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NOTE Confidence: 0.907809185

00:00:30.950 --> 00:00:31.458 So I can see

NOTE Confidence: 0.93141518125

00:00:31.470 --> 00:00:33.590 we have a lot of folks joining us. I just

NOTE Confidence: 0.93141518125

00:00:33.590 --> 00:00:35.618 popped a little message in the chat box

NOTE Confidence: 0.897929375

00:00:35.870 --> 00:00:37.378 for you, but welcome

NOTE Confidence: 0.958106835714286

00:00:37.830 --> 00:00:39.692 to our webinar this afternoon and we'll

NOTE Confidence: 0.958106835714286

00:00:39.692 --> 00:00:41.479 get started in just a few moments.

NOTE Confidence: 0.760620454

00:02:17.310 --> 00:02:18.806 Alright David, I have a 903.

NOTE Confidence: 0.760620454

00:02:18.806 --> 00:02:20.818 Do we want to give folks a couple

NOTE Confidence: 0.760620454

00:02:20.818 --> 00:02:22.329 more minutes? Maybe get started?

NOTE Confidence: 0.71310556

00:02:25.370 --> 00:02:28.054 Welcome, I'm David Fiellin and

NOTE Confidence: 0.71310556

00:02:28.054 --> 00:02:30.100 I'm director of the Yale Program

NOTE Confidence: 0.815105333846154

00:02:30.164 --> 00:02:32.650 in Addiction Medicine and I want to

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00:02:32.650 --> 00:02:34.858 welcome you to our second talk in

NOTE Confidence: 0.815105333846154

00:02:34.858 --> 00:02:37.234 our finding solutions to the opioid
NOTE Confidence: 0.815105333846154

00:02:37.234 --> 00:02:39.504 crisis speaker series in collaboration
NOTE Confidence: 0.815105333846154

00:02:39.504 --> 00:02:41.528 with the Sandgaard Foundation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.815105333846154

00:02:41.530 --> 00:02:43.612 We're joined today by Maritza Perez
NOTE Confidence: 0.815105333846154

00:02:43.612 --> 00:02:46.215 from the Drug Policy Alliance who will
NOTE Confidence: 0.815105333846154

00:02:46.215 --> 00:02:48.519 speak on drug decriminalization and a
NOTE Confidence: 0.815105333846154

00:02:48.519 --> 00:02:50.888 public health approach to drug policy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.815105333846154

00:02:50.890 --> 00:02:51.954 Before we get started,
NOTE Confidence: 0.815105333846154

00:02:51.954 --> 00:02:53.970 we just wanted to review a few
NOTE Confidence: 0.815105333846154

00:02:53.970 --> 00:02:56.154 housekeeping items on the following slides.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8470539

00:02:58.520 --> 00:03:00.315 First, we encourage you to stay
NOTE Confidence: 0.8470539

00:03:00.315 --> 00:03:02.333 up to date with the latest in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.8470539

00:03:02.333 --> 00:03:03.778 finding solution series and the
NOTE Confidence: 0.8470539

00:03:03.778 --> 00:03:05.510 Yale Program in Addiction Medicine.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8470539

00:03:05.510 --> 00:03:06.938 By visiting our website.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8470539

00:03:06.938 --> 00:03:08.723 Following us on Twitter and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8470539

00:03:08.723 --> 00:03:10.399 joining our program listserv.

NOTE Confidence: 0.816700546

00:03:12.570 --> 00:03:17.050 Second, I'd like to

NOTE Confidence: 0.816700546

00:03:17.050 --> 00:03:19.570 introduce you to Kyle Henderson,

NOTE Confidence: 0.816700546

00:03:19.570 --> 00:03:23.458 who's the executive director of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.816700546

00:03:23.458 --> 00:03:25.588 Sandgaard Foundation and ask him to

NOTE Confidence: 0.816700546

00:03:25.588 --> 00:03:27.456 say a few words and share about the

NOTE Confidence: 0.816700546

00:03:27.456 --> 00:03:29.465 mission and work of the Foundation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.816700546

00:03:29.470 --> 00:03:30.280 Kyle, go ahead.

NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:31.350 --> 00:03:32.865 Thank you, David.

NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:32.865 --> 00:03:36.400 Thank you everyone for joining us today.

NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:36.400 --> 00:03:37.399 Again, Kyle Henderson,

NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:37.399 --> 00:03:38.731 here, executive director of

NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:38.731 --> 00:03:40.350 the Sandgaard Foundation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:40.350 --> 00:03:42.734 We focus exclusively on

NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:42.734 --> 00:03:44.428 fighting the opioid epidemic.

NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:44.428 --> 00:03:46.624 So needless say it's a it's.
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:46.630 --> 00:03:48.706 It's wonderful to be aligned with
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:48.706 --> 00:03:50.733 the Yale program and addiction
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:50.733 --> 00:03:53.118 medicine on this speaker series,
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:53.118 --> 00:03:55.830 which focuses on finding solutions to
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:03:55.909 --> 00:04:00.410 the opioid crisis we've been involved in.
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:04:00.410 --> 00:04:02.090 Initiatives around the country
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:04:02.090 --> 00:04:03.350 since January 1st.
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:04:03.350 --> 00:04:05.030 We've helped to distribute over
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:04:05.030 --> 00:04:07.700 400,000 units of naloxone to recovery
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:04:07.700 --> 00:04:10.088 homes around the country in 21 states.
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:04:10.090 --> 00:04:12.592 Working with direct relief and the
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:04:12.592 --> 00:04:15.322 Clinton Foundation for funding sober concert,
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:04:15.322 --> 00:04:18.362 some films in the space and we just
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:04:18.362 --> 00:04:20.350 launched our Colorado naloxone project,
NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:04:20.350 --> 00:04:22.566 which is one of the first initiatives in

NOTE Confidence: 0.923823576

00:04:22.566 --> 00:04:24.263 the country where we're ensuring that

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00:04:24.263 --> 00:04:26.539 all that risk patients that come into the ER.

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00:04:28.600 --> 00:04:30.742 Or walking out of the hospital with

NOTE Confidence: 0.823472317857143

00:04:30.742 --> 00:04:32.997 Narcan or no locks in their hand.

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00:04:33.000 --> 00:04:34.668 So they're not having to go

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00:04:34.668 --> 00:04:35.780 get a prescription subsequent,

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00:04:35.780 --> 00:04:38.012 so we do focus a lot on harm reduction,

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00:04:38.020 --> 00:04:40.120 then also helping to support

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00:04:40.120 --> 00:04:42.220 the victims and their families.

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00:04:42.220 --> 00:04:44.388 But we encourage you to learn more about

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00:04:44.388 --> 00:04:46.758 the Sandgaard Foundation at sandgaardfoundation.org,

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00:04:46.760 --> 00:04:49.466 and certainly feel out to.

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00:04:49.470 --> 00:04:51.094 Feel, feel free to reach out to me

NOTE Confidence: 0.823472317857143

00:04:51.094 --> 00:04:52.709 anytime if you're interested in learning

NOTE Confidence: 0.823472317857143

00:04:52.709 --> 00:04:54.844 more about our mission and vision, but.

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00:04:54.844 --> 00:04:57.996 That being said, I just wanted to thank.

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00:04:58.000 --> 00:04:59.985 The the Yale program and addiction

NOTE Confidence: 0.823472317857143

00:04:59.985 --> 00:05:02.060 medicine and Maritza Perez or their

NOTE Confidence: 0.823472317857143

00:05:02.060 --> 00:05:04.147 time today in helping to make this

NOTE Confidence: 0.823472317857143

00:05:04.147 --> 00:05:05.639 important initiative a reality.

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00:05:05.640 --> 00:05:06.408 So thank you, David.

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00:05:07.910 --> 00:05:11.950 So. As a reminder, coming up,

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00:05:11.950 --> 00:05:13.270 we'll be welcoming time.

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00:05:13.270 --> 00:05:15.157 Travis Rieder, who's a bioethicist

NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:15.157 --> 00:05:16.793 at Johns Hopkins University

NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:16.793 --> 00:05:19.690 and author of the book In Pain,

NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:19.690 --> 00:05:22.990 a bioethicist personal struggle with opioids.

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00:05:22.990 --> 00:05:25.252 On September 21st, Doctor Rieder will

NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:25.252 --> 00:05:28.367 speak on how a motorcycle accident and

NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:28.367 --> 00:05:30.917 being prescribed opioids taught him

NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:30.917 --> 00:05:33.787 about the US problem with opioids.
NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:33.790 --> 00:05:35.545 Registration is now open and
NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:35.545 --> 00:05:37.830 we hope to see you there.
NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:37.830 --> 00:05:40.532 So finally CME credit is available for
NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:40.532 --> 00:05:43.009 today's event and to receive credit,
NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:43.010 --> 00:05:44.648 please text the code and read
NOTE Confidence: 0.123021334

00:05:44.648 --> 00:05:45.740 the number in red.
NOTE Confidence: 0.965870521111111

00:05:48.200 --> 00:05:49.505 I'd now like to introduce
NOTE Confidence: 0.965870521111111

00:05:49.505 --> 00:05:50.549 our speaker for today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.965870521111111

00:05:50.550 --> 00:05:51.666 Maritza Perez, JD.
NOTE Confidence: 0.965870521111111

00:05:51.666 --> 00:05:53.898 Marissa is a director of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.965870521111111

00:05:53.898 --> 00:05:56.445 Office of National Affairs at the
NOTE Confidence: 0.965870521111111

00:05:56.445 --> 00:05:58.830 Drug Policy Alliance in Washington DC,
NOTE Confidence: 0.965870521111111

00:05:58.830 --> 00:06:00.740 where she leads the organizations
NOTE Confidence: 0.965870521111111

00:06:00.740 --> 00:06:02.268 federal legislative agenda to
NOTE Confidence: 0.965870521111111

00:06:02.268 --> 00:06:04.411 end the drug war and this role.

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00:06:04.411 --> 00:06:06.433 She lobbies Congress on issues pertaining
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:06.433 --> 00:06:09.118 to drug policy and criminal justice reform.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:09.120 --> 00:06:11.412 Previously, Maritza was a senior policy
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:11.412 --> 00:06:13.803 analyst for criminal justice reform
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:13.803 --> 00:06:16.197 at the Center for American Progress,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:16.200 --> 00:06:18.416 where she, where her
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:18.416 --> 00:06:21.186 Federal portfolio included marijuana policy
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:21.186 --> 00:06:24.367 policing and prison and sentencing reform.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:24.370 --> 00:06:26.050 Prior to taking that position,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:26.050 --> 00:06:28.035 Maritza was a legislative staff
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:28.035 --> 00:06:30.020 attorney at the Mexican American
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:30.089 --> 00:06:32.139 Legal Defense and Education Fund,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:32.140 --> 00:06:34.498 where she worked to advance federal
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:34.498 --> 00:06:37.130 policies to end mass incarceration.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111
00:06:37.130 --> 00:06:39.150 A criminal justice policy expert,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:06:39.150 --> 00:06:40.770 Marissa has been featured in
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:06:40.770 --> 00:06:42.066 various media media outlets,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:06:42.070 --> 00:06:43.920 including the Washington Post in
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:06:43.920 --> 00:06:46.185 New York Times, Los Angeles Times,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:06:46.185 --> 00:06:48.030 Wall Street Journal, Politico,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:06:48.030 --> 00:06:50.790 Boston Globe Bloomberg government,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:06:50.790 --> 00:06:53.852 take away and Latino USA, and more.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:06:53.852 --> 00:06:56.029 Maritza is a graduate of UC Berkeley
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:06:56.029 --> 00:06:58.306 School of Law and the University of
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:06:58.306 --> 00:07:00.459 Nevada is Reynolds School of Journalism.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:07:00.460 --> 00:07:00.892 So Maritza,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:07:00.892 --> 00:07:02.188 thank you for being here today
NOTE Confidence: 0.9658705211111111

00:07:02.188 --> 00:07:03.809 and we look forward to your talk.
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00:07:06.810 --> 00:07:08.707 Thank you so much for that introduction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286

00:07:08.710 --> 00:07:10.859 I'm really excited to be here and
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286

00:07:10.859 --> 00:07:12.834 really honored that I was invited to

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00:07:12.834 --> 00:07:15.271 be here and and share some of the work
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:15.271 --> 00:07:17.336 that the Drug Policy Alliance is doing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:17.340 --> 00:07:19.383 I'm so first I just wanted to start by
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:19.383 --> 00:07:20.959 giving people a general overview of
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:20.959 --> 00:07:23.009 what I wanted to touch base on today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:23.010 --> 00:07:25.386 So my talk will really be talking about
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:25.386 --> 00:07:27.737 the harms of drug prohibition and why,
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:27.740 --> 00:07:30.500 in the opinion of the Drug Policy Alliance,
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:30.500 --> 00:07:32.628 we really need to embrace a public
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:32.628 --> 00:07:34.289 health approach to drug policy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:34.290 --> 00:07:36.434 So I will begin by giving a brief
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:36.434 --> 00:07:38.070 history of the war on drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:38.070 --> 00:07:39.774 I will explain some current impacts
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:39.774 --> 00:07:40.910 of the drug war.
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286
00:07:40.910 --> 00:07:42.856 I'll make the case for drug decriminalization
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286

00:07:42.856 --> 00:07:44.863 and I'll end by telling you guys a
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286

00:07:44.863 --> 00:07:46.584 little bit about the work that the
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286

00:07:46.584 --> 00:07:48.222 Drug Policy Alliance is doing here
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286

00:07:48.222 --> 00:07:50.578 in Washington DC in in Congress.
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286

00:07:50.578 --> 00:07:52.386 And with this administration,
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286

00:07:52.390 --> 00:07:54.294 and give folks an overview of the federal
NOTE Confidence: 0.969607395714286

00:07:54.294 --> 00:07:55.838 landscape when it comes to drug policy.
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00:07:58.250 --> 00:08:02.042 So before I begin, I did just want
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:02.042 --> 00:08:04.952 to give some baseline understandings
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00:08:04.952 --> 00:08:07.244 and more context to my talk.
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00:08:07.250 --> 00:08:09.290 And that's really by just understanding
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:09.290 --> 00:08:11.501 the idea that you know drug
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:11.501 --> 00:08:13.077 prohibition is actually something
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:13.077 --> 00:08:15.488 that is relatively new in our world,
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00:08:15.490 --> 00:08:17.362 many currently illegal drugs,
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:17.362 --> 00:08:19.160 such as marijuana, opium,

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00:08:19.160 --> 00:08:21.110 coca and psychedelics have been

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00:08:21.110 --> 00:08:23.550 used for thousands of years for

NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:23.550 --> 00:08:25.565 both medical and spiritual purposes

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00:08:25.565 --> 00:08:27.499 by people across the world.

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00:08:27.500 --> 00:08:29.558 It's also important to point out that

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00:08:29.558 --> 00:08:31.650 most people who use drugs do not

NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:31.650 --> 00:08:33.378 meet the definition of somebody who

NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:33.440 --> 00:08:35.550 struggles with substance use disorder.

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00:08:35.550 --> 00:08:37.686 People use drugs for a number of reasons,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:37.690 --> 00:08:39.022 including for pleasure,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:39.022 --> 00:08:42.130 to cope to relax and some engage

NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:42.209 --> 00:08:44.348 with drugs problematically.

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00:08:44.350 --> 00:08:46.330 But the vast majority of people

NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:46.330 --> 00:08:49.068 who use drugs in fact use drugs

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00:08:49.068 --> 00:08:51.303 recreationally or for other purposes.

