

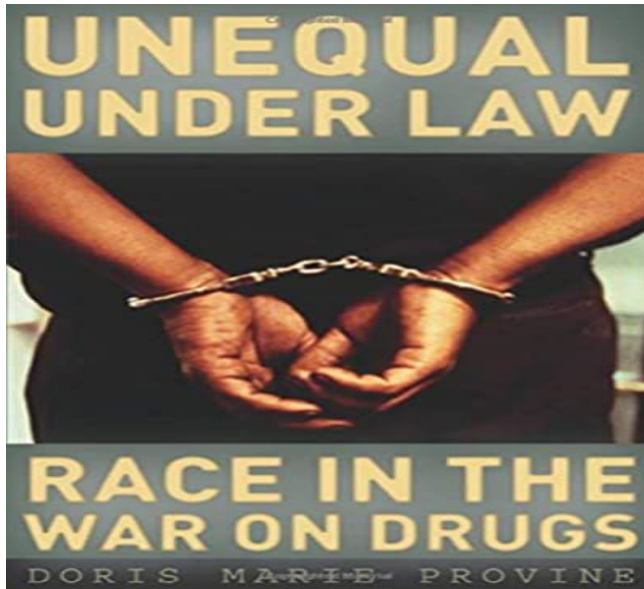
# Drugs addiction and racial injustice in prison\

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Drugs have been a very difficult topic to discuss in the United States. There are many debates going all over on whether drugs should become legal or remain illegal. Drug is a chemical substance used by humans for some particular reasons such as preventing diseases or forgetting problems. There are two types of drugs medicinal and recreational. Medicinal drug is a drug that can be used by humans and animals to cure disease but with the approval of the doctor while a recreational drug known as illicit drug is a drug used by people without any medical justification. The discussion on drugs didn't start now, it started back in 1970 when President Richard M. Nixon started the war on drugs. The war on drugs was based on regulating the use of drugs and punishing those who take and use big drugs illegally. This war on drugs came with many issues such as politics and racial.



## **Race and the Drug War**

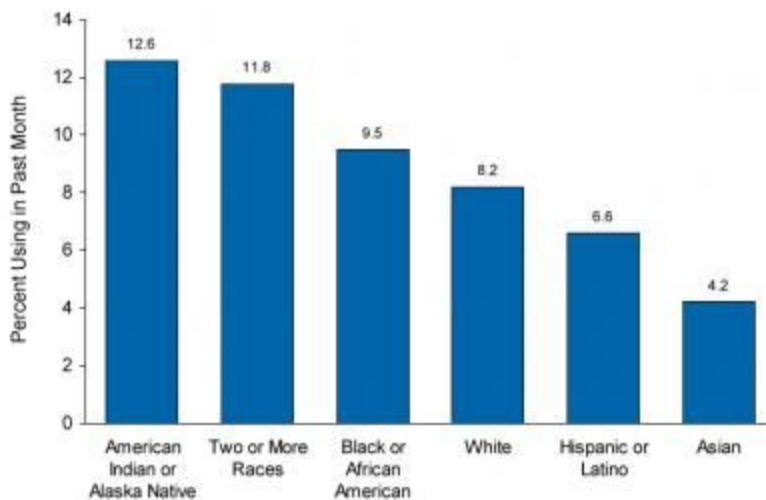
At the time, black people were most targeted by this law and most of them became imprisoned. The population of black people behind bars grew very quickly and led to mass incarceration. Africans Americans are more likely to get arrested than white people. Afro-Americans made up about 34% of the prisoner population in 2014.

The drug war has produced profoundly unequal outcomes across racial groups, manifested through racial discrimination by law enforcement and disproportionate drug war misery suffered by communities of color. Higher arrest and incarceration rates for these communities are not reflective of increased prevalence of drug use, but rather of law enforcement's focus on urban areas, lower income communities and communities of color.

- People of color experience discrimination at every stage of the criminal justice system and are more likely to be stopped, searched, arrested, convicted, harshly

sentenced and saddled with a lifelong criminal record. This is particularly the case for drug law violations.

- Nearly 80% of people in federal prison and almost 60% of people in state prison for drug offenses are black or Latino.
- Research shows that prosecutors are twice as likely to pursue a mandatory minimum sentence for black people as for white people charged with the same offense. Among people who received a mandatory minimum sentence in 2011, 38% were Latino and 31% were black.
- Black people and Native Americans are more likely to be killed by law enforcement than other racial or ethnic groups. They are often stereotyped as being violent or addicted to alcohol and other drugs.



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- RACE/ETHNICITY IS SHOWN ON THE HORIZONTAL AXIS AND THE PERCENTAGE USING ILLICIT DRUGS



Drug affects an individual is dependent on a variety of factors including body size, general health, the amount and strength of the drug, and whether any other drugs are in the system at the same time. Drugs can have short-term and long-term effects. These effects can be physical and psychological, and can include dependency. You may act differently, feel differently and think differently if you have taken drugs. And you may struggle to control your actions and thoughts. You might begin to use drugs without thinking about any harm to your body. You might think drugs won't become a problem because you are only a casual user. The more you take a drug, the more likely you are to build up a tolerance to its effects. This can lead to the need to take larger doses to obtain the effects of the drug. For this reason, evidence suggests that after prolonged use, many drugs can cause dependence. Drug dependence can quickly begin to affect your psychological and physical health, and can also affect your work and social life. I decided to talk about this research because many people are using drugs without any control and many people are having problems because of the drugs. Some people lost their lives, some people had depression, Hallucinogens or Stimulants etc.

The most important that i learned in unit 2 was that the adolescent has the higher risk of losing their life while. Also i learned that people of color has been more suffered than the white people. Every year the mass of incarceration increase also The number of black and latino people that have been arrested is higher than the number of white people. Throughout my research i have four that will help the reader to understand how people are suffering for the use of drugs also how black people and latino has has been treated unequally “In at least fifteen states, African Americans are admitted to prison on drug charges at a rate from twenty to fifty-seven times greater than that of White men”

I choose this new york time so that my audience can learn from it. It can help them to be safe from the use of drugs. This idea may help them because it’s really bad when you get addicted to drugs and those addictions may lead them to death. Drugs will destroy their lives and can affect their health. It is important to remember that there is no safe level of drug use. Be careful when taking any kind of drug.