

DRUGS

The main cause of the world's large drug problem is the tremendous profitability in the business . Drugs are a \$100 billion dollars a year worldwide industry.

Another cause for the drug problem is the freer trade among industrialized nations . Because of this international business and trade are much easier even illegal trade . with commercial banks , investment firms , insurance companies , full service brokers , and asset managers globalizing their operations the choice of financial institutions through which money, both clean and dirty , has never been so extensive . With NAFTA , the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation effort, and the fall of the iron curtain , goods are pouring across borders and amongst them drugs are being shipped with little risk of being detected by custom authorities .

The third cause of this problem is that in third world countries people are socially and economically very depressed . So that when they get a chance to produce drugs at a low price and sell them at a profit that they could never imagine . People in a third world country buy drugs because they are depressed . The rising domestic and foreign debt make profit

involved in drug dealing irresistible . Drugs , for a citizen of a third world country , are an escape from the miserable world .

Last , the renewal of ethnic , religious , and nationalist conflict prevents intelligence sharing and cooperation among neighboring law enforcement agencies and that benefits criminal drug organizations .

The results of this are that production of heroine , cocaine , cannabis, and synthetic drugs are at a record high and will continue to rise . Narcotics traffickers are moving drugs and money throughout the international economy almost permissibly . And drug consumption is on the rise even in countries that had previously escaped a drug affliction .

In 1992 93.6 % of the 11.9 billion national drug control budget was spent on domestic enforcement, demand reduction , and border control . These statistics tell us that the U.S. government sees drugs as a domestic problem that can be resolved with a national response. But for it to be solved the U.S. has to think about the drug problem on a worldwide scale and work together with other nations to stop this.