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00:08:51.310 --> 00:08:53.508 But do not use drugs chaotic Lee,
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:53.510 --> 00:08:56.814 nor do they want or need drug treatment.
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:56.820 --> 00:08:58.380 At the Drug Policy Alliance,
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:08:58.380 --> 00:09:00.836 we really seek to reduce the harms of
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:00.836 --> 00:09:03.159 both drug use and drug prohibition,
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:03.160 --> 00:09:06.104 and we work to prevent our to promote
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:06.104 --> 00:09:07.771 the sovereignty of individuals
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:07.771 --> 00:09:10.327 over their minds and their bodies.
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:10.330 --> 00:09:12.759 We believe people who use drugs should
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:12.759 --> 00:09:14.965 be treated with compassion and equity
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00:09:14.965 --> 00:09:17.161 and that drug policy should also
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:17.161 --> 00:09:19.587 be based in compassion and equity.
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:19.590 --> 00:09:22.817 It should be evidence based and recognized
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:22.817 --> 00:09:25.539 human rights and bodily autonomy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:25.540 --> 00:09:27.160 So I thought that foundation
NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:27.160 --> 00:09:28.456 was just really important,

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00:09:28.460 --> 00:09:30.476 so you have a better context of.

NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:30.480 --> 00:09:32.320 I'm not just drug use,

NOTE Confidence: 0.904231765

00:09:32.320 --> 00:09:35.818 but also the the the principles,

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00:09:35.820 --> 00:09:38.400 but by which I do my work in which the

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00:09:38.471 --> 00:09:40.997 drug policy engages the Drug Policy

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00:09:40.997 --> 00:09:43.160 Alliance engages with this issue.

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00:09:43.160 --> 00:09:44.636 So if we could go to the first slide,

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00:09:44.640 --> 00:09:44.990 please.

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00:09:49.680 --> 00:09:51.984 So I really wanted to start by giving

NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:09:51.984 --> 00:09:53.819 an overview of the history of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:09:53.819 --> 00:09:55.909 war on drugs in the United States.

NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:09:55.910 --> 00:09:59.519 Now I have about an hour for this talk.

NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:09:59.520 --> 00:10:02.380 I'm so I'm going to try to get a lot in,

NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:02.380 --> 00:10:04.378 but the history is really complex,

NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:04.380 --> 00:10:06.372 so I'm, you know, trying to do like

NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:06.372 --> 00:10:08.358 a high level summary for folks,
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:08.360 --> 00:10:10.600 but I think it's really important to stop
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:10.600 --> 00:10:12.877 to talk about the racialized history,
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:12.880 --> 00:10:14.692 because that history bears out today
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:14.692 --> 00:10:17.020 when we look at the criminal justice
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:17.020 --> 00:10:19.498 system and other effects in our society,
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:19.500 --> 00:10:21.404 which we'll talk about in a bit.
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:21.410 --> 00:10:23.356 But we really can't talk about drug
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:23.356 --> 00:10:25.458 use in this country without talking
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:25.458 --> 00:10:27.468 about drug drug criminalization and
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:27.468 --> 00:10:30.394 the drug war drug law decisions in this
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:30.394 --> 00:10:32.089 country have been political choices.
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:32.089 --> 00:10:33.684 Often targeting people of color
NOTE Confidence: 0.958674346363637

00:10:33.684 --> 00:10:35.909 as a means of social control.
NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:10:38.520 --> 00:10:40.879 The very first, the very first drug
NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:10:40.879 --> 00:10:43.498 bans in the US we saw in California

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:10:43.498 --> 00:10:45.580 and these were anti opium laws.

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:10:45.580 --> 00:10:47.986 These laws started to pop up

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:10:47.990 --> 00:10:49.422 although initially in California

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:10:49.422 --> 00:10:50.854 really throughout the southwest

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:10:50.854 --> 00:10:52.758 where there were Chinese immigrants,

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:10:52.760 --> 00:10:55.518 we saw this happen in the 1870s

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:10:55.520 --> 00:10:57.578 and these laws ban things like

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:10:57.578 --> 00:10:59.340 opium smoking and opium dens,

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:10:59.340 --> 00:11:01.830 which were cultural practices of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:11:01.830 --> 00:11:04.110 Chinese American population at the time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:11:04.110 --> 00:11:05.202 But for context,

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:11:05.202 --> 00:11:07.733 this happened at a time when there

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:11:07.733 --> 00:11:09.448 was vast anti Chinese sentiment

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:11:09.448 --> 00:11:11.877 in this country and in the West

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:11:11.877 --> 00:11:13.201 particular where there was

NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:11:13.201 --> 00:11:14.920 a huge immigrant population.
NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:11:14.920 --> 00:11:16.859 The Chinese were seen by whites as
NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:11:16.859 --> 00:11:18.356 competition for labor at a time
NOTE Confidence: 0.797427868181818

00:11:18.356 --> 00:11:19.777 when jobs were hard to come by.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:21.860 --> 00:11:22.448 Shortly thereafter,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:22.448 --> 00:11:24.800 we saw more drug laws on the books
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:24.857 --> 00:11:26.597 targeting other minority groups,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:26.600 --> 00:11:28.544 the first anti cocaine laws in
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:28.544 --> 00:11:30.213 their early 1900s were directed
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:30.213 --> 00:11:32.049 at Black Men in the South.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:32.050 --> 00:11:34.066 Accusation could mean accusation
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:34.066 --> 00:11:36.586 of even using cocaine could
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:36.586 --> 00:11:39.028 mean severe consequences such
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:39.028 --> 00:11:41.508 as lynching or criminalization.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:41.510 --> 00:11:43.262 And this was at a time when you
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:43.262 --> 00:11:44.749 know Jim Crow was thriving,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:44.750 --> 00:11:46.926 so the law was really to the drug.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:46.930 --> 00:11:49.600 Prohibition law was really to maintain

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:49.600 --> 00:11:52.149 the social order of the self.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:52.150 --> 00:11:54.632 The first anti marijuana laws we

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:54.632 --> 00:11:56.886 saw pop up in the Midwest and

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:56.886 --> 00:11:59.252 the Southwest where there was a

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:11:59.252 --> 00:12:01.317 huge Mexican migrant and Mexican

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:01.317 --> 00:12:02.570 American population.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:02.570 --> 00:12:05.167 And we saw the first anti marijuana

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:05.167 --> 00:12:08.234 laws come to fruition in the 19 tens

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:08.234 --> 00:12:10.395 1920s and again these were directed

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:10.395 --> 00:12:12.180 at Mexican migrants and Mexican

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:12.248 --> 00:12:14.180 Americans in the midst of heavy

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:14.180 --> 00:12:16.590 anti immigrant and anti Mexican sentiment.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:16.590 --> 00:12:18.396 This was around the time of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:18.396 --> 00:12:19.730 Mexican American or excuse me,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:19.730 --> 00:12:22.460 the Mexican Revolution where we saw
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:22.460 --> 00:12:25.550 many Mexicans migrate to the US.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:25.550 --> 00:12:27.356 But then we also had a Mexican
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:27.356 --> 00:12:28.645 population that was already here
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:28.645 --> 00:12:31.260 in the US and you know the state
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:31.260 --> 00:12:32.418 competition was changing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:32.420 --> 00:12:33.196 So again,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:33.196 --> 00:12:35.136 we're looking at drug prohibition
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:35.136 --> 00:12:37.472 law that was born out of really
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:37.472 --> 00:12:39.132 targeting a cultural practice of
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:39.132 --> 00:12:41.586 a group that was undesired in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:41.586 --> 00:12:43.716 United States and something that's
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:43.716 --> 00:12:46.076 really interesting to me about
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:46.080 --> 00:12:48.280 anti marijuana laws in particular,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:48.280 --> 00:12:50.751 was that even the term marijuana was

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:50.751 --> 00:12:53.864 not a common term in the US before

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:53.864 --> 00:12:55.844 our federal government decided to

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:55.920 --> 00:12:58.212 demonize the word by making it

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:12:58.212 --> 00:13:00.109 sound more foreign and Spanish.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:00.109 --> 00:13:01.216 Prior to that,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:01.216 --> 00:13:04.230 marijuana was referred to by its scientific.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:04.230 --> 00:13:07.177 Plant made cannabis but there was a

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:07.177 --> 00:13:08.938 strategic again political decision

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:08.938 --> 00:13:11.934 to change the federal code to call

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:11.934 --> 00:13:14.230 cannabis marijuana to elicit a

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:14.230 --> 00:13:16.150 fear response in Americans.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:16.150 --> 00:13:18.782 And you know that bears out today

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:18.782 --> 00:13:20.799 because we still have marijuana

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:20.799 --> 00:13:23.223 as part of the federal code.

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:23.230 --> 00:13:24.774 And like I said,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:24.774 --> 00:13:26.704 this history is important because
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:26.704 --> 00:13:29.442 we see the results and consequences
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:29.442 --> 00:13:31.258 of those choices today.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:31.260 --> 00:13:34.039 Today we know that Black and Latino
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:34.039 --> 00:13:36.230 communities in particular are still
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:36.230 --> 00:13:38.545 subject to wildly disproportionate Drug
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:38.545 --> 00:13:41.370 Enforcement rates and sentencing practices.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:41.370 --> 00:13:43.854 But the drug war as we know it today
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:43.854 --> 00:13:47.282 was truly born in the Nixon administration.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:47.282 --> 00:13:48.400 In 1971,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:48.400 --> 00:13:50.480 nearly 50 years ago,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:50.480 --> 00:13:52.328 actually this June we we commemorated
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:52.328 --> 00:13:54.544 the fifty 50th year of the War of
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:54.544 --> 00:13:56.320 the Declaration of the War on Drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:56.320 --> 00:13:58.120 So in June of 1971,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:13:58.120 --> 00:14:01.060 President Nixon declared a full out,

NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:01.060 --> 00:14:01.782 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:01.782 --> 00:14:04.309 federal response to the war on drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:04.310 --> 00:14:05.678 He dramatically increased the
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:05.678 --> 00:14:07.730 size in the presence of federal
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:07.786 --> 00:14:09.019 drug control agencies,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:09.020 --> 00:14:12.051 and he pushed through measures such as
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:12.051 --> 00:14:14.679 mandatory sentencing in no knock warrants,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:14.680 --> 00:14:16.620 tools at the drug war.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:16.620 --> 00:14:17.220 After that,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:17.220 --> 00:14:19.020 the drug war continued to escalate
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:19.020 --> 00:14:21.229 with each administration that followed.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:21.230 --> 00:14:23.672 Where we saw lawmakers continued to
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:23.672 --> 00:14:25.900 fight in Drug Enforcement budgets.
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:25.900 --> 00:14:27.200 During this, during this time,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159
00:14:27.200 --> 00:14:28.994 our country also shifted to a
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:14:28.994 --> 00:14:30.190 tough on crime approach,
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:14:30.190 --> 00:14:33.106 while at the same time advocating
NOTE Confidence: 0.94664159

00:14:33.106 --> 00:14:35.050 for abstinence only drug
NOTE Confidence: 0.919299320909091

00:14:35.133 --> 00:14:36.695 policy. If we could go to
NOTE Confidence: 0.919299320909091

00:14:36.695 --> 00:14:37.630 the next slide, please.
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:14:39.970 --> 00:14:42.370 So I did want to share this with you all.
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:14:42.370 --> 00:14:44.530 It's it's now a very infamous
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:14:44.530 --> 00:14:46.330 quote coming from John Elk,
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:14:46.330 --> 00:14:49.246 Elk Workman, who is a top Nixon aide.
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:14:49.250 --> 00:14:51.420 He later admitted to a journalist that
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:14:51.420 --> 00:14:53.870 you know that they they knew what they
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:14:53.870 --> 00:14:56.372 were doing with the with the drug war
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:14:56.372 --> 00:14:58.661 that it was an intentional federal mandate
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:14:58.670 --> 00:15:01.060 with a specific political purpose.
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:01.060 --> 00:15:02.943 But quote reads, you want to know
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:02.943 --> 00:15:04.810 what this is really all about.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:04.810 --> 00:15:07.450 The Nixon campaign in 1968 and the Nixon

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:07.450 --> 00:15:09.897 White House after that had two enemies.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:09.900 --> 00:15:12.014 The anti war left and black people.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:12.020 --> 00:15:13.800 You understand what I'm saying.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:13.800 --> 00:15:15.445 We knew we couldn't make it illegal

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:15.445 --> 00:15:17.457 to be there against the war or black,

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:17.460 --> 00:15:19.224 but by getting the public to

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:19.224 --> 00:15:20.808 associate the hippies with marijuana

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:20.808 --> 00:15:22.220 and blacks with heroin,

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:22.220 --> 00:15:24.240 and then criminalizing both heavily,

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:24.240 --> 00:15:26.690 we could disrupt those meetings.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:26.690 --> 00:15:28.050 We could disrupt those communities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:28.050 --> 00:15:29.310 We could arrest their leaders,

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:29.310 --> 00:15:30.192 raid their homes,

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:30.192 --> 00:15:31.368 break up their meetings,

NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:31.370 --> 00:15:32.800 and vilify them night after
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:32.800 --> 00:15:34.230 night on the Evening News.
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:34.230 --> 00:15:36.282 Did we know we were lying about the drugs?
NOTE Confidence: 0.941448458

00:15:36.290 --> 00:15:37.118 Of course we did.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:15:39.940 --> 00:15:41.212 Every president says,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:15:41.212 --> 00:15:44.180 since Nixon has expanded the drug war,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:15:44.180 --> 00:15:47.042 this this is seen in terms of federal dollars
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:15:47.042 --> 00:15:49.638 and resources devoted to the drug war.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:15:49.640 --> 00:15:52.241 This has led to a huge investment in policing
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:15:52.241 --> 00:15:54.679 over social services and health services,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:15:54.680 --> 00:15:57.380 which we know can actually improve
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:15:57.380 --> 00:15:59.800 public safety and public health.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:15:59.800 --> 00:16:01.996 So if you measure the war on drugs by,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:02.000 --> 00:16:05.328 you know the quote on the screen here.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:05.330 --> 00:16:07.769 You know, I would say that the war on
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:07.769 --> 00:16:10.079 drugs has been a massive success because

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:10.079 --> 00:16:12.666 we have seen communities of color,

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:12.666 --> 00:16:15.091 low income communities especially have

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:15.091 --> 00:16:17.419 really been ravaged by the war on drugs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:17.420 --> 00:16:19.877 But if we look at the war on drugs

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:19.877 --> 00:16:21.765 through the lens of the reported

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:21.765 --> 00:16:23.932 goals at the time, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:23.932 --> 00:16:27.159 making sure that you know people have

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:27.159 --> 00:16:30.450 access to to treatment if they need it,

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:30.450 --> 00:16:32.052 making sure that illicit drug use

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:32.052 --> 00:16:33.722 illicit drugs are no longer on

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:33.722 --> 00:16:35.354 the street and that people aren't.

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:35.360 --> 00:16:37.060 Engaged in illicit drug use.

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:37.060 --> 00:16:38.516 If we look at it through that lens,

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:38.520 --> 00:16:40.473 then we know that the war on

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:40.473 --> 00:16:42.550 drugs has been a massive failure.

