

# THE PSYCHOPATHIC SOCIETY III

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Probably the clearest proof of the pathology inherent in American Society is the absolutely undeniable fact that the society, in a totally schizophrenic fashion, is at “war” with itself. And that “war” is, as is usual in America, euphemistically trumpeted as something other than what it is, and that “something” is: **“THE WAR ON DRUGS”**.

But that’s not really what it is. I think that what it really is can best be defined as a covert war of the Government against its own people. I truly believe that the bureaucracy that actually rules America is obsessed with the drug war, not simply as a way to obtain fuller control over the people, but they have also become addicted both to the luxurious livelihood the “War on Drugs” supplies them, and to the immense extension of power it affords them..

One of my most strongly held beliefs is this: ***There are two kinds of “Drug Lords”, and they both profit mightily from the sale of drugs, one of these “kinds” are the suppliers of drugs, and the other are the denier of drugs, and they exist in a symbiotic relationship one to another.*** After all, the men in Columbia and Mexico who export heroin and cocaine into America are called “Drug Lords”, and the head of America’s War on Drugs, General McCaffrey is called the “Drug Czar”, which would imply him to be a kind of supreme “Drug Lord”. Which, in many ways, he is!

This is not the first time such a symbiosis existed in America. In the early years of this century the same sort of people addicted to the control of others who were behind the banning of narcotic substances, succeeded in banning alcoholic beverages. **“Prohibition” was every bit as great a failure as “The War on Drugs”, it was “The War on Booze”**. It too was terribly harmful to the American People, both as individuals and as a Society.

When one, in an unbiased fashion, compares the effects of both alcohol and narcotics on the consumer, we find that, in fact, alcohol is far more physically and socially harmful to a **minority** of the consumers of alcohol (those who become addicted to it and their families) than any so-called “drug”. I must say, however, that some medical “drugs”, dispensed wholly legally by the medical profession, are lethal, but not banned.

In point of fact, tobacco with its indwelling “drug” nicotine is far more harmful than either narcotics or alcohol. **“Cigarettes are the only product, legally sold in this world, that, when used as directed, kills the user”** (Bruce Kessler)

Some 440,000 people die a year in America from the effects of smoking, but no really

serious attempt has been made to effect a “prohibition” of cigarette smoking. Instead, the only possible approach to phenomena of this class has been made and a strong attempt is being made to educate people as to the probable effects of smoking. It’s working.

But, as is all too common with psychotics, America can’t seem to learn from its own experiences. The prohibition of alcohol in the 1920s failed horribly, for the simple reason that the public did NOT support it in any way. The same phenomenon is true of the prohibition on drugs. **The Governments “War on Drugs” is an incredibly expensive TOTAL FAILURE.**

Not only is it a total failure, but it is, in and of itself, the most destructive thing ever to happen to America’s social fabric. Now, that’s an easy thing to say, but why do I say it?

The most important aspect of that destructiveness is that it has slowly and inexorably lessened the Liberty and Freedom that America so loudly and inaccurately claims its citizens possess. Little by little various aspects of the Bill of Rights have been nibbled away under the pretext and excuse of “The War on Drugs”. Under the pretext and excuse of “The War on Drugs” America is inexorably drifting into the status of nothing more than a Police State.

To make this situation worse still, there is now a Government led “hue and cry” about “terrorists” and the absolute necessity to further circumscribe the Bill of Rights” to “combat world terrorism”. The Police State creeps closer.

Any country which spends more on prisons and “Law Enforcement” than on education is a Police State. There are more people in prisons in America than in any other Nation. That is not a statistic that says anything good about the country. If America was truly what it imagines itself to be, “A Land with Liberty and Justice for All” it wouldn’t be spending billions upon billions of dollars building new prisons simply to relieve over-crowding. In a country in which the citizens are secure and content and healthy there can never be “over-crowding” in the prison system.

**BUT**, if all the people who are in prisons for drug related charges were released, and all the people who are in prison for so called “morals” offenses (other than those accompanied by non-consensual violence), were to be released, we wouldn’t need new prisons, and in fact, we could probably close some of the old ones. One of the most truly horrible aspects of this wild growth in the Prison System of the United States, is the lobbying of the enormously powerful prison employees unions and organizations who, as long as they have secure, high-paying jobs (and in some cases) an outlet for sadistic behavior) don’t give a hoot about the harm it does to society.

