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DPA Demands Overdose Plan from Presidential Candidates

U.S. presidential candidates must be clear about their plans to reduce overdose deaths and help people struggling with addiction. That's why we launched a petition to ABC News for them to ask the candidates about their overdose plans at the next debate. We demand an answer.

Sign the Petition



Oregon H.B. 4002 Goes into Effect

This new law recriminalizes drug possession in Oregon. That means barriers to treatment that Measure 110 broke down are being rebuilt. The racial disparities that Measure 110 addressed are being restored. And, the drug war in Oregon is back on. Our fact sheet explains what's happening.

Get the Facts



The People Have Spoken on Marijuana Rescheduling

The public comment period on the White House's proposal to reschedule marijuana ended. The results are in and we made our voice heard! About 70% of comments support descheduling, decriminalizing, or legalizing marijuana at the federal level. Now we need your help to keep the pressure on.

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Vermont Overrides Veto, Allows Overdose Prevention Centers

The Vermont legislature overrode Governor Scott's veto and enacted a law that will allow an overdose prevention center (OPC) to open in Burlington. This is a historic victory. And it means that Vermont will join RI, MN, NYC, and other locations in embracing lifesaving OPCs.

Get the Details

New Report: Immigration and the Drug War

DPA and Human Rights Watch released a groundbreaking report on immigration and the drug war. Thousands are deported from the U.S. every year for drug offenses. And in many cases, these offenses are no longer even a crime under state law, such as marijuana possession.

Read the Report

DPA Condemns Grants Pass Ruling

DPA stands in solidarity with fellow Americans and advocates outraged by the Supreme Court's ruling in favor of Grants Pass. Just like criminalizing people for drugs, criminalizing people for sleeping in public is doomed to fail, doesn't address why people are homeless, and will make things worse.

Learn More

Potential New Penalties for People Struggling with Addiction

A new proposal from the Biden Administration would create severe criminal penalties for people struggling with addiction by permanently scheduling fentanyl-related substances and xylazine. It is a failed drug war approach, and we must stop it. We need health-based approaches that work.

Take Action



Touching Fentanyl Cannot Cause Overdose: A Doctor Gives the Facts Video

Fentanyl misinformation has led to harmful policies and distracted from real information that can save lives. We asked Dr. David Goodman-Meza, an addiction medicine specialist, to explain why it's impossible to overdose on fentanyl just by touching it.

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Drug Policy In The News

The Atlantic - America Is Doubling Down on Sewer Surveillance

New York Times - Rethinking Addiction as a Chronic Disease

Filter - For Black and Brown Communities, the Overdose Crisis Is Still Escalating

Truthout - Overdose Prevention Centers Save Lives, But Politics Stand in the Way

Stat News - NIH launches \$270 million anti-overdose research program for, and led by, Native Americans

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