

SOCI 270

Drugs, Society and Behavior

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“DRUG SONG” (1975)

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“Come As You Are”

Nirvana



Come	Come
As you are	Dowsed in mud
As you were	Soaked in bleach
As I want you to be	As I want you to be
As a friend	As a trend
As a friend	As a friend
As an old enemy	As an old memoria
Take your time	Memoria
Hurry up	Memoria
The choice is your	Memoria
Don't be late	Memoria
Take a rest	And I swear
As a friend	That I don't have a gun
As an old memoria	No I don't have a gun
Memoria	No I don't have a gun
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Chapter 1

Drug Use as a Social Problem

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What is a "Drug"?

drug (n.) late 14c., *drogge* (early 14c. in Anglo-French), "any substance used in the composition or preparation of medicines," from Old French *droge* "supply, stock, provision" (14c.), which is of unknown origin. Perhaps it is from Middle Dutch or Middle Low German *droge-vate* "dry barrels," or *droge waere*, literally "dry wares" (but specifically drugs and spices), with first element mistaken as indicating the contents, or because medicines mostly consisted of dried herbs.

Specific application to "narcotics and opiates" is by late 19c., though the association of the word with "poisons" is from 1500s.

What is a Drug?

Drug

- Any substance, natural or artificial, other than food, that by its chemical nature alters structure or function in a living organism

Psychoactive drug

- A drug that specifically affects thoughts, emotions, or behavior

Drugs

Write down what you think is the WORST drug and what you think is the BEST drug and tell why in each case.

Are Drugs Good or Bad?

Neither!

What questions do you have about drugs?

Write at least one question.

A. Introduction

1. Talking About Drug Use:

Use Interrogatives

- a. **Who** is taking the drug?
- b. **What** drug are they taking?
- c. **When and where** is the drug being used?
- d. **Why** is the drug being **used**?
- e. **How** is the drug being **taken**?
- f. **How much** of the drug is being used?



2. 4 Principles of Psychoactive Drugs

- a. Neither **bad** nor **good**
- b. **Multiple side-effects**
- c. **Effect depends on amount**
- d. **Personal history and expectations**



3. Key Concepts and Definitions

a. Drug

- Chemically alters function of a living organism

b. Psychoactive drug

- Affects thoughts, emotions, or behavior

c. Illicit drug

- Unlawful to possess or use

d. Deviant drug use

- Disapproved of by the majority

e. Drug misuse

- Use of drugs for purposes other than intended

f. Drug abuse

- Substance use in a manner that causes social, workplace, mental, or physical problems



3. Key Concepts and Definitions

g. Drug dependence

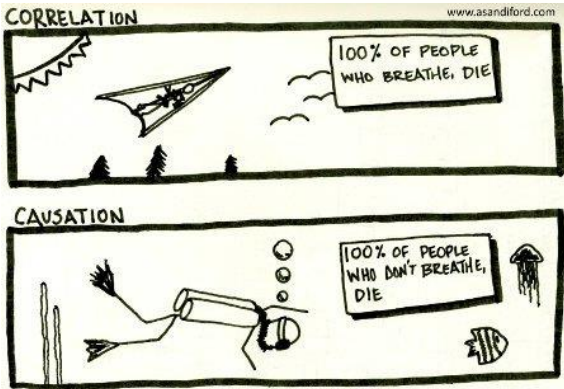
- A more precise term than *addiction*
- A state in which an individual uses a drug so frequently or consistently that it would be difficult for the person to stop
- May be physiological and/or psychological

As long as humans have been around, some have used, misused, or abused drugs



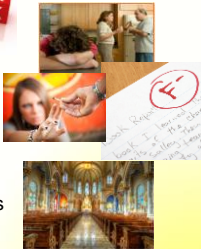
Clockwise from top left: peyote, coffee beans, opium poppies, Amanita mushrooms, coca leaf market

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4c. Correlates of Drug Use

- RISK
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- **Risk factors** include:
 - Community, parental, and peer attitudes and behaviors
 - Antisocial / problem behaviors
 - Poor school performance
- **Protective factors** include:
 - Involvement in religious activities
 - Perceived risk of drug use



4. Measuring Drug Use

c. Correlates of Drug Use

ii. Limitations of Correlation Studies

- Does smoking marijuana cause the user to get lower grades?
- Or is it the kids who are already getting low grades who are more likely to smoke marijuana?



5. Gateway Substances?



- Alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana are sometimes considered gateways to the use of illicit drugs
- Gateway substances are perhaps best thought of as early indicators of a basic pattern of deviant behavior resulting from a variety of risk factors

6. Why Use Drugs?

Humans and Drugs Through History

- Enhancing spiritual experiences
- Major economic roles in societies past
- Development of legal pharmaceuticals
- Today's economic impact of psychoactive drugs

Influences on Drug Use:



The Bio-Psycho-Social Perspective

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