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# Our Goals

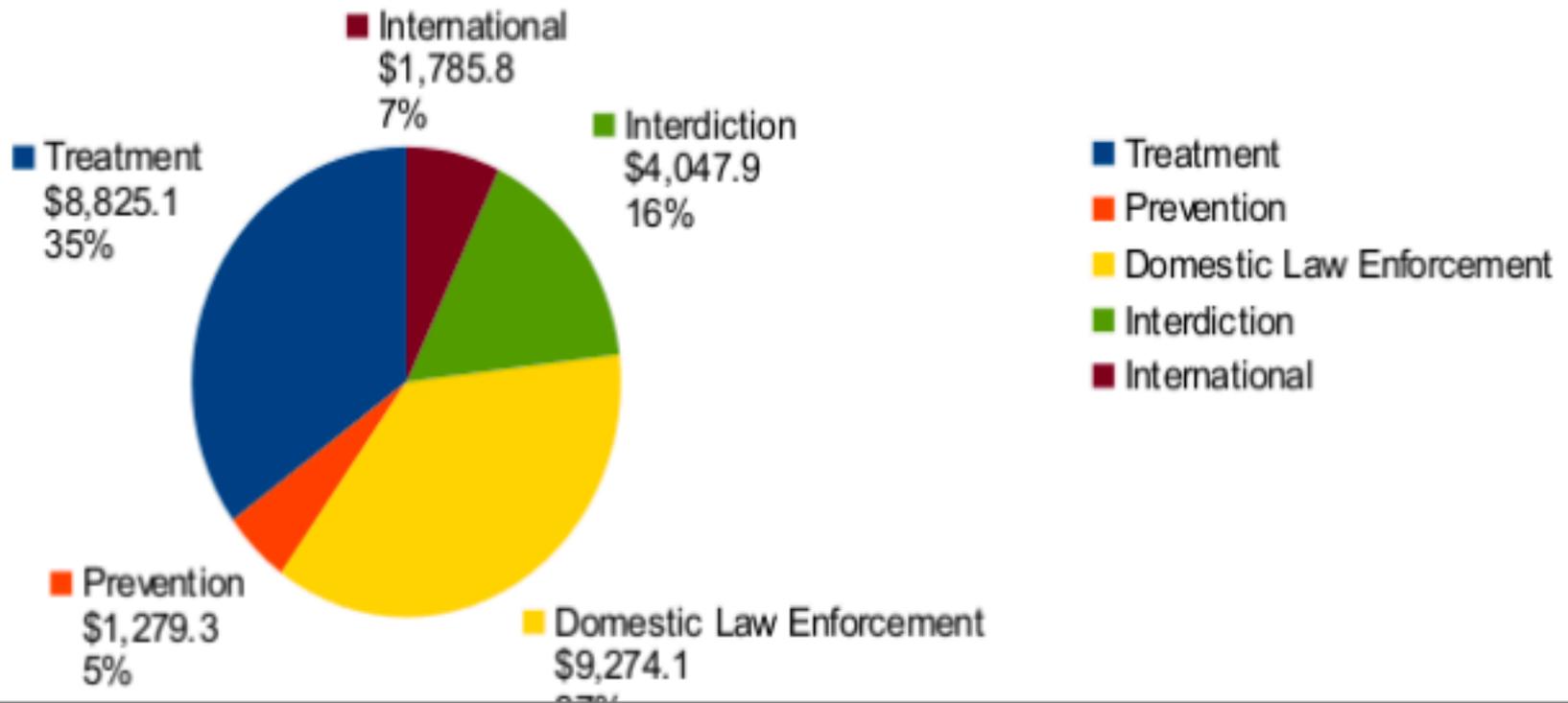
## Education

- ✓ Failure of our drug war policy
  - ✓ Fiscal & social impact on our communities
  - ✓ To restore the public's respect for law enforcement
  - ✓ The implementation of “harm reduction policies”
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- ✓ Removing drug policy from a criminal matter to a public health matter

