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**Discussion 3**

**Personal Project Idea:**

The war against narcotics has always been a topic ranking high in the United States’ list of domestic problems. With fentanyl taking on the headlines of most news shows in the recent months, one can only wonder where this nation stands in this everlasting battle. To analyze this problem one can examine data on arrests and hospital visits / deaths associated with illegal drugs. Each dataset will be able to answer different questions while providing a more holistic understanding of the problem.

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**Questions to be asked?**- Whare are the of arrests and hospital visits / deaths made in the year 2018s – 2022 (yearly and overall)? This will provide valuable information on status of this effort before, during, and after

COVID-19 pandemic.

- What cities/states are the most affected by this problem?

- What drugs are the most abundant in the most affected cities/states?

- What demographics are mostly affected by this problem (age and ethnicity)?

- What drugs are most abundant for each age group and ethnicity?

**Datasets to be explored?**

- DEA: [Drug Labs in the United States](https://www.dea.gov/clan-lab) provides data on seized drug labs from the year 2018-2023

- Still exploring possible datasets to use