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:42.550 --> 00:16:44.678 Drug Enforcement in the war on drugs
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:44.678 --> 00:16:46.510 have actually failed to reduce the
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:46.510 --> 00:16:48.526 supply or demand of drugs while steadily
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:48.582 --> 00:16:50.290 increasing drug overdose deaths,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:50.290 --> 00:16:52.820 deaths and perpetuating the stigmatization
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:52.820 --> 00:16:54.844 of individuals with addiction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:54.850 --> 00:16:57.146 Not to mention that we now boast
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:57.146 --> 00:16:58.610 the greatest pop incarcerated
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:16:58.610 --> 00:17:01.384 population in the world at two 2.3
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:01.384 --> 00:17:03.208 million people behind bars on any
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:03.208 --> 00:17:05.279 given day in the United States.
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:05.280 --> 00:17:07.016 We also know that the war on
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:07.016 --> 00:17:08.540 drugs has fueled wide skilled,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:08.540 --> 00:17:11.040 militarized policing that cost taxpayers
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:11.040 --> 00:17:14.619 over a trillion dollars since its inception,
NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:14.620 --> 00:17:16.540 and it has expanded punitive institutions

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:16.540 --> 00:17:18.520 outside of the criminal legal system,

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:18.520 --> 00:17:20.360 including other punishment oriented

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:20.360 --> 00:17:22.660 systems embedded in our schools,

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:22.660 --> 00:17:24.408 hospitals, social service agencies,

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:24.408 --> 00:17:26.593 and even in the administration

NOTE Confidence: 0.906962691

00:17:26.593 --> 00:17:28.430 of our immigration laws.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9193123175

00:17:31.110 --> 00:17:32.760 If we could turn to the next slide, please.

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:35.190 --> 00:17:36.786 So as was mentioned at the

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:36.786 --> 00:17:37.850 beginning of this talk,

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:37.850 --> 00:17:39.776 my background is in criminal justice

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:39.776 --> 00:17:42.035 reform and I truly think that you

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:42.035 --> 00:17:43.859 you can't have a discussion about

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:43.859 --> 00:17:46.285 the war on drugs and drug policy

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:46.285 --> 00:17:47.661 without talking about criminal

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:47.670 --> 00:17:50.030 justice and the racial impact

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:50.030 --> 00:17:52.390 of our drug policy decisions.

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:52.390 --> 00:17:54.350 I did want to dive in and give you all

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:54.405 --> 00:17:56.358 a closer look at the criminal justice

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:56.358 --> 00:17:58.508 system because I think it's such an

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:17:58.508 --> 00:18:00.083 important part of this conversation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:00.090 --> 00:18:02.390 You know, first and foremost we

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:02.390 --> 00:18:04.610 need to understand that you know.

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:04.610 --> 00:18:06.295 Currently more people are arrested

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:06.295 --> 00:18:08.385 for drugs than for any other

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:08.385 --> 00:18:10.110 offense in the United States,

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:10.110 --> 00:18:12.441 so more people are arrested for drug

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:12.441 --> 00:18:14.350 offenses than even violent crime.

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:14.350 --> 00:18:16.408 We have one arrest every 23 seconds

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:16.408 --> 00:18:18.509 in this country for drug possession,

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:18.510 --> 00:18:20.352 so that means every 23 seconds

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:20.352 --> 00:18:22.484 a person's life is turned upside

NOTE Confidence: 0.927737676

00:18:22.484 --> 00:18:24.584 down for simply possessing drugs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:26.770 --> 00:18:28.300 The drug war has led to

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:28.300 --> 00:18:29.651 draconian drug sentences at both

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:29.651 --> 00:18:31.026 the state and federal level.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:31.030 --> 00:18:32.203 For drug activity.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:32.203 --> 00:18:34.549 We're talking about harsh penalties like

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:34.549 --> 00:18:36.527 mandatory minimums and three strikes,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:36.530 --> 00:18:39.138 laws that cause people to serve what are

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:39.138 --> 00:18:41.448 essentially life sentences for drug activity.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:41.450 --> 00:18:43.234 Drug activity, including sentences

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:43.234 --> 00:18:45.464 for simple use and possession.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:45.470 --> 00:18:47.150 So I'm not just talking about,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:47.150 --> 00:18:48.770 you know, high level trafficking.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:48.770 --> 00:18:51.270 I'm talking about severe consequences

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:51.270 --> 00:18:54.780 for even simple use or possession.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:54.780 --> 00:18:55.302 Disproportionately,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:55.302 --> 00:18:58.956 we know that this population is Black
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:18:58.956 --> 00:19:01.119 Latinx indigenous and low income.
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:01.120 --> 00:19:02.605 Making Drug Enforcement the number
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:02.605 --> 00:19:04.451 one away that these the number
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:04.451 --> 00:19:05.986 one way that these communities
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:05.986 --> 00:19:07.680 come into contact with the law.
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:07.680 --> 00:19:09.104 People with substance use
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:09.104 --> 00:19:10.528 disorder are also represented
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:10.528 --> 00:19:12.678 in the criminal justice system.
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:12.680 --> 00:19:14.635 Targeted Drug Enforcement and over
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:14.635 --> 00:19:16.590 policing in communities of color
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:16.652 --> 00:19:18.517 have led to severe consequences
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:18.517 --> 00:19:20.382 for black and brown communities.
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:20.390 --> 00:19:21.994 Black and Latinx people,
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:21.994 --> 00:19:22.796 for example,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:22.800 --> 00:19:24.907 make up the majority of people in

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:24.907 --> 00:19:26.707 the federal prison population and

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:26.707 --> 00:19:28.375 are generally overrepresented in

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:28.375 --> 00:19:30.570 state prisons across the country.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:30.570 --> 00:19:31.575 Race, we know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:31.575 --> 00:19:32.915 infiltrates every part of

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:32.915 --> 00:19:34.370 the criminal justice system,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:34.370 --> 00:19:36.875 meaning that there are severe

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:36.875 --> 00:19:38.378 racial disparities across

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:38.378 --> 00:19:40.559 the criminal justice system.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:40.560 --> 00:19:42.036 So to illustrate this for you,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:42.040 --> 00:19:43.936 I did want to share some statistics related

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:43.936 --> 00:19:46.220 to the drug board that are pretty startling,

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:46.220 --> 00:19:47.900 but just to give you a picture

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:47.900 --> 00:19:49.489 of what I'm talking about.

NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:49.490 --> 00:19:51.247 We know that today a black male
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:51.247 --> 00:19:53.108 in America has a one in three
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:53.108 --> 00:19:54.680 chance of spending time in prison
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:54.739 --> 00:19:56.155 at some point in his life.
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:56.160 --> 00:19:57.870 We know a Hispanic male has a one in
NOTE Confidence: 0.932207389375

00:19:57.870 --> 00:19:59.726 six chance of spending time in prison.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:02.060 --> 00:20:03.902 Black Americans are four times more
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:03.902 --> 00:20:05.885 likely to be arrested for marijuana
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:05.885 --> 00:20:07.620 charges than their white peers,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:07.620 --> 00:20:08.982 despite similar usage
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:08.982 --> 00:20:10.798 rates among both groups.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:10.800 --> 00:20:13.170 In fact, black Americans make up
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:13.170 --> 00:20:16.060 nearly 30% of all drug related arrests
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:16.060 --> 00:20:18.440 despite accounting for only about 12%
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:18.440 --> 00:20:22.290 of all substance use in the country.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:22.290 --> 00:20:24.250 We also know that black Americans are

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:24.250 --> 00:20:26.410 nearly six times more likely to be

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:26.410 --> 00:20:28.306 incarcerated for drug related offenses than

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:28.366 --> 00:20:30.156 their white counterparts despite equal

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:30.156 --> 00:20:33.760 substance use rates among both groups.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:33.760 --> 00:20:36.568 Almost 80% of people serving time for a

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:36.568 --> 00:20:39.229 federal drug offense are black or Latino.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:39.230 --> 00:20:40.208 In state prisons,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:40.208 --> 00:20:43.064 people of color make up 60% of those

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:43.064 --> 00:20:45.299 serving time for drug charges.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:45.300 --> 00:20:46.920 In the federal system,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:46.920 --> 00:20:49.350 we also see very severe disparities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:49.350 --> 00:20:51.040 The average black defendant convicted

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:51.040 --> 00:20:53.752 of a drug offense in the federal system

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:53.752 --> 00:20:56.350 will serve nearly the same amount of time,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:56.350 --> 00:20:59.283 58.7 months as a white defendant would

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:20:59.283 --> 00:21:03.680 for a violent crime. 61.7 months.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:03.680 --> 00:21:05.580 People of color generally account
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:05.580 --> 00:21:08.020 for 70% of all defendants convicted
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:08.020 --> 00:21:10.120 of charges of mandatory minimums.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:10.120 --> 00:21:12.090 And for those unfamiliar with
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:12.090 --> 00:21:12.878 mandatory minimums,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:12.880 --> 00:21:14.845 these are probably the harshest
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:14.845 --> 00:21:16.810 penalties you can receive in
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:16.876 --> 00:21:18.708 the criminal justice system.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:18.710 --> 00:21:19.938 It's in, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:19.938 --> 00:21:21.473 an automatic sentence that an
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:21.473 --> 00:21:22.829 individual receives and again,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:22.830 --> 00:21:24.714 mandatory minimums are disproportionately
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:24.714 --> 00:21:27.069 used against people of color,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:27.070 --> 00:21:29.401 and they're often used in the context
NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:29.401 --> 00:21:31.728 of drug charges and drug sentencing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:31.730 --> 00:21:33.686 Prosecutors are twice as likely to

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:33.686 --> 00:21:35.627 pursue mandatory minimums for a black

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:35.627 --> 00:21:37.077 defendant than a white defendant

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:37.077 --> 00:21:38.669 charged with the same offence,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:38.670 --> 00:21:40.749 and black defendants are less likely to

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:40.749 --> 00:21:42.649 receive relief from mandatory minimums.

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:42.650 --> 00:21:43.328 On average,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:43.328 --> 00:21:45.023 we know that defendants subject

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:45.023 --> 00:21:46.702 to mandatory minimum spend five

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:46.702 --> 00:21:48.514 times longer in prison than those

NOTE Confidence: 0.939893434117647

00:21:48.514 --> 00:21:49.970 convicted of other offenses.

NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:21:53.170 --> 00:21:55.150 It's also important to point out

NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:21:55.150 --> 00:21:57.408 that an arrest alone can ruin a

NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:21:57.408 --> 00:21:59.160 persons life and arrest can affect

NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:21:59.160 --> 00:22:01.446 a person's ability to find a job.

NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:01.450 --> 00:22:03.970 Find housing, go to school,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:03.970 --> 00:22:05.122 receive public benefits,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:05.122 --> 00:22:07.426 or even vote in an election,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:07.430 --> 00:22:09.586 or keep their children in their custody.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:09.590 --> 00:22:11.697 As many of these things are unavailable
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:11.697 --> 00:22:13.609 to people with drug convictions.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:13.610 --> 00:22:15.350 In fact, the American Bar Association
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:15.350 --> 00:22:17.230 tells us that there are more than
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:17.230 --> 00:22:18.841 48,000 collateral consequences
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:18.841 --> 00:22:21.664 across the United States, so again,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:21.664 --> 00:22:23.686 a collateral consequence is the aftermath.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:23.690 --> 00:22:27.586 But a drug arrest or conviction on you.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:27.590 --> 00:22:29.270 You know, it really does impact
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:29.270 --> 00:22:30.168 a person's life,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:30.168 --> 00:22:32.640 especially if the person is trying to move
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:32.694 --> 00:22:35.474 on with their life and remain crime free.

NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:35.474 --> 00:22:37.278 The collateral consequences often
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:37.278 --> 00:22:39.877 make it really hard to do that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:39.880 --> 00:22:41.730 Another tragic part of drug
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:41.730 --> 00:22:42.405 decriminalization, though,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:42.405 --> 00:22:44.235 is that it captures people who
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:44.235 --> 00:22:45.811 could actually really stand to
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:45.811 --> 00:22:47.336 benefit from drug treatment or
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:47.336 --> 00:22:48.760 other harm reduction services.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:48.760 --> 00:22:49.368 You know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:49.368 --> 00:22:50.888 earlier I mentioned that people
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:50.888 --> 00:22:52.956 with substance use disorder are also
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:52.956 --> 00:22:54.420 overrepresented in the criminal
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:54.420 --> 00:22:56.144 justice system, rather than, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:56.144 --> 00:22:57.374 locking them up and throwing,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615
00:22:57.380 --> 00:22:58.490 throwing the key at them.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:22:58.490 --> 00:23:01.108 We should really invest in health services.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:01.110 --> 00:23:03.217 We know that people who are incarcerated
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:03.217 --> 00:23:05.106 stand at greater risk of overdosing
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:05.106 --> 00:23:06.661 upon release because they don't
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:06.661 --> 00:23:09.101 have the access to the services they
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:09.101 --> 00:23:10.509 need while they're incarcerated.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:10.510 --> 00:23:12.730 We know that jails and prisons
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:12.730 --> 00:23:14.210 are not medical institutions.
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:14.210 --> 00:23:14.543 Actually,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:14.543 --> 00:23:15.875 they're infamous for having
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:15.875 --> 00:23:17.207 a lack of services,
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:17.210 --> 00:23:18.284 including medical services
NOTE Confidence: 0.894276015384615

00:23:18.284 --> 00:23:20.074 that could really help people.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:22.270 --> 00:23:24.095 Another harm of drug prohibition
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:24.095 --> 00:23:25.155 and criminalization, though,
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:25.155 --> 00:23:27.105 is found in our policing practices.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:27.110 --> 00:23:29.190 There are entire federal programs

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:29.190 --> 00:23:32.156 to be devoted to really funding the

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:32.156 --> 00:23:34.568 war on drugs in our Communities,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:34.570 --> 00:23:36.395 1 program is the Department

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:36.395 --> 00:23:37.996 of Defense 1033 program,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:37.996 --> 00:23:40.594 so this program allows old military

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:40.594 --> 00:23:43.522 equipment to go to local law enforcement

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:43.522 --> 00:23:46.004 and local law enforcement can then

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:46.004 --> 00:23:48.518 use that equipment during drug raids,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:48.520 --> 00:23:50.704 and you know this has been quite an.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:50.710 --> 00:23:52.326 It's been an issue for quite some time,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:52.330 --> 00:23:53.400 but I think you know.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:53.400 --> 00:23:57.215 Most recently it came into into,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:57.215 --> 00:23:58.985 I guess the public conscience more

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:23:58.985 --> 00:24:00.918 with the case of Brianna Taylor,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:00.920 --> 00:24:02.360 which I'll talk about in a
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:02.360 --> 00:24:03.590 little in a little bit.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:03.590 --> 00:24:05.486 But we also have other practices
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:05.486 --> 00:24:07.244 that we know policing practices that
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:07.244 --> 00:24:09.120 have stemmed from the war on drugs,
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:09.120 --> 00:24:10.948 including the practice of
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:10.948 --> 00:24:12.319 civil asset forfeiture,
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:12.320 --> 00:24:16.389 which allows law enforcement to receive
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:16.389 --> 00:24:18.483 property or take property from people
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:18.483 --> 00:24:20.540 that are even suspected of engaging
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:20.540 --> 00:24:22.738 in any sort of drug drug crime.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:22.740 --> 00:24:24.966 So it's a huge due process concern.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:24.970 --> 00:24:25.550 But really,
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:25.550 --> 00:24:28.221 all of these things just go to build the
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:28.221 --> 00:24:31.029 policing arsenal in pursuit of the drug war.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:31.030 --> 00:24:32.066 So as I said,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:32.066 --> 00:24:34.820 you know we have really seen the results of

