Harm Reduction in a Culture of Abstinence

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Reducing Harm Everyday
Harm Reduction, Substance Use, and Recovery
Internalized Stigma
Syringe Access Programs: The Gateway to Service Connection
Crime: 11%
Taxes: $3-5k per $1
Disease: 50% & 80%

Reduction:
- Crime: 33%
- Taxes: 28%
- Disease: 66%
Pushing The Envelope
Over 15 Years of Research
Death Prevention
Reduced Overdoses
Safe Injection Conditions
Increased Access to Health Services
Less Outdoor Drug Use
No Increase in Drug Use/Crime

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<td>2017 opioid related deaths</td>
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<td>2017 per capita opioid related deaths</td>
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<td>Vancouver death toll rate over AZ</td>
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Cultural Replicability
Let’s Cogitate (think deeply about)

Legality

and

Life
Spotlight on Opioid, September 19, 2018

“The first step is understanding that opioid use disorder is a chronic but treatable brain disease, and not a moral failing or character flaw. Like many other chronic medical conditions, opioid use disorder is both treatable, and in many cases, preventable. It is also a disease that must be addressed with compassion. Unfortunately, stigma has prevented many sufferers and their families from speaking about their struggles and from seeking help. The way we as a society view and address opioid use disorder must change—individual lives and the health of our nation depend on it.”
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