

LEGALISE IT...?

The topic of drug reformation is a contentious one due to traditional political and societal views; however, drug reformation is needed. The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 is outdated and needs to reform to keep up with our ever changing societal values.

The UK should be more like:

Switzerland:

Switzerland is one of the countries that pioneered the idea of introducing a policy aimed at health rather than criminal justice.

The federal government introduced an open and interlinked four pillar model.

This model has been described as progressive, innovative and effective by experts in the field.

Portugal:

Portugal decriminalised the personal possession of all drugs in 2001.

This reform came mainly from a health issue.

A well-funded commission was established to tackle the issues that would arise from the decriminalisation of all drugs known as the commissions for the dissuasion of drug addiction.



The Law at the Moment:

- Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- Modern Slavery Act 2015

59%

Support legalisation of cannabis¹

67%

Want a review of Britain's approach to drugs²

100,000

Is the number of people the CSJ estimate would get addicted to cannabis³

NEGATIVES OF DECRIMINALISATION



Unnecessary burden on the NHS



Drug tourism - leading to problematic behaviour

With the decriminalisation, and full legalisation of the drug trade, both the opportunity and profit motive for organised crime will diminish and the scope for trafficking and exploitation will reduce significantly.

By removing criminal penalties for drug possession, and focusing instead on facilitating access to support and treatment where it is needed, cycles of vulnerability can be cut off at the start.

ECONOMICS BEHIND LEGALISATION



Would meet Consumer Rights Act 2015



Decreased Expenditure on 'war on drugs'



Protects the health of consumer

"The supply of class A drugs, from urban hubs to county towns continues to be a widespread feature of gang activity and the key driver for the criminality highlighted"

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