

Legal drugs destroy more lives than illegal drugs

(so the illegal ones should be also legal)

It is widely known, that smoking and excessive alcohol consumption are ones of the main causes of early deaths in the Czech Republic and many other countries. Their destructive influence is well-known and documented, there are many experts' essays about that. Although of this alcohol and tobacco products are legal and you can buy them everywhere and the necessary age is the only requirement. By contrast the marijuana, which is less physically addictive than cigarettes (because of lack of nicotin) is illegal. You can be easily detained by police and even arrested, if you will be carrying more than small amount of it and you will meet wrong pedantic policeman.

Why is it? The reason why alcohol and tobacco are legal is mainly historic. Alcohol had been here for centuries and the society became tolerant to it and views of its excessive consumption. So for majority alcohol isn't a drug at all. On the other hand marijuana and other illegal drugs are more „modern“ and therefore unknown. And you don't need to be a sociologist to realize that people's predominating opinion would be to prefer general prohibition of „the unknown and dangerous drug“. Because it's simple. But ineffective. Despite of the ban, the drugs are still available and the only effect of the prohibition is that they are much more expensive and makes the drug business very lucrative and narcobarones and other members of cartel gain a lot of money. Another problem is that addicted are constrained to steal to obtain money for the drugs.

In my opinion the solution is the legalization of drugs. I don't mean that drugs should be accessible everywhere as the legal ones are in the moment, but they should be available in specialized shops as it works in the Netherlands. And not all of the illegal drugs, I'm speaking mainly about marijuana. Other drugs (sometimes called hard narcotics) should be affordable only in hospitals and similar specialized medical institutions and for the addicted only. But they should be free of charge or only for low price and their serving should be associated with some detoxication program. Moreover, if the narcotics were legal, mafia's profits would be cut down, because of cheaper legal production and even more - the state would gain the profit from consumption taxes instead of spending money on the police and courts who have to deal with drug criminality now.

The problem is too vast to be described and solved on one paper, and I'm really conscious about it. I've only tried to present shortly my point of view in that case. To sum up I have the feeling that more and more people see the problem as I do.