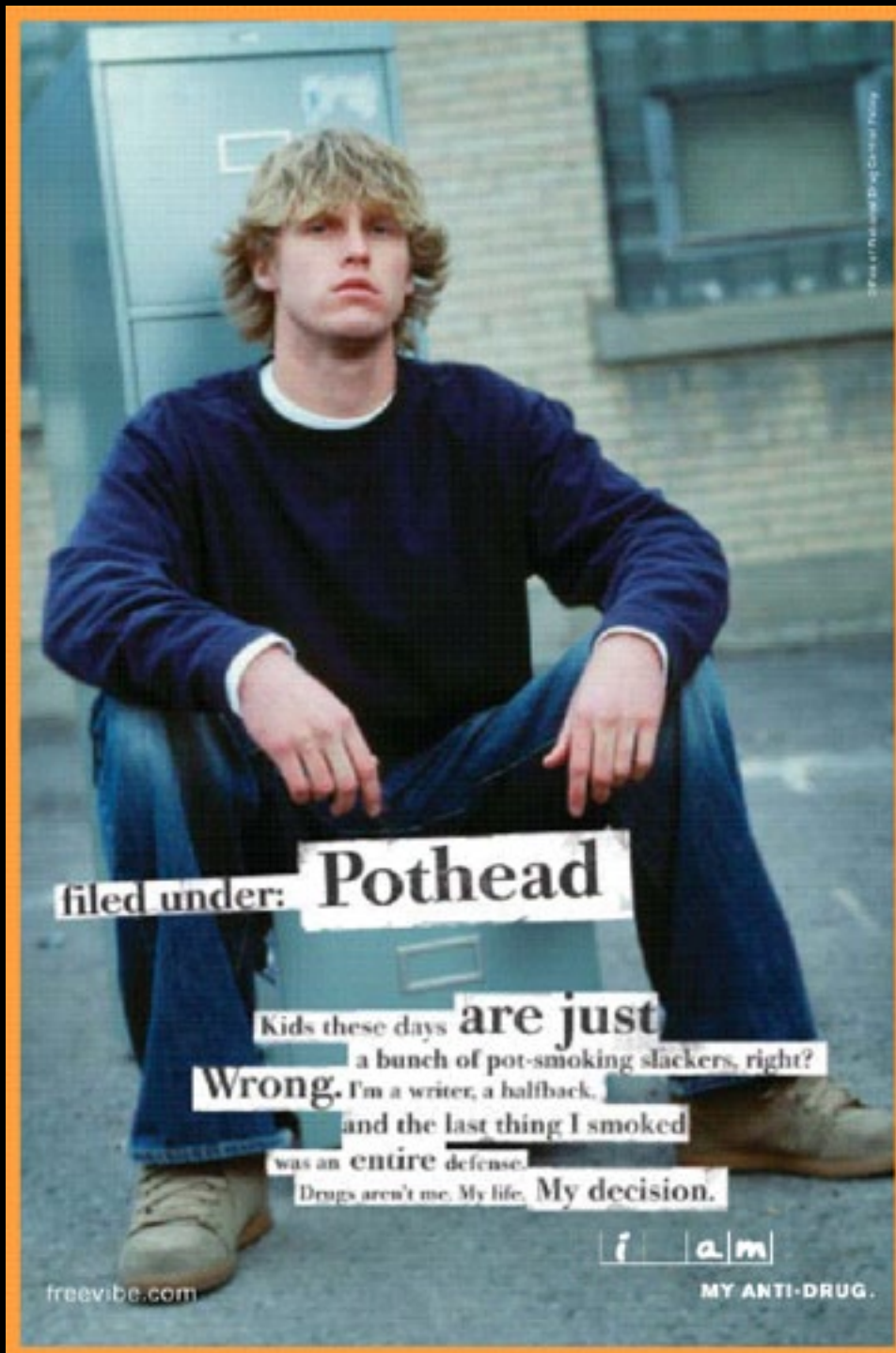
“Which is it to-day,” I asked, “morphine or cocaine?”

He raised his eyes languidly from the old black-letter volume which he had opened.

“It is cocaine,” he said, “a seven-per-cent. solution. Would you care to try it?”

“No, indeed,” I answered, brusquely. “My constitution has not got over the Afghan campaign yet. I cannot afford to throw any extra strain upon it.”

He smiled at my vehemence. “Perhaps you are right, Watson,” he said. “I suppose that its influence is physically a bad one. I find it, however, so transcendently stimulating and clarifying to the mind that its secondary action is a matter of small moment.”



People's opposition to the US's WOD today is often related to marijuana.

1 million people are incarcerated every year in the United States for drug law violations.

Poster, 2000, anti-drug propaganda about someone who doesn't smoke, but is "Above the Influence"



Old Propoganda such as this is popular and can be funny, especially to college students

Available on Etsy: Reprint from a Antique Marihuana Propaganda Poster

Currently, people feel marijuana laws in the US must change, No longer can any constitutional basis for criminalized marijuana possession be found. 800,000 Americans criminalized each year.



MARIJUANA DIDN'T RUIN HIS CAREER, OR HIS LIFE.

Legalizing marijuana would help bring the economy up and our jails wouldn't be so crowded. The government would be able to take the money saved, from legalizing marijuana, and put it to use in another department. For more information visit clubfbi.com/marijuana

Don't let the government fool you

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14 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALS 37 WORLD RECORDS. 2 AWESOME LUNGS.

Unlike heavy tobacco smokers, heavy marijuana smokers exhibit no obstruction of the lung's small airway. That indicates that people will not develop emphysema from smoking marijuana. For more information visit clubfbi.com/marijuana

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LET'S BE BLUNT, IT'S GOOD.



The claim that marijuana kills brain cells is based on a speculative report dating back a quarter of a century that has never been supported by any scientific study. None of the medical tests currently used to detect brain damage in humans have found harm from marijuana, even from long term high-dose use.

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Laws in California allow those with medical marijuana cards to cultivate and use marijuana. However, selling and distributing is a felony.

The Face of a Meth User – 10 years



age 28



age 29



age 30



age 31



age 32



age 33



age 34



age 35



age 36



age 37

Dead at age 38

Faces of Meth, 2005

Socioeconomic Effects, and a *“cyclic creation of permanent underclass”*

Penalties for drug crimes among youth almost always involve some kind of removal from educational opportunities, voting rights, and the creation of criminal records which make employment far more difficult.

Thus, some authors maintain that the War on Drugs has resulted in the creation of a permanent underclass of people who have few educational or job opportunities, often as a result of being punished for drug offenses which in turn have resulted from attempts to earn a living in spite of having no education or job opportunities.

International Involvement

The U.S. gives hundreds of millions of dollars per year of military aid to Colombia, which is used to combat leftist guerrilla groups such as FARC, who have been involved in narco-trafficking.

[Interesting tidbit: in the past, to prevent Communist party members from being elected in Italy following World War II, the CIA worked closely with the Sicilian Mafia, protecting them and assisting in their worldwide heroin smuggling operations in exchange for the mafia's assistance with assassinating, torturing, and beating leftist political organizers. the Sicilian Mafia, and involvement with the CIA and US Navy.]

One argument against the War on Drugs is that it uses similar measures as Prohibition and is no more effective.

Several believe that the US' federal and state governments have chosen the wrong method to combat the distribution of drugs. By financing domestic law enforcement (which includes activities focused on the criminal justice system, such as the courts, police, and prosecution) in favor of treatment (which includes helping users become drug-free through in-patient and out-patient counseling and other services), the government has focused on punishment rather than prevention.