Where America has always gone totally astray from its declared character, is in its continual totally puritanical presumption that Government has some kind of right to prescribe and regulate private and consensual behavior. American Society is, at this point

in time, probably the most over regulated society on the planet.

Now, as regards Narcotics of any kind. I do not now use them, nor have I ever in my life used them. This diatribe does not proceed from a desire to ease my own existence by making something I want or need more available. In point of fact, I find the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco to be unfortunate afflictions on those who use them. **BUT**, it is neither my place, nor anyone else's, to presume to prescribe or proscribe the behavior of others that has no potential for harming anyone but themselves.

Bungee Jumping is potentially terribly harmful to the people who indulge in it, but no one has seriously suggested banning it. Why? Because there's no profit in it! Driving a car is dangerous, skiing is quite usually harmful (except to orthopedists), swimming is dangerous as are swimming pools, many of our most popular sports are dangerous, but no one seriously suggests banning these things. Why? Because there's absolutely no profit in it, and because a great deal of profit would be lost by these bans.

If anyone wonders why smoking, which kills 440,000 people a year (far more than the Viet Nam War and AIDS combined) has not been banned; one only has to look at the profit and loss ledger of that industry, the Merchants of Death.

The most important thing we have to realize about the things that get banned in America is that all of these things contradict the Judeo-Christian Morality, which in and of itself is the most immoral thing in the history of the Human Race. It is unquestionable to me that the Judeo-Christian Morality has harmed more people than heroin, and to a much greater degree.

It is, I believe, an entire misuse and abuse of power, and an act of actual malfeasance, for any Government to criminalize a large percentage of their population who would, had they not been criminalized, never done an ounce of harm. There are two spectacular cases wherein had the government not created it, there would be no criminal activity at all, and those two are narcotics and prostitution.

It is, I believe, a clear fact that "Gang Activity" in America burgeoned at the time the Federal Government declared "War on Narcotics". We would probably have neither youth gangs, nor the inordinate amount of violence in our society had narcotics use remained simply a matter of self-abuse like tobacco and alcohol.

The ban on Narcotics is creating the same situation that the prohibition of alcoholic beverages did. The "prohibition" itself renders an element of "daring" and "exotic" and it particularly appeals to the "rebel" aspect of the adolescent personality. President Clinton wails and moans that "drugs almost killed" his brother, but, I must ask: would his brother ever have tried drugs if they weren't "forbidden fruit"? There's a second aspect to this. If drugs were legally obtainable, would Bill Clinton's brother have been so harmed by them as he was? People who are addicted to drugs steal to "support their habit" that's totally true. But, were drugs legally obtainable at reasonable prices in controlled environments, they

would be totally unattractive to illicit sellers. Narcotics, in and of themselves, are not the cause of crime, criminals are drawn to drugs as an avenue of profit and advancement simply because they are illegal and therefore are obtainable in no other way.

There is simply something we must all of us accept. There are people who have addictive personalities. They become addicted to all sorts of things. Alcohol, drugs and cigarettes are merely the most patently obvious, but almost as many Americans are addicted to indiscriminate sex, but that too is obvious. It's the people addicted to failure, to self-pity, to guilt, and most harmful of all addictions, the need for power over others. And that addiction is all too common in Presidents and Senators and Congressmen and Judges. The addiction to power is at the root of the "Drug War" as it was at the root of "Prohibition" and as it is at the root of the basic cause of the "Drug War" its eventual result will be the "totalitarianization" of the United States of America.

The "Drug War" and the "Cold War" are connected phenomena, they are both aimed at the acquisition of power, and they are both totally fake. If you stop to think, **they are also absolutely contemporaneous**. The Governmental bodies most totally immersed in both phenomena are the most totally undemocratic, anti-libertarian, coercive and oppressive forces in the country, and perhaps in the world. They are so because they wield the most power. Over the years since this connected phenomenon began, the liberties American's once took for granted have slowly been pared away, and American Society has become a violent, frightened, self-antagonistic, self-destructive place.

In this series of essays I will be discussing the many aspects of American Society that can only be called "psychopathic" or totally divorced from reality. But this particular psychosis, "The Drug War" is among the most harmful and totally unnecessary in any sane society. But then, that's the point of these essays, to show that America is NOT a "sane society".