

Social problems in America - Drugs

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Introduce

From video games and movies to reality. Source of Drugs in the US. Ghost recon - wildland.

Source: South America

Focus--the new soft "drugs"

What causes my interest in nitrous oxide abuse

- The new druglike problem: nitrous oxide abuse
- My concern about this comes from a recent new by Xinjing Paper about several Chinese students in America who get severe damage and wasted a large sum of money in nitrous oxide abuse.

http://news.ifeng.com/a/20170706/51388025_0.shtml

In today's speech, I will mainly focus on the abuse of nitrous oxide. Hopefully, this will be a great reflection of the truth about a sild of drug using in the US.

Let us start from a letter.

The origin version of this letten is written in Chinese, I overwrote it in English. For fullversion of this letter, see<http://www.cclycs.com/y162957.html>

It should be out out my parent's imagination that I was in a wheel chair when I showed up in the BJ national airport. The sad expression of them is the least sence that I would like to recall in the rest of my life, for the truth that their sweet heart, their beloved daughter, was sent back to China like an idiot without a diploma.

They started to blame themselves for putting me in foreign country alone for so many years, as well as not putting enough attention to me. As for me, I was as sad as them, if only I have not touched the *balloon*.

So we have to ask: what is the *balloon* mentioned in the letter, what kind of thing caused such a tragedy?

Balloon, or blowing balloon, is the slang among the Chinese students in America, which refers to the act of using nitrous oxide for pleasure.

What is a whip-it? (resource: ibtimes) (More information available at <http://www.ibtimes.com/nitrous-oxide-what-whip-it-party-drug-hospitalized-demi-moore-401114>)

Summary:

- High cost.
 - Not banned by law.
 - Not legally drug.
 - Not so severe as cocaine, etc.
 - Cause less damage to body.(BUT WE WILL SEE USING IT FOR LONG TIME WILL LEAD TO SEVERE RESULT)
 - Not cause the body to be addicted to it.
 - However, it will lead to a severe mental addition.
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A brief introduction on the way for it to cause damage:

- lack of oxygen
- lack of vitamin B12, which will cause irreversible consequence to nerve system

And we can see its severe damage by reading another part of Han's letter.

... One of my friends come to see me, and she shouted out at the first moment she went in to my room. I was moved into an ambulance with feces and urine all over my body. I got to see some illusion sights, feeling that I was being cheated by a murderer. ... I was waken up, the doctor asked again what my name is and when I was born. For several seconds, I felt offended and shouted towards the doctor:

--Do you find it interesting?

--Why are you keeping asking such naive questions?

The doctor smiled and said: "then can you answer the question?".

I suddenly found out that I forgot who I am. No, I didn't forget who I am, it was that I could not understand what the doctor was saying at all...

The result.

Spend 100+ thousand yuan on this. Still can not walk on own and have to stay in hospital.

The astonishing fact.

There are many (can be seen everywhere in Wechat) students sales NO. online. No ban.

That lead to the reason that:

Why I am so concerned about this?

- No legal prohibition
- Getting in pubs in China
- Influences not only the Americans but also the Chinese students go to America.
- Lead to severe damage.

Is it a real problem in America?

or it is only a symptom in Chinese students' groups in the US?

According to *Coco Jamboo's* answer on Zhihu.com about the question: **if nitrous oxide abuse a serious problem**, nitrous oxide is not a new thing in Western countries. We get the following resources with his help:

<http://www.ibtimes.com/nitrous-oxide-what-whip-it-party-drug-hospitalized-demi-moore-401114>

Actress Demi Moore was hospitalized on Monday, Jan. 23, after suffering a seizure during an evening spent inhaling dangerous amounts of nitrous oxide, also known as "whip-its." Moore's friend called the paramedics after the actress "lapsed into semi-consciousness," according to TMZ. The 49-year-old actress reportedly exhibited symptoms of a seizure after inhaling the gas.

Drug abuse in campus.

What can we learn from this astonishing fact?

What is the general status of drug or drug-like substances abuse in the US?

We asked two students in US for their opinions about this.

America's overall drug using status.

Data from ONDCP (Office of National Drug Control Policy, see <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp>)

These drugs include opioids (including the misuse of prescription opioid medications, heroin, and fentanyl); cocaine; marijuana; methamphetamine; and new psychoactive substances.

- Prescription Opioid(鸦片) Misuse, Heroin, and Fentanyl(芬太尼)
- Cocaine
- Marijuana(大麻)
- Methamphetamines(甲基苯丙胺,冰毒)
- New Psychoactive Substances(新的致瘾性物质)

Data from ONDCP

In 2015, more than 33,000 people died from overdoses involving opioids, which is up from more than 28,000 deaths in 2014.

... fewer than 1 in 4 people with an opioid use disorder received treatment in 2015.

Data from DEA

(Drug Enforcement Administration)

(Their website looks like that it was made in the last century.....)

Where did those drugs come from?

South America

Colombia, Mexico

American people's attitude about drugs online.

(Source: Quora)

(see <https://www.quora.com/topic/Drug-Use-in-the-United-States>)

Closely related to drug abuse, in America, you can use hallucinogens legally.

Are there any legal hallucinogens the average person can purchase or use in the US? If so, which hallucinogens are legal to purchase or use?

If you are interested in psychedelics you should be spending your time on Erowid...

Get the bottle that only lists Put it in a pill and take it.

There are various places online that sell mushroom kits, spores and truffles, ready-to-eat!

... There is the Payote Way church and other spiritual groups that are allowed access to psychedelics for ritualistic purposes...

Has drug cartel violence come to the US?

Yes and no.

Yes, there is currently violence in border states (California and Texas especially) related to cartel activity. There are many street gangs both American and Mexican (and South American) originated. These gangs and group that are responsible for moving, breaking down, and selling the drugs, and the groups who launder the money, etc often attract and perpetuate violence as a fact of life and way of doing business. Just as most things are this is amplified in correctional institutions. The violence in prisons do to gang ties, beef carried over from the streets, snitching can be a by-product of cartel business and connection.

The hippie movement and drug use.

LSD

The end.