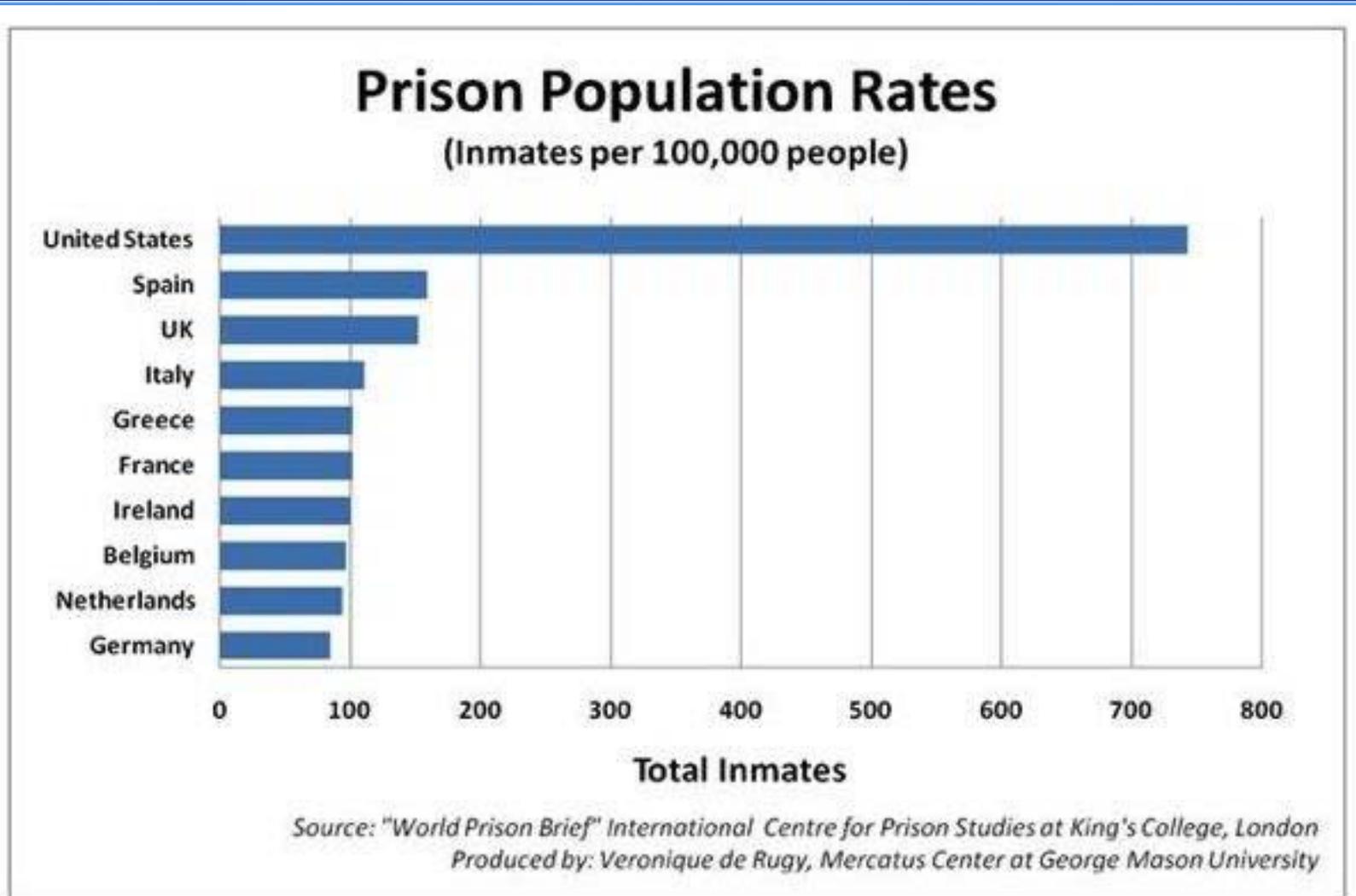
# Drug War Spending

## US Drug Control Spending, FY2014 Enacted

Budget Authority in Millions. Source: ONDCP, March 2014



# Incarceration Rates



## INCARCERATION RATES

AMONG FOUNDING NATO MEMBERS



Source: <http://www.prisonpolicy.org/global/>

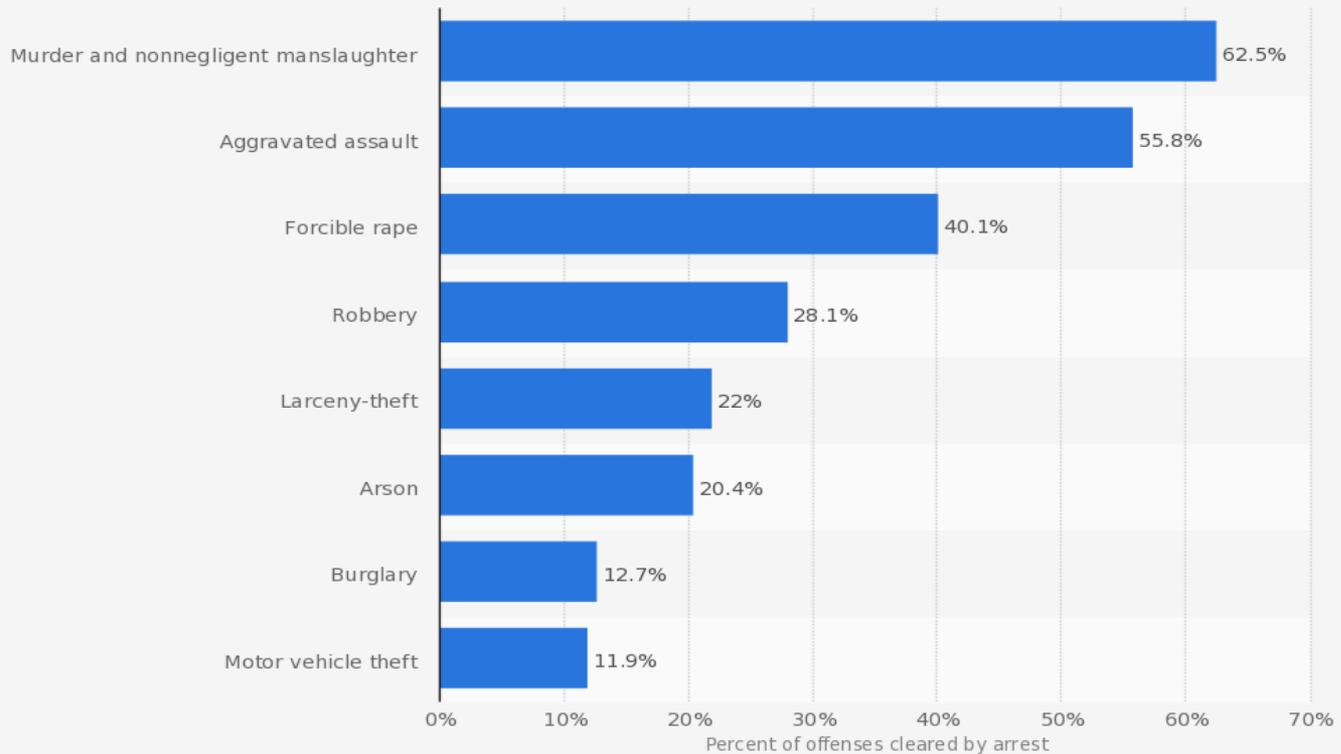
1,600,000



**THE U.S. STATE AND FEDERAL PRISON POPULATION  
HAS INCREASED OVER 800% IN JUST 40 YEARS**

# Crime Clearance Rates

Crime clearance rate in the United States in 2012 by type



Sources:  
US Census Bureau; FBI  
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Additional Information  
United States; 2012

# Racism in the drug war

Blacks constitute **53.5** percent of all persons who entered prison because of a drug conviction

