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## Drug Trafficking

### Narcotráfico

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**Abstract**

Would a country like Portugal that allows any citizen to walk with any drugs, from cannabis to heroin and crack cocaine, for 10 days, in your pocket, be really interested in preventing the use of drugs among its citizens?

Is that not the best way to boost the drug trade?

**Keywords:** drug, addiction, decriminalization, legalization, liberalization, trafficking.

**Resumo**

Será que um país como Portugal que autoriza que qualquer cidadão ande com qualquer tipo de droga, desde o haxixe à heroína e ao crack, para 10 dias, no seu bolso, está mesmo interessado em prevenir o uso de drogas entre os seus cidadãos?

Não será essa a melhor forma de dinamizar o narcotráfico?

**Palavras-Chave:** droga, dependência, descriminalização, legalização, liberalização, tráfico.

## Introduction

*"The authorities have stopped worrying about the small trafficking and now concentrate efforts on the big one. We seize grams or pounds, to move to seize tons"* (*Expresso* 12/4/10, as cited in Administração Regional de Saúde do Norte, ARS, 2013).

*"The new paradigm is perhaps the legalization and regulation of the sale and consumption of drugs"* (D.N., 5/5/05, as cited in ARS, 2013).

*"I'm not a fundamentalist in relation to drug use since people can live in balance with them"* ("Portuguese Pharmacy", paragraph 160, of Nov/Dec 2005; as cited in ARS, 2013).

*"The message of the demonization of the drug and that the drug kills is already outdated"* (JN, 10/9/07; as cited in ARS, 2013).

These statements of national policy coordinator for combating drug addiction, compel us to ask: will it will be

worthwhile to continue fighting for prevention, habilitation or rehabilitation of the addict, when his signs are entirely discordant with reality?

In the total absence of political interest in eradicating the phenomenon, will not be a pure waste of time and a total incongruity continue to fight to prevent our young people themselves get caught by the drug?

How can we expect any deterrent campaign consumption can influence them, when the scenario is of utter inability to generate policies that help to create antibodies that contradict the psychosocial contagion that leads to psychosocial drug?

With the current decriminalization policy that allows drug possession until 10 days, confusing without modesty who sells from who consumes, there will be much more difficult to avoid the failures of socialization of young people in its four fronts: family, information/education, employment and entry into the cultural

circle of the principles, humanitarian values and respect for the law?

Having learned in twenty-five years of living with drug addicts, that where there is drug there is no drug education, we believe that the Government should ensure that drug trafficking and drug-related crime from ever reaching the neediest and poor neighborhoods of our country before education, prevention of drug use (legal or illegal) and of the offense.

No doubt this will be the best way to avoid at some points of our country, the installation of true industries of organized crime and violence, which social problem that increasingly acquires pluri-offensive character or not destroy it the economy, politics, justice, culture, human rights and democracy.

This will require the urgent achievement of a *serious social diagnosis* in order to allow a correct after cooperation between public and private entities that could help people who are in

trouble on the ground to sketch a realistic life project and draw a route free of drugs.

In relation to drug trafficking, "*transnational phenomenon, dynamic, complex and globalized but without an organic response because governments do not always want to fight it because it generates structural corruption serves the self-interest of officials*" (Maldonado, 2010), there are some people that thinks that the easiest way to eliminate it is through the decriminalization or legalization of drugs. In fact, this is the idea that narco-traffickers are passing in an attempt to expand its market, or didn't know they better than anyone that the speed of demand for drugs never delay the logistics of their offer and that the greater social tolerance and their availability, the greater the number of consumers. Logically.

They know better than anyone that the strategies, without discretion, harm reduction, trivializing and promoting drug

consumption, are the best way to help a drug addict to... remain dependent.

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