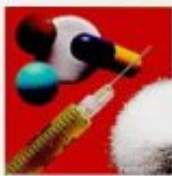


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# THE TRUTH ABOUT DRUGS



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Drug-related killings on the street, countries destabilised by drug addiction, many millions of young lives around the world wrecked by drug abuse, tragic addiction deaths. Police chiefs and judges say the war against drugs is lost. Every day calls to soften the law get louder, while parents, schools and [governments](#) are confused about how to prevent abuse. At the same time, the worst predictions about new crack epidemics and other drug addiction nightmares have turned out to be drug abuse scare stories. So what is the truth about drug addiction and chemical abuse? What should we expect? How should we respond to growing drug abuse?

Dr Dixon takes a hard look at the facts about drug addiction and drug abuse and argues for urgent action.

"Drug addiction is far more serious than most people realise but the good news is that treatment for drug addiction works. There are many practical steps that can be taken to tackle the drug addiction problem. For example random compulsory testing for both drugs and alcohol should be introduced widely to identify those who need help, increase productivity and protect public safety.

How we became a nation of drug addicts

How Marijuana and other drugs impact the brain

Why drug epidemics come and go

The role of genes and personality

The cost of drug addiction and control - health and law

Why [governments](#) are scared of prevention

Treatment of drug addiction works - cure and harm reduction

Legalization - disaster or the only way forward?

Dr Dixon concludes with a ten point plan for the government and a practical way forward for parents, teachers and others concerned about drug addiction.

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