The use of illegal drugs & miss use of legal drugs has been a big issue to the US for a long time. In the 1970's the US declared a WAR on DRUGS. It has been a major campaign with full support of the white house.

For any item sold there is 2 sides, supply & demand. The intent with this war was to eliminate the supply side of the equation. "If the people can't get it then they won't want it." With this in mind the US poured tons of money into stop drug shipments. Its been flashy & has great headlines. "Today we stopped $XX million dollars of cocaine".

The head lines looks great & it looks like the US had the right idea. But by stopping these shipments, the US had lowed the supply while the demand stayed the same. This caused all illegal drugs to skyrocket in price. This means that for the cartels make more profit for each shipment.

With this war on drugs also came an increase a criminals. Just having a small portion of a drug & you could get jail time. The [United States incarceration rate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_incarceration_rate) has tripled since the war on drugs started. This has caused US jail systems to be flooded & has made way for "for profit jails".

Beyond just the incarceration rate, violent crimes has increased. With the increased profit from illegal drugs, we have seen more viol This has also costs the US hundreds of billions of dollars. The US spends 51 billion dollars annually on this war.

If Elected I would end the wasteful war on drugs. We have seen it doesn’t work and is costing the us taxpayers billions of dollars. I would instead work on the demand side of the equation. I would create rehab centers and work with the communities. by creating a support system for those affected by drug abuse. We can reduce the chance of relapse, costs to taxpayers and create jobs.