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:34.820 --> 00:24:37.082 drug fueled policing over several years.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:37.090 --> 00:24:39.036 But most recently 2 cases really stand

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:39.036 --> 00:24:41.384 out for me and those are the cases

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:41.384 --> 00:24:43.290 of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:43.290 --> 00:24:45.330 Now in George Floyd case.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:45.330 --> 00:24:46.814 For those of you who are keeping

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:46.814 --> 00:24:48.609 up with the trial of Derek Chauvin,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:48.610 --> 00:24:51.954 we did see that the defense tried to,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:51.960 --> 00:24:52.566 you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:52.566 --> 00:24:54.081 paint George Floyd as somebody

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:54.081 --> 00:24:56.068 who had an issue with drugs,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:56.070 --> 00:24:57.148 you know, they said that they had.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:57.150 --> 00:24:59.040 They found fentanyl in a system

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:24:59.040 --> 00:25:01.003 and they used that to really

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:01.003 --> 00:25:02.893 vilify him and try to justify.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:02.900 --> 00:25:03.364 His death,
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:03.364 --> 00:25:05.670 but this is not the first time we've seen it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:05.670 --> 00:25:07.550 In fact, if you follow, you know.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:07.550 --> 00:25:10.070 If you follow the issue of policing closely,
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:10.070 --> 00:25:13.050 you'll see that drugs are often
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:13.050 --> 00:25:15.815 used in a in a way that's meant
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:15.815 --> 00:25:18.025 to really vilify the victim,
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:18.030 --> 00:25:19.698 or otherwise suggest that
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:19.698 --> 00:25:22.200 you know they had it coming.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:22.200 --> 00:25:23.748 And then of course there was
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:23.748 --> 00:25:25.220 the case of Brianna Taylor,
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:25.220 --> 00:25:26.670 which happened around the time
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:26.670 --> 00:25:28.120 of George Floyd last year.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:28.120 --> 00:25:29.800 So Brianna Taylor was also
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:29.800 --> 00:25:31.840 a victim of the drug war.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:31.840 --> 00:25:35.053 She was asleep in her bed when police

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:35.053 --> 00:25:37.818 swarmed her home without notice.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:37.820 --> 00:25:39.535 You know, they came into her apartment,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:39.540 --> 00:25:42.120 shot her to death, all under,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:42.120 --> 00:25:42.780 you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:42.780 --> 00:25:45.420 this false pretense that she was part of,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:45.420 --> 00:25:46.010 you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:46.010 --> 00:25:47.780 some sort of drug distribution ring,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:47.780 --> 00:25:49.708 and the police were able to do that

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:49.708 --> 00:25:51.200 by obtaining a no knock warrant.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:51.200 --> 00:25:52.530 Now a no knock warrant.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:52.530 --> 00:25:52.897 Again,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:52.897 --> 00:25:55.099 this is something that really came

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:55.099 --> 00:25:57.200 through the Nixon administration,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:25:57.200 --> 00:26:01.190 and you know the federal really a

NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:26:01.190 --> 00:26:03.710 federal strategy to to give all the
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:26:03.710 --> 00:26:05.800 federal resources to make sure that
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:26:05.800 --> 00:26:08.709 we could have a full out saw on drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:26:08.710 --> 00:26:08.985 No,
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:26:08.985 --> 00:26:10.085 knock warrants are definitely
NOTE Confidence: 0.83542121

00:26:10.085 --> 00:26:11.970 a remnant of the war on drugs,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:26:11.970 --> 00:26:14.146 and you know, it's something at the federal
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:26:14.146 --> 00:26:16.157 level that we've been trying to reform.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:26:16.160 --> 00:26:17.728 But beyond, you know the issue of
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:26:17.728 --> 00:26:19.406 a no knock warrant where police
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:26:19.406 --> 00:26:21.308 can just barge into someone's home,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:26:21.310 --> 00:26:23.564 which we know could result in something
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:26:23.564 --> 00:26:26.028 deadly like we saw with Brianna Taylor.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:26:26.030 --> 00:26:28.529 We also have to think about the
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:26:28.529 --> 00:26:30.719 fact that police have military
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:26:30.719 --> 00:26:34.110 weapons that help them do this.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:34.110 --> 00:26:37.022 So earlier I talked about the 1033 program,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:37.022 --> 00:26:38.960 the 1033 program.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:38.960 --> 00:26:40.940 Helps you know SWAT teams get
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:40.940 --> 00:26:43.042 the equipment they need and SWAT
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:43.042 --> 00:26:44.997 teams and no knock warrants.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:45.000 --> 00:26:47.128 Go hand in hand like this is
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:47.128 --> 00:26:48.870 what Brianna Taylor experienced,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:48.870 --> 00:26:51.894 so these are all things that have
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:51.894 --> 00:26:54.609 manifested because of the war on drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:54.610 --> 00:26:57.930 If we could go to the next slide, please.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:57.930 --> 00:26:58.701 So you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:26:58.701 --> 00:27:00.243 that's just kind of an overview
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:00.243 --> 00:27:02.208 of some criminal justice impacts,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:02.210 --> 00:27:04.121 but I do think it's really important
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:04.121 --> 00:27:06.089 to talk about immigration impacts,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:06.090 --> 00:27:07.978 and I like to do this because I
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:07.978 --> 00:27:10.000 think it's an area where you know
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:10.000 --> 00:27:11.830 people aren't as familiar with it's.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:11.830 --> 00:27:13.720 It's an area we probably don't hear
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:13.720 --> 00:27:15.570 as much I am, but also, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:15.570 --> 00:27:17.345 I do have somewhat of an immigration
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:17.345 --> 00:27:17.869 background,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:17.870 --> 00:27:20.956 and it's also something that you know I
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:20.956 --> 00:27:22.790 have to contend with in my day-to-day work,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:22.790 --> 00:27:25.337 because the fact is that the war on drugs
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:25.337 --> 00:27:28.267 is massive and and it affects non citizens.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:28.270 --> 00:27:29.671 To you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:29.671 --> 00:27:32.006 a different degree than citizens.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:32.010 --> 00:27:34.386 So many drug, drug law violations,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:34.390 --> 00:27:35.244 including violations.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:27:35.244 --> 00:27:37.379 Many people would consider minor,

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:37.380 --> 00:27:38.755 so something like the sale
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:38.755 --> 00:27:40.130 of \$10 worth of drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:40.130 --> 00:27:41.310 For example,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:41.310 --> 00:27:43.080 subjects noncitizens to
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:43.080 --> 00:27:44.260 mandatory immigration,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:44.260 --> 00:27:45.466 detention and deportation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:45.466 --> 00:27:48.816 So any sort of drug drug law violation
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:48.816 --> 00:27:51.540 will make a non citizen ineligible
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:51.540 --> 00:27:53.709 for lawful status or asylum.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:53.710 --> 00:27:55.586 And these are punishments by the way,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:55.590 --> 00:27:56.850 that are significantly harsher
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:56.850 --> 00:27:58.425 than people who are U.S.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:58.430 --> 00:27:58.775 citizens.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:27:58.775 --> 00:28:01.535 And when I'm talking about a non citizen,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667
00:28:01.540 --> 00:28:03.375 I'm not talking about necessarily
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:03.375 --> 00:28:04.843 somebody who is undocumented.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:04.850 --> 00:28:06.740 I'm also talking about people with
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:06.740 --> 00:28:08.885 green cards who have a legal status
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:08.885 --> 00:28:10.810 who have ties to this country who
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:10.869 --> 00:28:12.989 have been here for a number of years.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:12.990 --> 00:28:15.030 I'm talking about asylum seekers.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:15.030 --> 00:28:17.389 I'm talking about Dreamers who we also
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:17.389 --> 00:28:19.968 know have some sort of legal status and
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:19.968 --> 00:28:22.677 who have been here for a number of years.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:22.680 --> 00:28:24.976 But the truth is that the drug
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:24.976 --> 00:28:26.979 war of impacts non citizens.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:26.980 --> 00:28:27.976 Generally, no matter,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:27.976 --> 00:28:30.300 you know if you're not a citizen,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:30.300 --> 00:28:32.178 you essentially just don't have the
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:32.178 --> 00:28:34.090 protections that come with citizenship.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:34.090 --> 00:28:35.740 And it's important to understand

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:35.740 --> 00:28:38.528 that the drug war is also at the

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:38.528 --> 00:28:40.318 center of our deportation machine.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:40.320 --> 00:28:41.652 Offenses involving drugs are

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:41.652 --> 00:28:43.650 actually the most common reason for

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:43.705 --> 00:28:45.577 Immigration and Customs enforcement.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:45.580 --> 00:28:47.712 Ice arrests, for example.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:47.712 --> 00:28:48.778 In 2019,

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:48.780 --> 00:28:50.960 ICE made over 67,000 arrests

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:50.960 --> 00:28:53.140 for low level drug offenses.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:53.140 --> 00:28:55.048 Non citizens who have been convicted

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:55.048 --> 00:28:57.101 of drug offenses are again are

NOTE Confidence: 0.951115034666667

00:28:57.101 --> 00:28:58.896 subject to mandatory detention and.

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:01.510 --> 00:29:03.682 In immigrant detention facilities and they

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:03.682 --> 00:29:06.199 don't have the benefit of a bond hearing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:06.200 --> 00:29:09.049 And so in the criminal justice system.

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:09.050 --> 00:29:10.314 If you're a citizen,
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:10.314 --> 00:29:12.984 you would you know probably have a bond
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:12.984 --> 00:29:15.170 hearing where somebody could bail you out.
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:15.170 --> 00:29:17.300 The same is not true for non citizens in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:17.354 --> 00:29:19.489 immigrant in immigrant detention facilities,
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:19.490 --> 00:29:22.353 they essentially have to stay there for
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:22.353 --> 00:29:25.780 years at times until their case is resolved
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:25.780 --> 00:29:29.119 and often that case results in deportation.
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:29.120 --> 00:29:30.218 After illegal entry,
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:30.218 --> 00:29:32.414 drug offenses are actually the most
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:32.414 --> 00:29:34.681 common cause of deportation and you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:34.681 --> 00:29:37.356 I I want to put like a finer point on
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:37.356 --> 00:29:39.236 this because I'm also talking about
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:39.236 --> 00:29:41.374 people who are in compliance who may
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:41.374 --> 00:29:43.096 be in compliance with state laws.
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:43.100 --> 00:29:45.774 So I think about marijuana for example.

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:45.780 --> 00:29:47.652 So if you're a non citizen who lives

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:47.652 --> 00:29:49.780 in a states where medical marijuana

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:49.780 --> 00:29:51.380 is legal or recreational,

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:51.380 --> 00:29:52.451 marijuana is legal,

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:52.451 --> 00:29:54.236 you may think that you're

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:54.236 --> 00:29:55.779 fully complying with the law,

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:55.780 --> 00:29:57.772 but because marijuana remains a schedule

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:29:57.772 --> 00:30:00.093 one drug, a controlled substance.

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:30:00.093 --> 00:30:02.848 There are federal immigration consequences,

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:30:02.850 --> 00:30:04.866 and we see that happen a lot where

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:30:04.866 --> 00:30:06.605 people are still subjected to

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:30:06.605 --> 00:30:08.173 mandatory detention and deportation

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:30:08.173 --> 00:30:09.970 for things like marijuana.

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:30:09.970 --> 00:30:13.288 Marijuana continues to be a main driver.

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:30:13.290 --> 00:30:15.446 One of the main drivers of detention

NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:30:15.446 --> 00:30:17.149 and deportation for non citizens,
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:30:17.150 --> 00:30:20.076 which is especially startling at a time
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:30:20.076 --> 00:30:22.374 where you know people's attitudes in the
NOTE Confidence: 0.854147515

00:30:22.374 --> 00:30:24.280 laws around marijuana are starting to change.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:26.380 --> 00:30:27.910 When people are charged with a
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:27.910 --> 00:30:29.365 criminal offence, usually they plea.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:29.365 --> 00:30:31.570 They take a plea deal in order
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:31.640 --> 00:30:33.250 to avoid a lengthy trial.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:33.250 --> 00:30:35.788 In fact, most people nearly 100%
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:35.790 --> 00:30:37.356 of people actually will accept a
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:37.356 --> 00:30:39.040 plea deal rather than go to trial.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:39.040 --> 00:30:40.288 But for non citizens,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:40.288 --> 00:30:42.160 that's a risk that's you know.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:42.160 --> 00:30:44.400 That could be a risk that can come
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:44.400 --> 00:30:46.651 with very heavy consequences because
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:46.651 --> 00:30:49.477 a a plea deal is essentially,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:49.480 --> 00:30:51.232 you know, pleading guilty and that

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:51.232 --> 00:30:53.046 can result in somebody being torn

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:53.046 --> 00:30:54.828 away from their family and community

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:54.828 --> 00:30:56.448 and exiled to another country.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:56.450 --> 00:30:58.179 And also a lot of the criminal

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:58.179 --> 00:30:59.799 justice reform things that you know

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:30:59.799 --> 00:31:01.449 advocates and others try to implement,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:01.450 --> 00:31:03.683 that they think will reform the system

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:03.683 --> 00:31:05.788 may not always help non citizens.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:05.790 --> 00:31:07.282 Diversion programs for example.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:07.282 --> 00:31:09.520 So people with substance use disorder

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:09.574 --> 00:31:11.765 or people who engage with drugs are

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:11.765 --> 00:31:13.383 sometimes sent through a diversion

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:13.383 --> 00:31:15.243 program like a drug court program.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:15.250 --> 00:31:17.332 And these these programs are intended

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:17.332 --> 00:31:19.790 to shield people from drug convictions.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:19.790 --> 00:31:21.710 But they don't always shield

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:21.710 --> 00:31:23.246 noncitizens from federal immigration

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:23.246 --> 00:31:24.753 consequences because even successful

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:24.753 --> 00:31:26.185 completion of this program.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:26.190 --> 00:31:27.735 Can still result in immigration

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:27.735 --> 00:31:28.971 enforcement because in order

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:28.971 --> 00:31:30.459 to partake in the program,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:30.460 --> 00:31:33.598 we have to plead guilty oftentimes.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:33.600 --> 00:31:33.923 Similarly,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:33.923 --> 00:31:35.861 in most states don't have mechanisms

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:35.861 --> 00:31:37.290 to expunge criminal convictions

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:37.290 --> 00:31:38.930 to prevent their consideration

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:38.930 --> 00:31:40.160 for immigration purposes.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:40.160 --> 00:31:41.740 So once a conviction occurs,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:41.740 --> 00:31:44.442 many non citizens are subject to these

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:44.442 --> 00:31:46.620 cruel immigration policies and enforcement,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:46.620 --> 00:31:48.955 because expungement doesn't always benefit

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:48.955 --> 00:31:52.040 them like it would benefit a citizen.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:52.040 --> 00:31:54.728 The great irony of all of this is

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:54.728 --> 00:31:56.408 really that US prohibition creates

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:56.408 --> 00:31:58.088 an illicit market that relies

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:31:58.088 --> 00:32:00.108 on drug production and supply

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:00.108 --> 00:32:01.395 from regional countries,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:01.400 --> 00:32:04.550 which creates instability.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:04.550 --> 00:32:06.860 You know the the US is international

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:06.860 --> 00:32:09.347 drug policy and our drug interdiction

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:09.347 --> 00:32:11.251 strategies can contribute to

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:11.251 --> 00:32:13.640 violence and instability in Latin

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:13.640 --> 00:32:15.420 American countries in particular,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:15.420 --> 00:32:17.702 and it drives many people to immigrate

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:17.702 --> 00:32:20.037 to the US in the first place.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:20.040 --> 00:32:23.778 Sadly with no support in the US,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:23.780 --> 00:32:26.168 noncitizens are often sent back to
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:26.168 --> 00:32:28.230 dangerous circumstances that they were
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:28.230 --> 00:32:29.998 originally fleeing from immigrants who
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:29.998 --> 00:32:31.612 use drugs are actually less likely
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:31.612 --> 00:32:33.140 to receive adequate health care,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:33.140 --> 00:32:34.384 treatment and public health
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:34.384 --> 00:32:35.939 services to address their needs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:35.940 --> 00:32:39.090 After being deported from the US.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:39.090 --> 00:32:40.570 So as you can see,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:40.570 --> 00:32:42.390 you know there are vast harms in
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:42.390 --> 00:32:44.010 both the criminal justice system,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:44.010 --> 00:32:45.642 the immigration system.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:45.642 --> 00:32:48.906 I also talked about collateral consequences.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:48.910 --> 00:32:50.680 Despite these mass harms drug

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:50.680 --> 00:32:53.468 use rates in the US have remained

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:53.468 --> 00:32:55.348 steady through the years,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:55.350 --> 00:32:58.149 as has the illicit drug market by the way,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:58.150 --> 00:32:59.332 and in fact,

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:32:59.332 --> 00:33:02.090 we're seeing a rise in overdose deaths.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:33:02.090 --> 00:33:03.752 92,000 of our friends and family

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:33:03.752 --> 00:33:05.496 members were lost to a fatal

NOTE Confidence: 0.9015811125

00:33:05.496 --> 00:33:06.648 overdose last year alone.