Blacks are **10.1** times more likely than whites to enter prison for drug



# Incarceration Rate of Black Males

Per 100,000 population

## South Africa - 1993

Under apartheid, the most racist regime in modern history

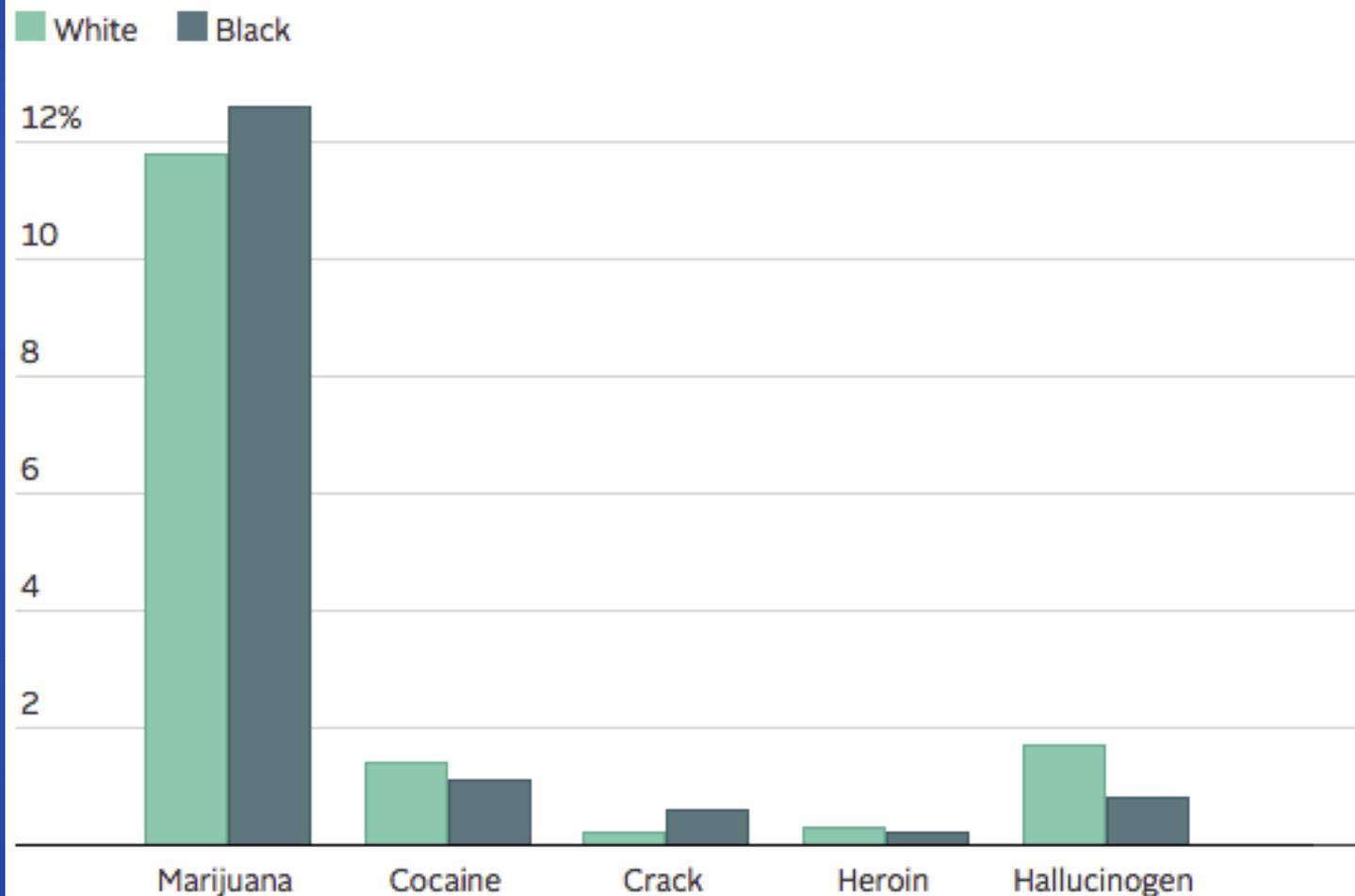
851

## United States - 2010

Under prohibition and the selectively enforced war on drugs

3,074

# Percent of population who used a drug in the past year

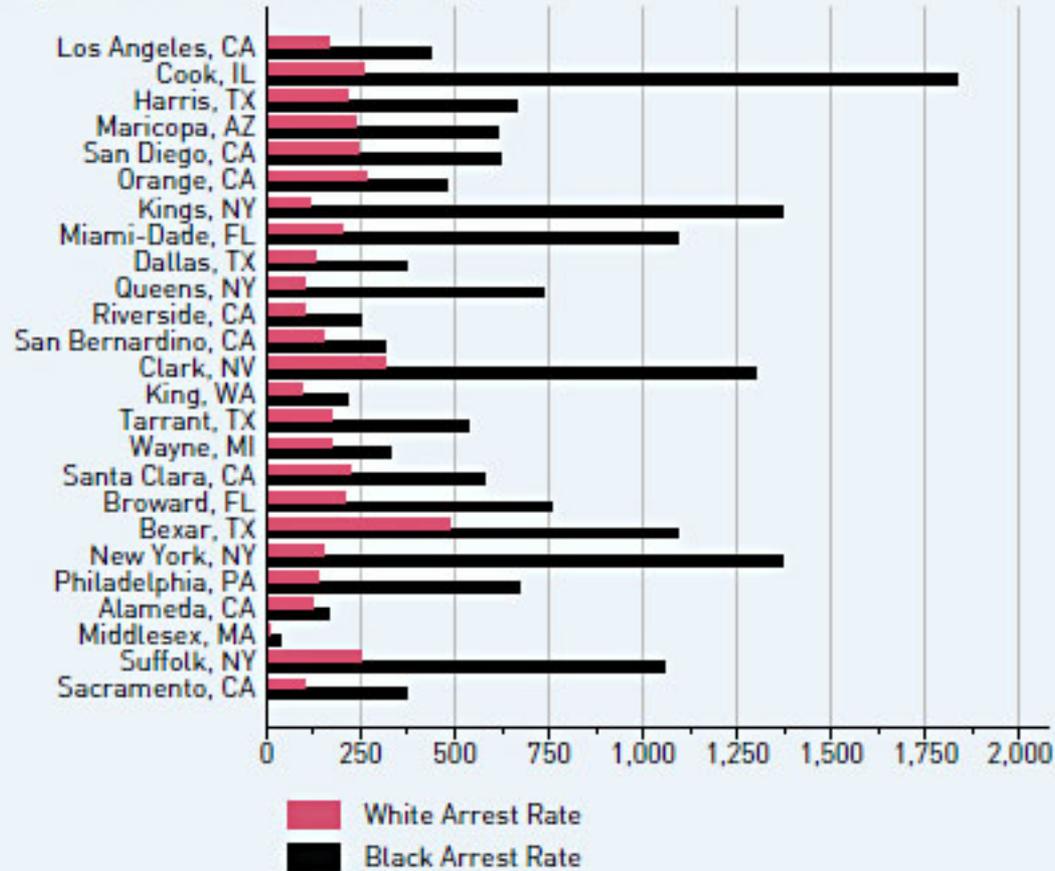


