

## Drug Legalization is the Cultural Death Knell

One of the defining criteria of substance dependence (drug addiction) is persisting use despite serious adverse negative consequences. This means that the internal controls within a person's psyche have been overwhelmed despite obvious serious impacts. By implication this indicates that if people are to be saved from their own actions this will require external interventions since their internal constraints have been overcome or nullified.

Extended to community level this means that if addiction is to be controlled its victims need to be assisted by external agencies. The removal of external constraints therefore signals the surrender of the culture to being overwhelmed by rampant addiction.

The ultimate folly is to imagine "business as usual" under a legalization paradigm. Drugs are addictive – their use will increase, the market will expand, other drugs and newer drugs (GHB/fantasy, synthetic cannabinoids, fentanyl) will be attracted, criminal cartels will inevitably and invariably get involved... the fuse is lit.. and the culture slits its own throat.

Drug liberalization has the unenviable track record of destroying communities wherever it goes... parts of northern India and Egypt historically, Amsterdam, Geneva's Platzspitz, Colorado, far too many Democrat-controlled metropolises in USA.

Even cannabis has now been linked with sky-rocketing child overdoses, gene damage, disruption of the gene-controlling software systems, many cancers, inheritable and reproductive system cancers, birth defects and severe aging of cells and people – even extending to eggs and sperm – notwithstanding its vigorously airbrushed image.

"Ask not for whom the bell tolls, It tolls for thee..."