NOTE Confidence: 0.897462378181818

00:33:09.310 --> 00:33:11.564 So after 50 years of a punitive

NOTE Confidence: 0.897462378181818

00:33:11.564 --> 00:33:13.614 enforcement side drug war, we are calling

NOTE Confidence: 0.897462378181818

00:33:13.614 --> 00:33:15.420 for a new approach to drug policy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.897462378181818

00:33:15.420 --> 00:33:18.507 one that is grounded in public health.

NOTE Confidence: 0.897462378181818

00:33:18.510 --> 00:33:19.840 We could go to the next slide, please.

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:33:24.260 --> 00:33:26.212 So I did want to take a closer

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:33:26.212 --> 00:33:28.250 look at drug decriminalization,

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:33:28.250 --> 00:33:30.113 drug decriminalization and
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:30.113 --> 00:33:33.218 explain what that concept means.
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:33.220 --> 00:33:35.978 So when I talk about drug decriminalization,
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:35.980 --> 00:33:38.614 I'm talking about eliminating the criminal
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:38.614 --> 00:33:40.980 penalties associated with drug activity,
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:40.980 --> 00:33:42.700 such as decriminalizing personal
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:42.700 --> 00:33:44.850 use and possession of drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:44.850 --> 00:33:46.210 At the Drug Policy Alliance,
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:46.210 --> 00:33:47.960 we believe that drug decriminalization
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:47.960 --> 00:33:50.699 is a good start but that it should
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:50.699 --> 00:33:52.855 be inclusive of other things such as
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:52.916 --> 00:33:54.906 expanding access to non coercive,
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:54.910 --> 00:33:57.508 non punitive treatment as well as
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:57.508 --> 00:33:59.350 harm reduction services and all
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:33:59.350 --> 00:34:01.240 of that also needs to be coupled
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333
00:34:01.240 --> 00:34:03.394 with other public public health

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:03.394 --> 00:34:06.979 investments including social services.

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:06.980 --> 00:34:08.636 Drug decriminalization can lead

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:08.636 --> 00:34:09.878 to many benefits.

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:09.880 --> 00:34:11.542 Obviously it can impact the number

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:11.542 --> 00:34:13.325 of people who are criminal justice

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:13.325 --> 00:34:15.488 system involved and it can help avoid

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:15.488 --> 00:34:17.393 the collateral consequences of that

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:17.393 --> 00:34:19.318 involvement which I talked about,

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:19.320 --> 00:34:21.567 but it can also curb the overdose

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:21.567 --> 00:34:23.832 crisis and promote the health well being

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:23.832 --> 00:34:26.120 and rights of people who use drugs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:26.120 --> 00:34:27.740 Another benefit in my opinion,

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:27.740 --> 00:34:29.728 is that drug decriminalization

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:29.728 --> 00:34:31.716 helps reduce drug stigma.

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:31.720 --> 00:34:33.514 We know that stigma can deter

NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:33.514 --> 00:34:35.726 people who need and want help from
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:35.726 --> 00:34:37.634 seeking it for fear of judgment,
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:37.640 --> 00:34:40.220 for fear of criminalization or
NOTE Confidence: 0.879702448333333

00:34:40.220 --> 00:34:42.284 other punishment based consequences.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:34:44.430 --> 00:34:46.986 Now the concept of drug decriminalization
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:34:46.986 --> 00:34:49.330 is neither new nor radical.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:34:49.330 --> 00:34:51.466 Other nations, including Portugal,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:34:51.466 --> 00:34:53.068 have successfully decriminalized
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:34:53.068 --> 00:34:55.309 the personal use of drugs,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:34:55.310 --> 00:34:57.575 and they've achieved meaningful improvements
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:34:57.575 --> 00:35:00.250 in treating problematic drug use and
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:00.250 --> 00:35:02.320 reducing the harms of policing drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:02.320 --> 00:35:05.836 Support for eliminating drug excuse me.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:05.840 --> 00:35:07.795 Support for eliminating criminal penalties
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:07.795 --> 00:35:10.113 for drug possession is growing across
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:10.113 --> 00:35:12.269 the United States and around the world.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:12.270 --> 00:35:14.150 In addition to our organization,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:14.150 --> 00:35:15.462 the Drug Policy Alliance,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:15.462 --> 00:35:17.102 we know that leading medical,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:17.110 --> 00:35:19.456 public Health and Human rights groups
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:19.456 --> 00:35:22.250 have also endorsed drug decriminalization,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:22.250 --> 00:35:23.142 including organizations
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:23.142 --> 00:35:24.926 like the United Nations,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:24.930 --> 00:35:26.410 the World Health Organization,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:26.410 --> 00:35:27.890 the International Federation of
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:27.890 --> 00:35:31.440 the Red Cross, and many others.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:31.440 --> 00:35:33.192 Data from the US and the world and
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:33.192 --> 00:35:34.794 from around the world suggests that
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:34.794 --> 00:35:36.456 treating problematic drug use as a
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:36.506 --> 00:35:37.880 health issue instead of a criminal
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455
00:35:37.880 --> 00:35:39.943 one is a more successful model for
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:39.943 --> 00:35:41.848 keeping communities health and safety.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:41.850 --> 00:35:44.868 Or excuse me healthy and safe.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:44.870 --> 00:35:46.710 So just a word about what you see
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:46.710 --> 00:35:48.611 on the screen here before we move
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:48.611 --> 00:35:50.570 on to this picture on the left,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:50.570 --> 00:35:53.585 here was taken not too long ago last month.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:53.590 --> 00:35:54.547 As I said,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:54.547 --> 00:35:56.461 last June marked the 50th year
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:56.461 --> 00:35:58.303 of Nicks since Nixon declared
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:35:58.303 --> 00:36:00.990 the start of the war on drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:00.990 --> 00:36:02.136 My executive director,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:02.136 --> 00:36:04.428 who's in that green dress there
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:04.428 --> 00:36:06.432 was invited to testify in front
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:06.432 --> 00:36:08.840 of the house at the US Congress.
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:08.840 --> 00:36:11.144 Speaking to the harms of the drug war,
NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:11.150 --> 00:36:14.610 and I was able to accompany her on that day.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:14.610 --> 00:36:17.935 And we ran into representative Cory Bush.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:17.940 --> 00:36:20.436 So she's a freshman congresswoman out of St.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:20.440 --> 00:36:21.338 Louis, MO,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:21.338 --> 00:36:23.583 who cosponsored a huge bill

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:23.583 --> 00:36:26.699 that we also released that week,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:26.700 --> 00:36:29.010 and that bill would decriminalize drugs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:29.010 --> 00:36:30.372 It's the first bill at the

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:30.372 --> 00:36:31.580 federal level to do that,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:31.580 --> 00:36:33.398 and I'll talk about that in a little bit,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:33.400 --> 00:36:36.264 but just wanted to share that with you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:36.270 --> 00:36:37.318 If I could go to the next slide,

NOTE Confidence: 0.943781684545455

00:36:37.320 --> 00:36:37.630 please.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:36:42.460 --> 00:36:45.290 Alright, so where has drug

NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:36:45.290 --> 00:36:46.988 decriminalization been successful?

NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:36:46.990 --> 00:36:51.280 So as I mentioned in 2001 Portugal.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:36:51.280 --> 00:36:53.380 In active drug decriminalization,
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:36:53.380 --> 00:36:56.530 the number of people voluntarily entering
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:36:56.607 --> 00:36:58.989 treatment increased significantly.
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:36:58.990 --> 00:37:00.658 Portugal also saw overdose
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:00.658 --> 00:37:02.743 deaths in HIV infections among
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:02.743 --> 00:37:04.670 people who use drugs plummet.
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:04.670 --> 00:37:06.935 They saw incarceration for drug
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:06.935 --> 00:37:08.747 related offenses decrease and
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:08.747 --> 00:37:10.983 the rates of problematic and
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:10.983 --> 00:37:13.113 adolescent drug use also fell.
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:13.120 --> 00:37:14.046 After decriminalization,
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:14.046 --> 00:37:16.824 the country made financial investments and
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:16.824 --> 00:37:19.109 harm reduction and treatment services.
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:19.110 --> 00:37:21.210 This is a wise investment as
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:21.210 --> 00:37:23.415 research tells us that for every
NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:23.415 --> 00:37:25.599 dollar spent on treatment saves more

NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:25.599 --> 00:37:28.190 than a dollar in crime reduction.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:28.190 --> 00:37:30.182 Portugal's drug use rates to this

NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:30.182 --> 00:37:32.240 day remain below the European average

NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:32.240 --> 00:37:34.564 and they have far lower rates of

NOTE Confidence: 0.91690959125

00:37:34.564 --> 00:37:36.494 drug use than we do in the US.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:37:40.230 --> 00:37:42.630 So we did something very excited

NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:37:42.630 --> 00:37:44.900 in Oregon recently last November.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:37:44.900 --> 00:37:47.040 The Drug Policy Alliance

NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:37:47.040 --> 00:37:49.600 worked on passing Measure 110.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:37:49.600 --> 00:37:51.862 And we were thrilled when Oregon

NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:37:51.862 --> 00:37:54.060 made history by voting into law.

NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:37:54.060 --> 00:37:55.125 The drug addiction

NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:37:55.125 --> 00:37:56.545 treatment and Recovery Act,

NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:37:56.550 --> 00:37:57.822 which decriminalized personal

NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:37:57.822 --> 00:37:59.942 possession of all drugs and

NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:37:59.942 --> 00:38:02.274 expanded access to evidence based
NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:38:02.274 --> 00:38:03.696 culturally competent treatment,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:38:03.700 --> 00:38:05.365 as well as harm reduction
NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:38:05.365 --> 00:38:06.697 and other health services,
NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:38:06.700 --> 00:38:08.818 and even housing and job assistance.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:38:08.820 --> 00:38:11.004 Things we know that can actually
NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:38:11.004 --> 00:38:12.460 improve public safety and
NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:38:12.526 --> 00:38:14.410 minimize problematic drug use.
NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:38:14.410 --> 00:38:16.276 So measure one time went into
NOTE Confidence: 0.951051917777778

00:38:16.276 --> 00:38:18.359 effect on February 1st of this year.
NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:20.760 --> 00:38:22.335 Oregon's measure really emphasizes a
NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:22.335 --> 00:38:24.246 public health approach to drug use
NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:24.246 --> 00:38:25.656 rather than a punitive approach,
NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:25.660 --> 00:38:27.300 and one that's based in
NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:27.300 --> 00:38:28.612 the criminal legal system.
NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:28.620 --> 00:38:30.969 It is a complete shift in how this country,

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:30.970 --> 00:38:34.528 historically and currently treats drug use.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:34.530 --> 00:38:36.350 So first and foremost again,

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:36.350 --> 00:38:38.480 the Oregon measure eliminates criminal

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:38.480 --> 00:38:41.023 penalties for possession of drugs for

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:41.023 --> 00:38:43.117 personal use while also increasing access

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:43.117 --> 00:38:45.650 to health and harm reduction services,

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:45.650 --> 00:38:48.318 including housing and establishing

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:48.318 --> 00:38:50.319 addiction recovery services.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:50.320 --> 00:38:51.970 These services are funded with

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:51.970 --> 00:38:53.620 marijuana tax revenue as well

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:53.678 --> 00:38:55.328 as savings from reduce arrest,

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:55.330 --> 00:38:58.789 prosecution and incarceration.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:38:58.790 --> 00:39:00.918 This victory in Oregon is really a

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:00.918 --> 00:39:02.438 landmark declaration that the time

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:02.438 --> 00:39:04.082 has come to stop criminalizing people

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:04.082 --> 00:39:05.935 for all drugs, regardless of type.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:05.935 --> 00:39:08.140 It is the most significant reform to

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:08.197 --> 00:39:09.952 our nation's failed drug policies

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:09.952 --> 00:39:11.005 in a generation,

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:11.010 --> 00:39:12.798 at least putting the focus back

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:12.798 --> 00:39:13.990 to where it belongs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:13.990 --> 00:39:16.348 On censoring people and and public

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:16.348 --> 00:39:18.709 health and removing the pretext that

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:18.709 --> 00:39:21.222 has been often used to justify a

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:21.222 --> 00:39:23.618 harmful law enforcement interactions.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:23.620 --> 00:39:25.608 As we saw with the domino effect

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:25.608 --> 00:39:26.460 of marijuana legalization,

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:26.460 --> 00:39:28.722 we really hope that this victory

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:28.722 --> 00:39:30.646 will inspire inspire other states

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:30.646 --> 00:39:32.752 as well as the federal government

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:32.752 --> 00:39:34.794 to follow suit and enact their

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:34.794 --> 00:39:35.778 own drug decriminalization.

