

For example, the observed number of fatal overdoses was two-fold higher than expected under the null distribution within 7 days and 500 meters following opioid-related seizures.

THE REALITY

Within 7, 14, and 21 days, opioid-related law enforcement drug seizures were significantly associated with increased space and time clustering of overdoses within radii of 100, 250, and 500 meters.

We have to start somewhere, exemptions have already been used to sanction "zones" all over Canada, allowing people to safely access harm reduction services such as supervised consumption sites. It is time to seek these same exemptions on a City and Province-wide basis. This is not a cure-all but a critical tool in addressing the mass casualties of an unregulated market.

DECRIMINALIZE

Not only curbing needless overdose deaths, decriminalization at the local level will shift the national dialogue, propel federal reforms, reduce stigma and increase access to care and support sought after by many.

FALL OUT

Anecdotal evidence has stated that the removal of street supply results in a multifaceted negative impact such as: drug supply volatility, increase in drug poisoning, toxicity, & deaths. In addition, the removal of hierarchy creates instability and opportunity that results in turf wars and increasing community and lateral violence.

It is time for Canada to adopt a human rights-based approach to drug policy, which includes, among other things, decriminalizing all drug possession for personal use and selling and sharing drugs for subsistence, to support personal drug use costs, and to provide a safe supply.

REGULATED SUPPLY

Safe Supply is a harm reduction driven, public health & community approach that involves the provision of a drug supply of known quantity and quality. Calls for a safe supply of drugs are not new, and people who use(d) drugs and healthcare professionals have been engaged in this work for some time now. Community driven initiatives should be prioritized.

HARMS

Punitive drug laws and policies aimed at ending illegal drug use have failed; and worse, they have done catastrophic harm to communities and society.

Support. Don't Punish, is a global grassroots-centered initiative in support of harm reduction and drug policies that prioritize public health and human rights.

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The campaign seeks to put harm reduction on the political agenda by strengthening the mobilization capacity of communities targeted by the "war on drugs" and their allies, opening dialogue with policy makers, and raising awareness among the media and the public.

THE APPROACH

Based on the underlying (and incorrect) assumptions that arrest and seizure responses to drugs in the community will deter drug crime and drug use, and thereby reducing drug harms more generally.

For decades, efforts by police to seize illicit drugs have been a cornerstone strategy for disrupting drug markets and removing drugs from communities.

FATAL DRUG

POISONING

INCREASE AFTER

POLICE
SEIZURES