

DRUG AND ALCOHOL: AN EPIDEMIC IN AMERICA

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ABSTRACT

Drugs have made a major impact on Americans history since the founding of the first English colony at Jamestown in 1607. Even as drug, legal and otherwise, have contributed to the growth of the national economy, Americans have struggled to find policies that limit drugs' negative effects on society without generating negative side effects on their own. Drugs have been a part of the American story since the first day Columbus landed in the New World, when the Taino Indians he met presented him with a gift of tobacco which would go on to become (for better or worse – mostly worse) one of the most important drugs in the American' history. And if drugs have existed since the beginning, so have drug problems. And so have attempts to solve those drug problems. As we, the American face drug problems, we, the Americans learn something from these attempts. Quite contradictory; According to an article published in Time magazine (2012), one in twenty-five deaths around the world is alcohol related. Also, According to an article published in New York Times (2013) alcohol intake (moderate) is good for the heart

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