Source: SAMHSA, 2011 data

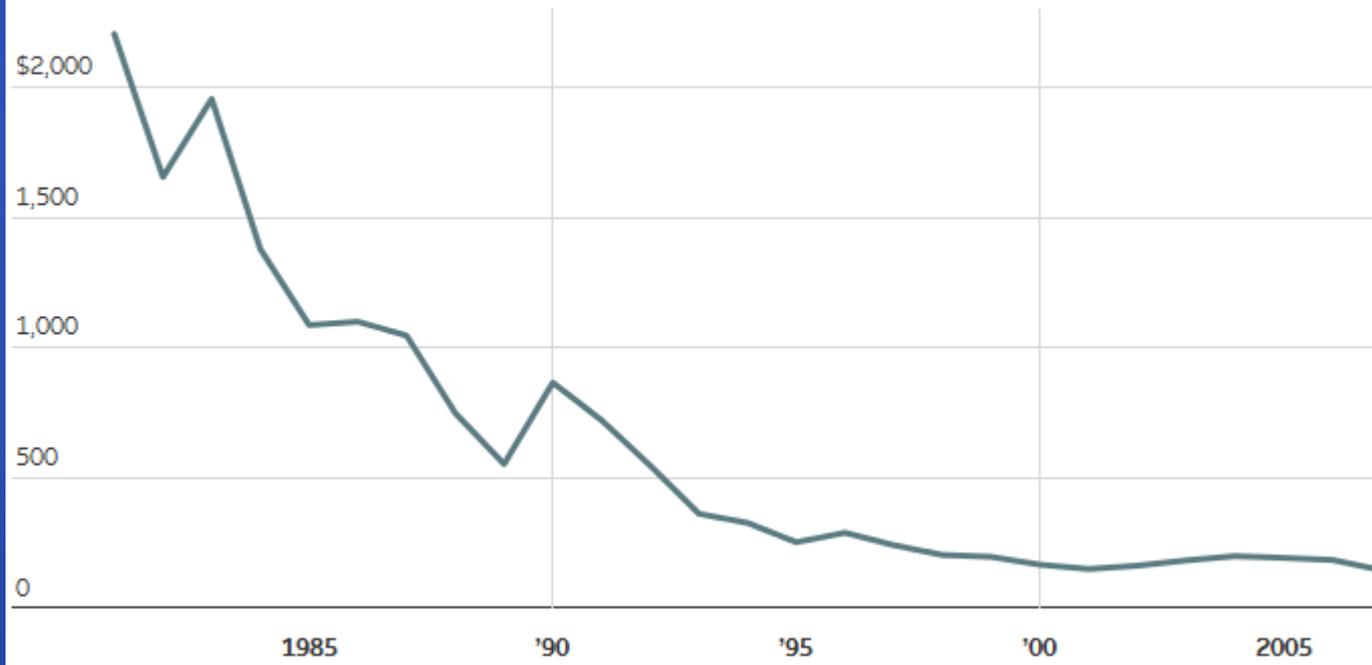


**FIGURE 16**

**Racial Disparities in Marijuana Possession Arrests in the 25 Most Populous Counties in U.S. (2010)**



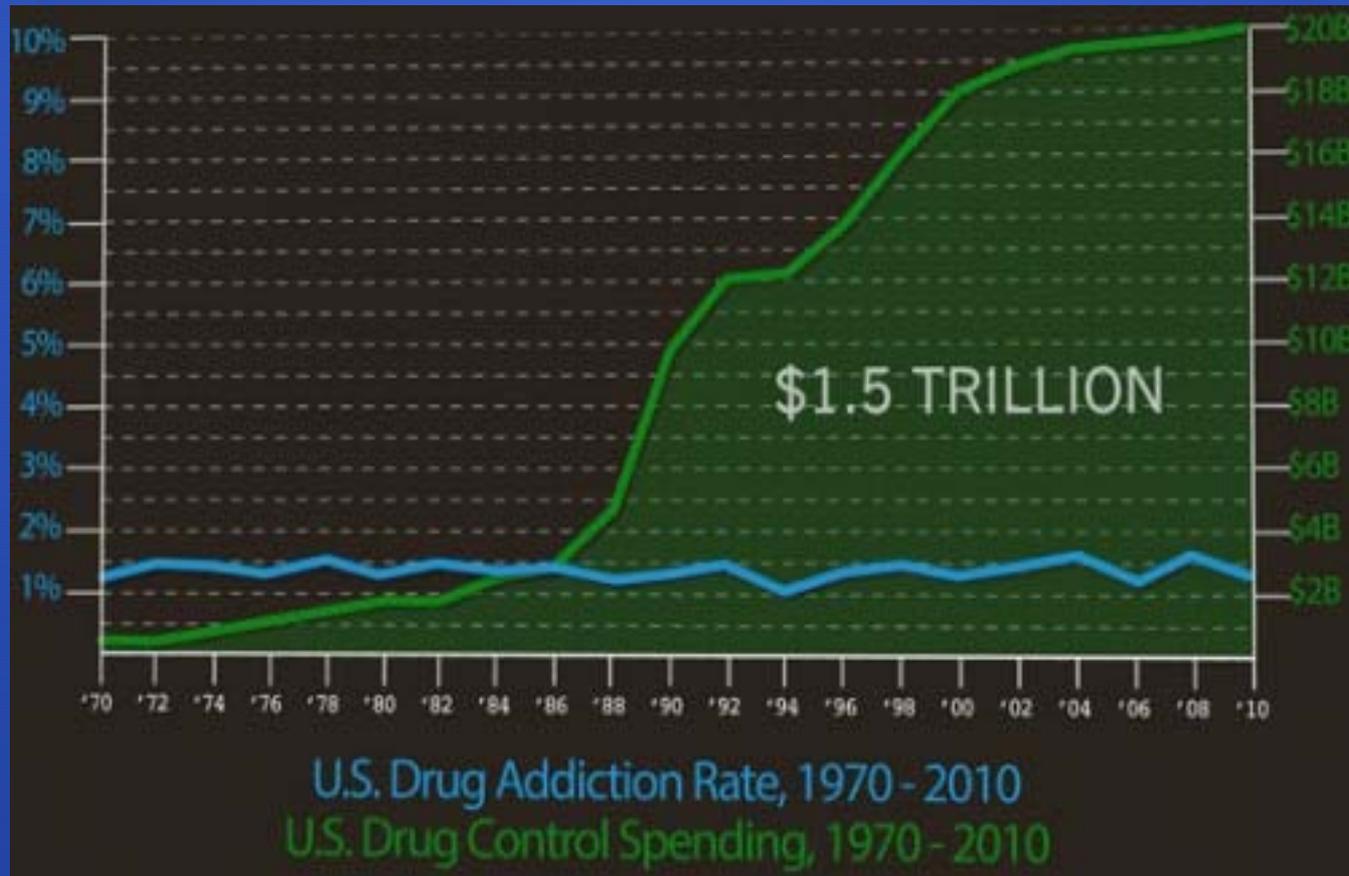
## Median bulk price of heroin per pure gram



Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy



# Drug Addiction Rate



# Conclusions

Rasmussen Poll (2012): Only 4% of American's believe that the drug war is a success

People are traditionally ahead of politicians with regard to policy changes

Fiscal problems in America are forcing states to move to a critical analysis of where \$ should be spent

Public is more sophisticated and understands the correlation between crony capitalism and the business of prohibition

Implementing Harm Reduction is a failure of politics not resources