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:35.780 --> 00:39:37.664 Policies that prioritize health

NOTE Confidence: 0.91307908375

00:39:37.664 --> 00:39:38.606 over punishment.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:39:41.060 --> 00:39:42.916 Now I did just want to speak a

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:39:42.916 --> 00:39:44.374 little bit about harm reduction

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:39:44.374 --> 00:39:46.551 because I've used that term a lot.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:39:46.560 --> 00:39:48.354 So for people who are unfamiliar

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:39:48.354 --> 00:39:50.313 with the concept of harm reduction

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:39:50.313 --> 00:39:52.078 when I'm talking about that,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:39:52.080 --> 00:39:53.660 I'm really talking about meeting

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:39:53.660 --> 00:39:55.240 people where they're at meeting

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:39:55.298 --> 00:39:57.174 people who use drugs where they're at,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:39:57.180 --> 00:39:59.220 so it's providing people with

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:39:59.220 --> 00:40:00.852 things like sterile equipment,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:00.860 --> 00:40:02.480 null oxone so that they could

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:02.480 --> 00:40:04.208 reverse an overdose on things like
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:04.208 --> 00:40:05.688 drug checking tools to prevent
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:05.688 --> 00:40:07.358 an overdose in the 1st place.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:07.360 --> 00:40:08.908 That way people know what's in
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:08.908 --> 00:40:10.549 the drug before they consume it.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:10.550 --> 00:40:13.472 And it's also things like establishing
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:13.472 --> 00:40:14.933 overdose prevention centers.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:14.940 --> 00:40:17.610 There are approximately 120 overdose
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:17.610 --> 00:40:20.280 prevention centers across the world.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:20.280 --> 00:40:21.153 Just last week,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:21.153 --> 00:40:23.190 Rhode Island became the first state in
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:23.247 --> 00:40:25.767 the US to pass a law to authorize the
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:25.767 --> 00:40:27.641 implementation of these centers and
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:27.641 --> 00:40:29.177 allow supervised direct consumption.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:29.180 --> 00:40:30.848 So the idea of an overdose
NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:30.848 --> 00:40:32.459 prevention center and by the way,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:32.460 --> 00:40:34.420 they're often called different things.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8957014265

00:40:34.420 --> 00:40:36.576 Some people call them harm reduction centers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:40:38.720 --> 00:40:40.976 But but you know they're they're

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:40:40.976 --> 00:40:43.222 really talking about the same idea

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:40:43.222 --> 00:40:45.574 where you provide a safe space for

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:40:45.574 --> 00:40:47.730 people to consume drugs where you have

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:40:47.730 --> 00:40:49.340 medical staff on hand who can pull,

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:40:49.340 --> 00:40:50.645 provide sterile equipment,

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:40:50.645 --> 00:40:54.940 but also can be there in case of an overdose.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:40:54.940 --> 00:40:57.082 And you know, they can also help

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:40:57.082 --> 00:40:58.837 connect people to services should

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:40:58.837 --> 00:41:01.135 they need and want those services.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:01.140 --> 00:41:03.354 Hundreds of evidence based peer reviewed

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:03.354 --> 00:41:05.845 studies have shown us that overdose

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:05.845 --> 00:41:08.876 prevention centers work in a variety of ways.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:08.880 --> 00:41:11.099 We know that they reduce overdose deaths.
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:11.100 --> 00:41:12.960 We know that they do not
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:12.960 --> 00:41:14.200 encourage additional drug use.
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:14.200 --> 00:41:16.294 They provide an entry to treatment
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:16.294 --> 00:41:18.180 and even abstinence for people.
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:18.180 --> 00:41:20.315 They redo the reduce the risk of
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:20.315 --> 00:41:22.319 injection and the transmission of
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:22.319 --> 00:41:24.355 infectious diseases including HIV,
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:24.360 --> 00:41:26.930 hepatitis C, and hepatitis B.
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:26.930 --> 00:41:28.570 They improve public order by
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:28.570 --> 00:41:29.882 reducing discarded syringes in
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:29.882 --> 00:41:31.110 public inject injection,
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:31.110 --> 00:41:32.574 injecting they reduce crime,
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:32.574 --> 00:41:35.304 and we know that there are cost
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:35.304 --> 00:41:37.890 effective and in addition to opcs,
NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:37.890 --> 00:41:39.745 the other harm reduction tools I mentioned.

NOTE Confidence: 0.905057949130435

00:41:39.750 --> 00:41:42.150 We also know are incredibly effective.

NOTE Confidence: 0.77275825

00:41:44.810 --> 00:41:45.698 Next slide, please.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:41:49.380 --> 00:41:52.197 So this brings me to our work in Congress,

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:41:52.200 --> 00:41:55.108 and with this administration.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:41:55.110 --> 00:41:57.350 So as I mentioned, you know we we do have

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:41:57.412 --> 00:41:59.660 a couple of exciting things on our plate,

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:41:59.660 --> 00:42:01.631 but you know, not gonna lie most of the

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:01.631 --> 00:42:03.500 time it's and it's not very exciting.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:03.500 --> 00:42:05.583 It's like pushing back against more, you

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:05.583 --> 00:42:08.327 know, harm and it's pushing back against you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:08.330 --> 00:42:09.820 Know this old school mentality

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:09.820 --> 00:42:11.670 that we need to criminalize drugs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:11.670 --> 00:42:13.242 And that's how we're going to

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:13.242 --> 00:42:14.290 address the overdose crisis.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:14.290 --> 00:42:16.271 Nonetheless, I did want to share a

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:16.271 --> 00:42:18.398 couple of things that we're working on,
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:18.400 --> 00:42:20.816 the 1st being the drug Policy Reform Act,
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:20.820 --> 00:42:22.521 and this is the federal drug decrim
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:22.521 --> 00:42:24.239 bill that I mentioned earlier.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:24.240 --> 00:42:26.070 Again, this is the first bill
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:26.070 --> 00:42:26.985 that would decriminalize.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:26.990 --> 00:42:28.915 Drugs that has ever been
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:28.915 --> 00:42:30.070 introduced in Congress,
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:30.070 --> 00:42:32.765 which is very exciting on its own.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:32.770 --> 00:42:35.108 The bill would end criminal penalties for
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:35.108 --> 00:42:37.169 drug possession at the federal level,
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:37.170 --> 00:42:38.898 it would shift the regulatory authority
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:38.898 --> 00:42:40.737 of drugs from the Attorney general
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:40.737 --> 00:42:42.935 to the Secretary of Health and Human
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:42.935 --> 00:42:45.085 Services and the idea behind that
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:45.085 --> 00:42:46.987 is again moving drug regulation

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:46.987 --> 00:42:49.321 from something that should be done

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:49.321 --> 00:42:51.750 in the criminal justice context is

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:51.750 --> 00:42:54.170 something that should be done in

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:54.170 --> 00:42:55.930 the public health context.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:55.930 --> 00:42:57.676 The bill would also expunge drug.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:57.680 --> 00:42:59.730 Criminal records and provide for

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:42:59.730 --> 00:43:02.292 resentencing and they would re invest

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:02.292 --> 00:43:04.950 in alternative Health Center to health

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:04.950 --> 00:43:06.930 centered approaches to drug use.

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:06.930 --> 00:43:07.395 Additionally,

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:07.395 --> 00:43:10.185 the legislation would eliminate many of

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:10.185 --> 00:43:12.081 the lifelong consequences associated

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:12.081 --> 00:43:14.286 with drug arrests and convictions,

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:14.290 --> 00:43:16.330 including the denial of employment,

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:16.330 --> 00:43:18.410 public benefits, immigration status,

NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:18.410 --> 00:43:22.300 drivers licenses, and voting rights.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:22.300 --> 00:43:24.676 Our goal for this year is to really
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:24.676 --> 00:43:26.705 get more cosponsors and more support
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:26.705 --> 00:43:27.740 for this bill.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:27.740 --> 00:43:29.364 We hope to get a hearing on the
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:29.364 --> 00:43:31.271 bill or a congressional hearing on
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:31.271 --> 00:43:33.071 the issue of drug decriminalization
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:33.071 --> 00:43:34.847 itself that would be significant,
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:34.850 --> 00:43:35.603 but you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:35.603 --> 00:43:37.360 we already do enjoy the support of
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:37.416 --> 00:43:39.270 more than 100 national organizations who
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:39.270 --> 00:43:41.918 have signed on and in in endorsing this bill,
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:41.920 --> 00:43:43.954 as well as several members of
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:43.954 --> 00:43:45.560 Congress who are official Co.
NOTE Confidence: 0.895505838888889

00:43:45.560 --> 00:43:46.468 Sponsors of the bill.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:43:48.910 --> 00:43:51.010 Another exciting bill that we've been

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:43:51.010 --> 00:43:54.028 working on for some time now is the

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:43:54.028 --> 00:43:55.963 more act the Marijuana Opportunity

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:43:55.963 --> 00:43:57.590 reinvestment in Expungement Act.

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:43:57.590 --> 00:43:59.786 So just to give you all a brief history

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:43:59.786 --> 00:44:01.972 of this bill and this bill was really

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:01.972 --> 00:44:04.965 born out of the fact that we saw marijuana

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:04.965 --> 00:44:06.880 legalization taking off across the country.

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:06.880 --> 00:44:09.571 We knew that it was only a matter of time

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:09.571 --> 00:44:11.605 before the federal government addressed it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:11.610 --> 00:44:13.458 But we wanted to make sure that they

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:13.458 --> 00:44:15.690 did it right and by doing it right,

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:15.690 --> 00:44:18.210 I mean that they sent her people who have

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:18.210 --> 00:44:20.810 been most harmed by marijuana prohibition.

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:20.810 --> 00:44:23.295 So we pulled together a huge coalition

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:23.295 --> 00:44:25.592 at the federal level to start drafting

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:25.592 --> 00:44:27.510 a bill that we thought would address
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:27.561 --> 00:44:29.227 many of the harms that I've talked
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:29.227 --> 00:44:31.240 to you about today and that bill,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:31.240 --> 00:44:33.550 or that effort resulted in this bill.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:33.550 --> 00:44:34.525 The more Oct,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:34.525 --> 00:44:36.800 so the more act would remove marijuana
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:36.862 --> 00:44:39.298 from the list of controlled substances,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:39.300 --> 00:44:41.190 so it would completely remove it
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:41.190 --> 00:44:43.228 from the list of schedule one drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:43.228 --> 00:44:45.670 And just so you all know schedule one.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:45.670 --> 00:44:47.490 Drugs include things like heroin,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:47.490 --> 00:44:48.266 LSD, ecstasy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:48.266 --> 00:44:50.206 Usually usually it's supposed to
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:50.206 --> 00:44:52.388 include drugs that have no medical.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:52.390 --> 00:44:52.670 Value,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:44:52.670 --> 00:44:54.630 but we know that that's not true

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:44:54.630 --> 00:44:56.390 when it comes to marijuana.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:44:56.390 --> 00:44:58.946 Yet it's still listed as a schedule one drug,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:44:58.950 --> 00:45:00.550 which can have severe consequences
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:00.550 --> 00:45:02.520 both in the criminal justice system
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:02.520 --> 00:45:04.085 and in the immigration system.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:04.090 --> 00:45:06.550 As I explained before,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:06.550 --> 00:45:08.566 the bill would also actually go
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:08.566 --> 00:45:10.772 into the federal code and change
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:10.772 --> 00:45:12.767 marijuana wherever you know marijuana
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:12.767 --> 00:45:15.276 is listed back to cannabis to really
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:15.276 --> 00:45:17.187 speak to the history of the word,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:17.190 --> 00:45:19.198 which I explained earlier.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:19.198 --> 00:45:19.700 Additionally,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:19.700 --> 00:45:21.910 the bill Expunges and re
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:21.910 --> 00:45:23.236 sentences marijuana convictions.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:23.240 --> 00:45:25.210 It reinvests marijuana tax revenue
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:25.210 --> 00:45:27.615 back into communities that have been
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:27.615 --> 00:45:29.455 most harmed by drug prohibition.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:29.460 --> 00:45:31.000 So it does this in two ways.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:31.000 --> 00:45:33.030 It would create a Community
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:33.030 --> 00:45:34.654 reinvestment fund to provide
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:34.654 --> 00:45:36.798 things like expungement services,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:36.800 --> 00:45:40.670 legal services, job training, mentoring,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:40.670 --> 00:45:43.538 really things that build up communities.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:43.540 --> 00:45:44.460 So that would be,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:44.460 --> 00:45:44.920 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:44.920 --> 00:45:47.470 when one putt offending the other
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:47.470 --> 00:45:50.220 funding would be dedicated to the
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:50.220 --> 00:45:52.160 Small Business Administration too.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:52.160 --> 00:45:54.215 Build up programming that supports
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:45:54.215 --> 00:45:56.735 the inclusion of people of color

NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:56.735 --> 00:45:59.117 directly impacted people and low income
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:45:59.117 --> 00:46:01.928 people in the legal marijuana scheme,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:01.930 --> 00:46:04.618 and that's really important,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:04.618 --> 00:46:07.978 because despite marijuana becoming legalized,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:07.980 --> 00:46:10.215 the industry is still overwhelmingly
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:10.215 --> 00:46:11.109 white male.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:11.110 --> 00:46:13.096 Even though people of color continue
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:13.096 --> 00:46:15.409 to bear the brunt of enforcement.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:15.410 --> 00:46:15.821 Additionally,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:15.821 --> 00:46:18.287 the bill would end the collateral
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:18.287 --> 00:46:20.054 consequences of marijuana enforcement
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:20.054 --> 00:46:22.810 or marijuana activity. I should say.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:22.810 --> 00:46:25.010 So it speaks to immigration.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:25.010 --> 00:46:27.205 It also disallows somebody being
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652
00:46:27.205 --> 00:46:28.961 denied public benefits because
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:28.961 --> 00:46:30.870 of marijuana activities,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:30.870 --> 00:46:32.570 so things like public housing
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:32.570 --> 00:46:34.919 snapped an if that sort of thing,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:34.920 --> 00:46:36.880 and it'll it would also make it
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:36.880 --> 00:46:38.876 that so that a person could no
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:38.876 --> 00:46:41.178 longer be denied a federal security
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:41.178 --> 00:46:43.350 clearance for marijuana activity.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:43.350 --> 00:46:44.181 And you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:44.181 --> 00:46:46.192 I mentioned this earlier while the
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:46.192 --> 00:46:48.447 culture around marijuana is changing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:48.450 --> 00:46:50.354 There are still more than half 1,000,000
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:50.354 --> 00:46:52.162 people who are arrested for marijuana
NOTE Confidence: 0.928835428695652

00:46:52.162 --> 00:46:54.346 across the country every year and again.
NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:46:54.350 --> 00:46:56.570 We know this proportionately those
NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:46:56.570 --> 00:46:58.790 are black and brown individuals.
NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:46:58.790 --> 00:47:01.086 Last year the House passed the more

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:01.086 --> 00:47:03.573 act making history it marked the first

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:03.573 --> 00:47:05.727 time that a congressional chamber voted

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:05.788 --> 00:47:08.120 to decriminalize marijuana this year,

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:08.120 --> 00:47:09.995 we recently reintroduced the bill

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:09.995 --> 00:47:11.924 in the House in this Congress,

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:11.924 --> 00:47:13.532 and the goal for this Congress

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:13.532 --> 00:47:14.649 is again to build.

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:14.650 --> 00:47:16.645 Omentum is to pass the bill again

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:16.645 --> 00:47:19.128 to pass it through the House again,

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:19.130 --> 00:47:21.011 and we want to do that in order to

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:21.011 --> 00:47:23.037 build momentum for a Senate bill that

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:23.037 --> 00:47:24.790 will be introduced later this year.

