

SWEDEN WINNING WAR ON DRUGS

Proponents of 'medical' marijuana, needle exchange programs, methadone handouts, "soft" law enforcement, legalization, and other permissive drug strategies would have you believe Canada cannot win the War on Drugs.

Sweden proves otherwise. By choosing zero-tolerance and a drug-free society, Sweden is eradicating illicit drug use.

Only 2% of young adults in Sweden are likely to have smoked cannabis in the last year. In drug-permissive countries like Holland, it's about 14%. In Australia, 33%.

In Sweden, use of heroin, cocaine, ecstasy and amphetamines is also appreciably lower.

Swedish courts can order treatment; drug trafficking may be punished by 20 years imprisonment; schools and municipal social services provide extensive education against drug use; "harm reduction" and needle-exchange have NOT been adopted.

COMPARISON - Restrictive SWEDEN to Permissive AUSTRALIA

SOURCE: UN World Report 1997

	Sweden	Australia
Prevalence of Drug Use	9%	52%
% Dependant Users (Under 20 Years Old)	1.5	8.2
Methadone Patients (per million pop.)	50	940
Dependant Heroin Users (Est. per million pop.)	500	5,000 - 16,000
Cumulative AIDS cases (per million pop.)	150	330
Average months in prison for drug offence	20	5
Drug-related deaths (per million pop.)	23	48

Throughout the world, statistical evidence proves tolerance as a drug policy is a failure.

Wouldn't Sweden's model be a better choice for Canada?

**There are solutions working in the world today!
Shouldn't Canadians benefit from this Knowledge & Experience?**

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With the use of statistical and documented evidence, IDEAS - 2002, the first of its kind in Canada, is committed to bringing honesty to the issue of tolerance for substance abuse.

IDEAS has invited Swedish, Swiss, U.S., Canadian and other world-leading medical, legal and police experts with impeccable credentials and experience in the prevention, treatment, law enforcement and harm reduction of illicit drugs. **For three days, they will meet with Canadians of influence in a conference intended to examine Canada's permissive drug policies.**

If you have been invited, please reply Early.

If you are interested, please refer online at www.ideas-canada.org