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About 20k people killed per year, plus heaps of general unrest. This controls 90% of the cocaine entering America.

"the Finance Minister, [Agustín Carstens](#), said that the deteriorating security alone is reducing gross domestic product annually by 1% in Mexico"

- mexican GDP is 1.261 trillion USD, so that's \$12 billion damage.
- That is actually probably much less than the wholesale value of the cocaine market. Maybe it has bad effects on inequality though?

1.9 million American users per month. That's 100 users per dead Mexican.

Using cocaine regularly maybe does 1% of a death \* 50 years of life \* 0.7 quality of life = 0.35 QALY reduction per year.

That's worse than consuming milk, which is maybe 1/30th of a cow year per dairy-consuming year.

If you're happy to offset with AMF, that's like \$30 a year.

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- Americans spend maybe \$30 billion on cocaine per year. That's an average of 1.5k per year per monthly user. I wonder if that's enormously unequal? I also wonder if I accidentally included crack users above and not here.