NOTE Confidence: 0.836698796

00:47:24.790 --> 00:47:26.428 That builds off of the more acts.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:29.010 --> 00:47:29.850 So those are kind of,

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:29.850 --> 00:47:30.860 you know, the exciting things

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:30.860 --> 00:47:32.210 that we have on our plates.
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:32.210 --> 00:47:33.788 But as I mentioned, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:33.790 --> 00:47:36.590 we also are constantly having to push back
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:36.590 --> 00:47:38.870 against further criminalization of drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:38.870 --> 00:47:41.558 And one thing that we have been working
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:41.558 --> 00:47:44.709 on in this context is around fentanyl.
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:44.710 --> 00:47:48.934 So I I did want to briefly touch on
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:48.934 --> 00:47:50.710 this classified scheduling issue.
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:50.710 --> 00:47:55.499 So in 2019 the Trump administration put out a
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:55.499 --> 00:47:58.000 rule that would essentially make it so that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:58.000 --> 00:47:59.828 All fentanyl analogs would
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:47:59.828 --> 00:48:01.199 automatically be scheduled,
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:01.200 --> 00:48:02.274 scheduled one drugs,
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:02.274 --> 00:48:04.780 and the purported reason for doing this
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:04.842 --> 00:48:06.886 was to reduce the number of overdose
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:06.886 --> 00:48:09.440 deaths in to stop illicit fentanyl from,

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:09.440 --> 00:48:11.978 you know, getting into the streets,

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:11.980 --> 00:48:14.143 but we had them pushing back against

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:14.143 --> 00:48:15.875 that policy because it really

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:15.875 --> 00:48:17.375 circumvents the scientific process

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:17.375 --> 00:48:19.760 that's normally used to schedule drugs.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:19.760 --> 00:48:22.892 Normally, it takes not just the DOJ and DEA,

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:22.900 --> 00:48:24.025 but HHS input.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:24.025 --> 00:48:26.275 The scientific input to really understand

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:26.275 --> 00:48:28.346 the chemical makeup of a drug.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:28.350 --> 00:48:30.366 And its impact on the human body.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:30.370 --> 00:48:32.988 But this policy you know it goes

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:32.988 --> 00:48:34.600 around all of that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:34.600 --> 00:48:37.505 Not only does it go around science,

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:37.510 --> 00:48:39.958 but it also has major criminal

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:39.958 --> 00:48:40.774 justice consequences.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:40.780 --> 00:48:43.895 We know that people who are incarcerated

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:43.900 --> 00:48:46.960 for fentanyl are often people.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:46.960 --> 00:48:48.814 People on the lower levels of

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:48.814 --> 00:48:50.050 the drug distribution chain,

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:50.050 --> 00:48:51.586 people who might not even know

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:51.586 --> 00:48:53.365 that the drug that they're selling

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:53.365 --> 00:48:55.115 contains fentanyl people who may

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:55.115 --> 00:48:56.836 be selling because they're trying

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:56.836 --> 00:48:58.678 to support their own drug habit.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:48:58.680 --> 00:49:00.836 And we also know that there are

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:00.836 --> 00:49:01.760 vast racial disparities.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:01.760 --> 00:49:02.074 Again,

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:02.074 --> 00:49:04.272 where most of the people who are

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:04.272 --> 00:49:06.318 being caught up in the federal

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:06.318 --> 00:49:08.124 system for fentanyl charges are

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:08.124 --> 00:49:09.900 black and brown individuals.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:09.900 --> 00:49:11.352 So we really see this as

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:11.352 --> 00:49:12.672 a crack 2.0 situation,

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:12.672 --> 00:49:15.168 where once again we're using junk

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:15.168 --> 00:49:17.955 science and fear tactics to criminalize

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:17.955 --> 00:49:19.995 people rather than in really investing

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:19.995 --> 00:49:22.020 in in the public health aspect.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:22.020 --> 00:49:22.965 In of this.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:22.965 --> 00:49:25.666 So the way that we are confronting this

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:25.666 --> 00:49:28.606 issue is by encouraging Congress to support.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:28.610 --> 00:49:30.500 The fentanyl harm reduction bill.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:30.500 --> 00:49:34.796 This bill is called the Stop Fentanyl Act.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:34.800 --> 00:49:38.006 This bill is really the public health.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:38.010 --> 00:49:40.470 Response to the opioid crisis.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:40.470 --> 00:49:42.114 So we would do things like

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:42.114 --> 00:49:43.670 improve access to the opioid,

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019

00:49:43.670 --> 00:49:44.897 overdose reversal drug,
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:49:44.897 --> 00:49:45.306 naloxone.
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:49:45.306 --> 00:49:47.351 It would establish Federal Good
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:49:47.351 --> 00:49:48.855 Samaritan and unity protections
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:49:48.855 --> 00:49:50.575 for individuals who are providing
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:49:50.575 --> 00:49:52.739 care to someone who is overdosing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:49:52.740 --> 00:49:55.652 It would also expand access to Matt
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:49:55.652 --> 00:49:57.438 medication assisted treatment and
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:49:57.438 --> 00:49:59.306 maintains enhanced telehealth access
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:49:59.306 --> 00:50:01.984 to opioid use disorder treatment and
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:01.984 --> 00:50:03.988 it provides drug education to state
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:03.988 --> 00:50:05.746 and community based organizations to
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:05.746 --> 00:50:08.160 address the harms or drug misuse and
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:08.160 --> 00:50:09.810 IT funds education for stakeholders.
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:09.810 --> 00:50:12.180 An evidence based treatment for opioid
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:12.180 --> 00:50:14.282 and fentanyl misuse and so our goal,

NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:14.282 --> 00:50:14.510 again,
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:14.510 --> 00:50:17.149 is to get Congress in the administration
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:17.149 --> 00:50:19.136 to endorse this public health
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:19.136 --> 00:50:21.482 approach rather than you know this
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:21.482 --> 00:50:24.129 old Trump era policy that continues
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:24.129 --> 00:50:27.769 to criminalize people for fentanyl.
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:27.770 --> 00:50:30.970 We want to see this cross wide policy
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:30.970 --> 00:50:33.590 expired and again really for once
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:33.590 --> 00:50:37.010 truly invest in a public health response.
NOTE Confidence: 0.96365019
00:50:37.010 --> 00:50:38.809 And some other work that we're doing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616
00:50:38.810 --> 00:50:40.590 You know, we've constantly been
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616
00:50:40.590 --> 00:50:42.370 doing work around harm reduction,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616
00:50:42.370 --> 00:50:44.170 ensuring that people who are
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616
00:50:44.170 --> 00:50:45.610 running harm reduction services
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616
00:50:45.610 --> 00:50:47.527 have the support that they need.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:50:47.530 --> 00:50:50.134 So we're lobbying Congress to up the
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:50:50.134 --> 00:50:52.629 funding for those for those services.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:50:52.630 --> 00:50:54.838 And we're also calling on Congress
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:50:54.838 --> 00:50:57.655 to ban the use or calling on them
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:50:57.655 --> 00:51:00.140 them to stop the ban on using
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:00.140 --> 00:51:02.710 federal funds to purchase syringes.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:02.710 --> 00:51:03.706 This has been on the books
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:03.706 --> 00:51:04.550 for quite some time now.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:04.550 --> 00:51:06.447 It's something that we're trying to lift.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:06.450 --> 00:51:07.862 We know that obviously
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:07.862 --> 00:51:09.274 purchasing storage is important.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:09.280 --> 00:51:10.260 Especially if we want to,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:10.260 --> 00:51:11.748 if we want to stop some of the
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:11.748 --> 00:51:13.466 harms of drug use. So again,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:13.466 --> 00:51:16.497 that's you know our harm reduction strategy.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:16.500 --> 00:51:17.856 And then of course,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:17.856 --> 00:51:18.873 we're constantly involved

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:18.873 --> 00:51:20.340 in the policing debate.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:20.340 --> 00:51:22.916 You know, I talked about earlier how?

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:22.920 --> 00:51:25.660 How drug war in the policing go hand in hand?

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:25.660 --> 00:51:28.467 So we've been very engaged on all

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:28.467 --> 00:51:30.595 policing discussions in Congress with

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:30.595 --> 00:51:33.133 a focus on ending the militarization

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:33.133 --> 00:51:35.529 of police and being drug raids,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:35.530 --> 00:51:37.880 ending the practice of civil

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:37.880 --> 00:51:38.820 asset forfeiture.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:38.820 --> 00:51:40.436 So that's been a bulk of our work,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:40.440 --> 00:51:41.120 especially recently.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:41.120 --> 00:51:42.140 As you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:42.140 --> 00:51:44.090 every anyone who's seen the news

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:44.090 --> 00:51:46.100 knows that Congress has been working

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:46.100 --> 00:51:48.488 on a big federal bill on policing,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:48.488 --> 00:51:49.864 so we've we've engaged
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:49.864 --> 00:51:50.896 in those conversations.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:50.900 --> 00:51:53.066 But we're also interested in pursuing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:53.070 --> 00:51:56.530 Other legislation outside of that and then,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:56.530 --> 00:51:57.290 of course,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:57.290 --> 00:51:59.570 we work on the collateral consequences
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:51:59.639 --> 00:52:02.087 of drug activity and drug convictions,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:02.090 --> 00:52:03.470 so you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:03.470 --> 00:52:04.850 we're constantly supporting
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:04.850 --> 00:52:06.575 folks in the immigration space
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:06.575 --> 00:52:08.300 who work at that intersection,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:08.300 --> 00:52:10.736 but something else that we're pushing
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:10.736 --> 00:52:14.710 forward is a response to public benefits.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:14.710 --> 00:52:17.790 So for some time now,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:17.790 --> 00:52:20.020 people who have drug convictions

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:20.020 --> 00:52:22.250 have been banned from receiving

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:22.325 --> 00:52:23.997 snap and Tanis benefits.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:24.000 --> 00:52:25.425 In various states,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:25.425 --> 00:52:28.714 we want to lift that and we're

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:28.714 --> 00:52:30.999 pushing Congress to lift that

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:30.999 --> 00:52:32.898 through both this big infrastructure

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:32.898 --> 00:52:34.854 package that Congress is working on.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:34.860 --> 00:52:38.556 But as a standalone piece of legislation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:38.560 --> 00:52:38.900 Obviously,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:38.900 --> 00:52:40.940 if a person doesn't have what

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:40.940 --> 00:52:42.739 they need to be healthy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:42.740 --> 00:52:45.015 that's not going to improve public safety,

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:45.020 --> 00:52:46.244 and it's not going to improve

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:46.244 --> 00:52:47.060 the person's public health.

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:47.060 --> 00:52:48.635 So they really want to make sure

NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:48.635 --> 00:52:50.444 that that is lifted so that you
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:50.444 --> 00:52:51.794 know families and children can
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:51.794 --> 00:52:53.318 have the nutrition they need,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:53.320 --> 00:52:55.304 especially in a time.
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:55.304 --> 00:52:56.296 That's difficult,
NOTE Confidence: 0.869043616

00:52:56.300 --> 00:52:57.728 like COVID right now.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:52:59.770 --> 00:53:00.610 So as you can see,
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:00.610 --> 00:53:02.950 we really have our work cut out for us.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:02.950 --> 00:53:04.920 We work across issues because
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:04.920 --> 00:53:06.890 the drug ward is vast.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:06.890 --> 00:53:09.800 It does touch upon different areas,
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:09.800 --> 00:53:12.194 so therefore we have a huge workload.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:12.200 --> 00:53:15.048 But not only that, you know we're also
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:15.048 --> 00:53:17.856 dealing with an administration and a
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:17.856 --> 00:53:20.190 Congress that is more conservative.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:20.190 --> 00:53:22.470 I would think than the general

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:22.470 --> 00:53:24.139 public on these issues.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:24.140 --> 00:53:24.752 For example,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:24.752 --> 00:53:26.894 recent polling that we did shows that

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:26.894 --> 00:53:29.370 most Americans agree that the drug war has.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:29.370 --> 00:53:32.178 Failed, I'm recently the Drug Policy

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:32.178 --> 00:53:34.770 Alliance in partnership with the ACLU,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:34.770 --> 00:53:36.770 released a national poll that

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:36.770 --> 00:53:38.640 found 66% of American voters are

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:38.640 --> 00:53:40.110 in support of removing criminal

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:40.165 --> 00:53:41.965 penalties for drugs and replacing

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:41.965 --> 00:53:43.765 them with health centered approaches.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:43.770 --> 00:53:46.740 So the majority of Americans again

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:46.740 --> 00:53:48.225 support drug decriminalization.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:48.230 --> 00:53:50.402 If it's coupled with a public

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:50.402 --> 00:53:51.126 health response.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:51.130 --> 00:53:54.426 But that's not, you know where Congress is.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:54.430 --> 00:53:55.886 I can't even say that Congress is there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:55.890 --> 00:53:56.622 Are marijuana yet,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:56.622 --> 00:53:59.010 like we really have our work to do with

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:53:59.010 --> 00:54:00.580 both Congress and the administration.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:00.580 --> 00:54:02.884 I feel like we're constantly battling

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:02.884 --> 00:54:05.040 with this situation where you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:05.040 --> 00:54:06.808 I think the public,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:06.808 --> 00:54:09.460 that's it and are far more.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:09.460 --> 00:54:09.986 You know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:09.986 --> 00:54:11.564 progressive on this issue than what

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:11.564 --> 00:54:13.299 we're dealing with at the federal level,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:13.300 --> 00:54:14.400 so that's been, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:14.400 --> 00:54:16.040 a huge hurdle for us.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:16.040 --> 00:54:18.400 And moving our work forward.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:18.400 --> 00:54:20.400 But also, you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:20.400 --> 00:54:22.400 this administration in particular.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:22.400 --> 00:54:24.068 I think you know each administration

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:24.068 --> 00:54:25.180 has its own challenges.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:25.180 --> 00:54:26.970 The challenge with this administration

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:26.970 --> 00:54:29.996 is the fact that Joe Biden was an

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:29.996 --> 00:54:31.556 architect of mass incarceration.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:31.560 --> 00:54:35.656 He wrote many of the bills that still

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:35.660 --> 00:54:38.876 that that built the system we have today,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:38.880 --> 00:54:40.300 and those consequences are still.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:40.300 --> 00:54:42.004 Well today and I would think

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:42.004 --> 00:54:43.899 that that would make him want to,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:43.900 --> 00:54:44.624 you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:44.624 --> 00:54:47.520 get on the side of criminal justice reform.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:47.520 --> 00:54:48.960 Perhaps with more enthusiasm,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:48.960 --> 00:54:51.120 but we just haven't seen that,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:51.120 --> 00:54:53.059 and that's because really a lot of
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:53.059 --> 00:54:54.616 these old narratives around the
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:54.616 --> 00:54:56.530 war on drugs have really stuck,
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:56.530 --> 00:54:58.480 so we really have our work cut out for us,
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:54:58.480 --> 00:55:00.480 both with the administration
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:00.480 --> 00:55:01.980 and with Congress.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:01.980 --> 00:55:04.302 But I you know I'm I'm just really excited.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:04.310 --> 00:55:06.713 That was able to be here with you all
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:06.713 --> 00:55:08.816 today and share this because these
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:08.816 --> 00:55:10.846 conversations matter in terms of
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:10.846 --> 00:55:13.280 changing the culture around drug policy,
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:13.280 --> 00:55:16.860 culture ultimately impacts policy
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:16.860 --> 00:55:18.420 and you know something that we're
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:18.420 --> 00:55:20.180 always looking for is public health,
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:20.180 --> 00:55:20.763 engagement,
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:20.763 --> 00:55:23.095 engagement from public health

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:23.095 --> 00:55:25.352 experts and people who understand,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:25.352 --> 00:55:27.860 understand the work from that angle.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:27.860 --> 00:55:28.751 As an advocate,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:28.751 --> 00:55:31.755 you know I can only say this so much, but.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:31.755 --> 00:55:32.700 To be honest,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:32.700 --> 00:55:34.930 my my word doesn't really carry as

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:34.930 --> 00:55:36.827 much weight with a lot of lawmakers

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:36.827 --> 00:55:39.140 as a public health professional.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:39.140 --> 00:55:40.814 Somebody who works with people who

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:40.814 --> 00:55:42.959 use drugs on a day to day basis.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:42.960 --> 00:55:45.078 So we're constantly working or working

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:45.078 --> 00:55:47.489 to engage with people like yourselves.

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:47.490 --> 00:55:48.840 And, you know, as I said,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:48.840 --> 00:55:51.160 I think this conversation is good to just,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:51.160 --> 00:55:51.872 you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:51.872 --> 00:55:52.940 start that engagement.
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:52.940 --> 00:55:54.270 But if you're interested in
NOTE Confidence: 0.961278936

00:55:54.270 --> 00:55:55.600 following the work that the
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:55:55.649 --> 00:55:57.099 Drug Policy Alliance is doing,
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:55:57.100 --> 00:55:59.265 and perhaps helping us push
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:55:59.265 --> 00:56:00.997 some of these initiatives,
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:56:01.000 --> 00:56:03.429 I would really encourage you to visit
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:56:03.429 --> 00:56:05.649 the Drug Policy Alliance website.
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:56:05.650 --> 00:56:07.141 Drugpolicy.org you can
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:56:07.141 --> 00:56:09.129 subscribe to our newsletter.
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:56:09.130 --> 00:56:10.226 And through that newsletter
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:56:10.226 --> 00:56:11.048 you'll get updates.
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:56:11.050 --> 00:56:12.258 You'll get action alerts,
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:56:12.258 --> 00:56:14.470 you'll get all of that good stuff,
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:56:14.470 --> 00:56:15.265 including educational materials.
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333

00:56:15.265 --> 00:56:17.354 I do want to point out that a

NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333
00:56:17.354 --> 00:56:18.663 lot of what I talked about here,
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333
00:56:18.670 --> 00:56:20.750 I pulled from our website so you can
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333
00:56:20.750 --> 00:56:22.490 find reports about different drugs,
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333
00:56:22.490 --> 00:56:23.234 different statistics,
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333
00:56:23.234 --> 00:56:24.350 things like that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333
00:56:24.350 --> 00:56:26.108 So check that out and thank
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333
00:56:26.108 --> 00:56:28.029 you so much for your time.
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333
00:56:28.030 --> 00:56:29.416 I was really happy to be here
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333
00:56:29.416 --> 00:56:30.872 and happy to take questions and
NOTE Confidence: 0.910098347333333
00:56:30.872 --> 00:56:32.227 and hear what people think.
NOTE Confidence: 0.633488173285714
00:56:33.830 --> 00:56:36.280 Thank you Maria. So that was wonderful.
NOTE Confidence: 0.633488173285714
00:56:36.280 --> 00:56:38.110 Really appreciate your ability
NOTE Confidence: 0.633488173285714
00:56:38.110 --> 00:56:40.030 to take us through with the
NOTE Confidence: 0.633488173285714
00:56:40.030 --> 00:56:42.038 history and the current strategies
NOTE Confidence: 0.950949944
00:56:42.050 --> 00:56:44.350 that you all are pursuing.
NOTE Confidence: 0.950949944

00:56:44.350 --> 00:56:46.106 I see we do have a couple of
NOTE Confidence: 0.950949944

00:56:46.106 --> 00:56:47.686 questions I was would encourage
NOTE Confidence: 0.950949944

00:56:47.690 --> 00:56:49.050 folks if they have questions,
NOTE Confidence: 0.950949944

00:56:49.050 --> 00:56:53.219 so put those in the question and answer box.
NOTE Confidence: 0.855604246

00:56:54.750 --> 00:56:56.570 So the first ones from marielena,
NOTE Confidence: 0.855604246

00:56:56.570 --> 00:56:59.830 Velez de Brown and her question
NOTE Confidence: 0.855604246

00:56:59.830 --> 00:57:01.360 is decriminalization only
NOTE Confidence: 0.855604246

00:57:01.360 --> 00:57:03.650 applies to drug users, not
NOTE Confidence: 0.96584875

00:57:03.660 --> 00:57:06.090 the drug dealers, correct?
NOTE Confidence: 0.96584875

00:57:06.090 --> 00:57:07.398 And she goes on to say
NOTE Confidence: 0.926129689444444

00:57:07.410 --> 00:57:09.756 I can't imagine getting much support
NOTE Confidence: 0.926129689444444

00:57:09.756 --> 00:57:11.874 for legislation that removes legal
NOTE Confidence: 0.926129689444444

00:57:11.874 --> 00:57:13.830 consequences for people selling
NOTE Confidence: 0.926129689444444

00:57:13.830 --> 00:57:15.297 those dangerous substances.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939564823333333

00:57:16.550 --> 00:57:17.966 Yeah, that's a really good question.
NOTE Confidence: 0.939564823333333

00:57:17.970 --> 00:57:20.007 I'm so last year the Drug Policy

NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:20.007 --> 00:57:22.136 Alliance put out a a drug sellers
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:22.136 --> 00:57:23.918 report making the case for Robbie
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:23.986 --> 00:57:25.711 also need to remove criminal
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:25.711 --> 00:57:28.018 penalties for people who sell drugs.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:28.018 --> 00:57:31.486 Unfortunately as they the person stated,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:31.490 --> 00:57:33.498 we're still building that
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:33.498 --> 00:57:35.506 buy in from lawmakers.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:35.510 --> 00:57:38.288 So right now we're starting with
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:38.290 --> 00:57:40.420 people who possess and use drugs
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:40.420 --> 00:57:42.690 for their own personal consumption,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:42.690 --> 00:57:43.582 but the idea is,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:43.582 --> 00:57:44.920 you know that's where we start,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:44.920 --> 00:57:48.088 but but ultimately we hope to also address.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:48.090 --> 00:57:50.925 People who sell drugs because you know
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333
00:57:50.925 --> 00:57:53.857 something that I mentioned in my talk
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:57:53.857 --> 00:57:56.532 is that oftentimes people who people I
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:57:56.532 --> 00:57:58.087 hate this distinction between people
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:57:58.087 --> 00:58:00.187 who sell and use because we're talking
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:00.187 --> 00:58:02.830 about the same person in a lot of instances,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:02.830 --> 00:58:05.567 there are people who sell because they,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:05.570 --> 00:58:06.640 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:06.640 --> 00:58:09.315 need to support their use.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:09.320 --> 00:58:11.018 So I I hate that distinction,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:11.020 --> 00:58:13.285 but unfortunately in policymaking we
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:13.285 --> 00:58:15.960 see those distinctions all the time.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:15.960 --> 00:58:17.769 We see it also in the context of of
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:17.769 --> 00:58:19.417 violent versus a non violent offender.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:19.420 --> 00:58:22.180 And I also hate that distinction.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:22.180 --> 00:58:23.524 But you know, unfortunately,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:23.524 --> 00:58:25.540 the way the way it works,
NOTE Confidence: 0.9395648233333333

00:58:25.540 --> 00:58:28.800 at least at the federal level is you try to,

NOTE Confidence: 0.939564823333333
00:58:28.800 --> 00:58:30.858 you know, do what you can,
NOTE Confidence: 0.939564823333333
00:58:30.860 --> 00:58:33.220 where you can in the idea is you know you
NOTE Confidence: 0.939564823333333
00:58:33.284 --> 00:58:35.419 start and build incremental progress.
NOTE Confidence: 0.772323025
00:58:37.040 --> 00:58:38.500 Alright, thank you. I also
NOTE Confidence: 0.772323025
00:58:38.500 --> 00:58:39.916 wanted to acknowledge there was
NOTE Confidence: 0.772323025
00:58:39.916 --> 00:58:42.910 a raised hand from Samuel Agada.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8134323675
00:58:54.010 --> 00:58:55.870 Hi Samuel, you now have the
NOTE Confidence: 0.8134323675
00:58:55.870 --> 00:58:57.660 ability to like cancel question.
NOTE Confidence: 0.715220762
00:59:02.430 --> 00:59:07.210 OK is good. Good afternoon everyone.
NOTE Confidence: 0.86726302
00:59:09.040 --> 00:59:15.750 My name is Doctor Sam and I'm from Africa.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67401258
00:59:15.750 --> 00:59:17.200 With a medical doctor by
NOTE Confidence: 0.67401258
00:59:17.200 --> 00:59:18.318 profession, I'm a qualified
NOTE Confidence: 0.859979806666667
00:59:18.330 --> 00:59:22.558 medical doctor. And yeah, my questions are.
NOTE Confidence: 0.83361901
00:59:23.650 --> 00:59:24.769 Hello get out.
NOTE Confidence: 0.813847116666667
00:59:28.580 --> 00:59:30.190 Yeah, my questions are.
NOTE Confidence: 0.708808125

00:59:34.270 --> 00:59:36.062 Yeah, my questions are
NOTE Confidence: 0.708808125

00:59:36.062 --> 00:59:37.520 from your epidemiology.
NOTE Confidence: 0.708808125

00:59:37.650 --> 00:59:39.849 The incidence of blacks
NOTE Confidence: 0.708808125

00:59:39.850 --> 00:59:41.930 being involved in drug crime
NOTE Confidence: 0.708808125

00:59:41.930 --> 00:59:45.390 is higher than the whites.
NOTE Confidence: 0.708808125

00:59:45.390 --> 00:59:47.686 And my question is, why is that?
NOTE Confidence: 0.708808125

00:59:47.686 --> 00:59:49.042 Is there a particular
NOTE Confidence: 0.708808125

00:59:49.042 --> 00:59:52.060 reason for that? And the
NOTE Confidence: 0.8960573

00:59:52.070 --> 00:59:53.240 second question is
NOTE Confidence: 0.9610965

00:59:54.250 --> 00:59:56.720 from your presentation you talked about the
NOTE Confidence: 0.601160766666667

00:59:58.990 --> 01:00:03.010 1033 program. For cutting
NOTE Confidence: 0.601160766666667

01:00:03.010 --> 01:00:05.270 down the use of drugs, please.
NOTE Confidence: 0.601160766666667

01:00:05.270 --> 01:00:07.742 And it's more enlightenment on
NOTE Confidence: 0.601160766666667

01:00:07.742 --> 01:00:11.065 that please and then are in Africa.
NOTE Confidence: 0.601160766666667

01:00:11.065 --> 01:00:14.530 Here I'm working on them.
NOTE Confidence: 0.194219498

01:00:15.790 --> 01:00:19.630 Projects too. Help

NOTE Confidence: 0.775534798333334
01:00:19.660 --> 01:00:23.466 people stop the use of drugs and then
NOTE Confidence: 0.775534798333334
01:00:23.466 --> 01:00:26.010 to to reduce the drug crime in Africa.
NOTE Confidence: 0.775534798333334
01:00:26.010 --> 01:00:29.150 So that's one of the reasons I saw
NOTE Confidence: 0.775534798333334
01:00:29.150 --> 01:00:31.960 this online and I decided to join.
NOTE Confidence: 0.775534798333334
01:00:31.960 --> 01:00:33.372 So please, if you can
NOTE Confidence: 0.775534798333334
01:00:33.372 --> 01:00:34.656 quickly answer my questions,
NOTE Confidence: 0.775534798333334
01:00:34.660 --> 01:00:38.080 especially the 1033 drug program.
NOTE Confidence: 0.775534798333334
01:00:38.080 --> 01:00:39.240 So be very interesting
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:00:39.250 --> 01:00:41.980 for me please. Thank you very much.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:00:41.980 --> 01:00:45.092 Yes, happy to answer this question so I'm
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:00:45.092 --> 01:00:48.645 on your first question on why we see more.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:00:48.650 --> 01:00:51.602 Black folks with drug
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:00:51.602 --> 01:00:53.816 arrests and convictions?
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:00:53.820 --> 01:00:55.244 Well, that's because communities
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:00:55.244 --> 01:00:57.024 of color experience more policing
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:00:57.024 --> 01:00:58.549 and racial discrimination.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:00:58.550 --> 01:00:59.888 As I mentioned in my talk,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:00:59.890 --> 01:01:02.865 we know that people use people across,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:02.870 --> 01:01:04.318 you, know, racial lines,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:04.318 --> 01:01:06.128 use drugs at similar rates.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:06.130 --> 01:01:07.576 In fact, I've also seen studies
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:07.576 --> 01:01:09.090 that show that white people use
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:09.090 --> 01:01:10.584 drugs more than black people do.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:10.590 --> 01:01:13.054 Yet we know that the face of incarceration
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:13.054 --> 01:01:15.186 continues to be black and brown people.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:15.190 --> 01:01:16.950 And as I laid out in my talk,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:16.950 --> 01:01:18.780 that's because that's been a
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:18.780 --> 01:01:19.878 strategic political decision.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:19.880 --> 01:01:22.920 This country has made for hundreds of years,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:22.920 --> 01:01:24.160 so it's really, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:24.160 --> 01:01:26.552 gonna take a full on reversal of you

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:26.552 --> 01:01:29.509 know our criminal justice policy to like

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:29.509 --> 01:01:32.140 actually see those racial disparities end.

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:32.140 --> 01:01:33.396 So that's what I would say to you.

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:33.400 --> 01:01:35.304 Know the first part.

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:35.304 --> 01:01:37.700 The 1033 program again is a

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:37.700 --> 01:01:39.236 Department of Defense program

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:39.236 --> 01:01:41.120 that's been around since 1997,

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:41.120 --> 01:01:43.500 and you know billions of dollars in

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:43.500 --> 01:01:45.502 resources have actually been transferred

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:45.502 --> 01:01:48.435 from the military to local law enforcement.

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:48.440 --> 01:01:49.799 Through this program,

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:49.799 --> 01:01:52.970 it's been a program that advocates have

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:53.051 --> 01:01:56.528 called on abolishing for quite some time now.

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:56.530 --> 01:01:58.822 It didn't really get into the public's,

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:58.822 --> 01:01:59.426 you know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:01:59.426 --> 01:02:02.103 I should say it didn't get the public's
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:02.103 --> 01:02:04.880 attention until probably 2014 when we saw.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:04.880 --> 01:02:06.800 You know people taking to the
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:06.876 --> 01:02:08.716 streets when Michael Brown was
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:08.716 --> 01:02:11.674 killed by police and we saw that the
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:11.674 --> 01:02:13.762 response to that in Ferguson was,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:13.770 --> 01:02:14.796 you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:14.796 --> 01:02:16.848 tanks and military equipment.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:16.850 --> 01:02:20.194 And I I really militarized response to people
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:20.194 --> 01:02:22.794 who were protesting and asking for justice,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:22.794 --> 01:02:24.678 and I think that was the first time
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:24.678 --> 01:02:26.566 that a lot of the public realized that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:26.570 --> 01:02:27.014 Whoa,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:27.014 --> 01:02:30.122 my local law enforcement has tanks and
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:30.122 --> 01:02:33.449 like you know these military weapons.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:02:33.450 --> 01:02:34.862 But yeah, they do.

NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:34.862 --> 01:02:35.568 You know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:35.570 --> 01:02:37.595 law enforcement takes full advantage
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:37.595 --> 01:02:39.863 of this program during the Obama
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:39.863 --> 01:02:41.618 administration they did put some
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:41.618 --> 01:02:43.260 constraints around what type of
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:43.260 --> 01:02:45.018 equipment could go to law enforcement,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:45.020 --> 01:02:46.452 but nonetheless the program
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:46.452 --> 01:02:47.884 is still in existence.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:47.890 --> 01:02:50.606 We saw around the George Floyd protests
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:50.606 --> 01:02:52.810 a similar situation where in many
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:52.810 --> 01:02:55.064 major cities we saw the police pull
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:55.138 --> 01:02:57.454 out military equipment in response to
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:57.454 --> 01:02:59.485 the rallies for racial justice that
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:02:59.485 --> 01:03:01.130 were happening across the country.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285
01:03:01.130 --> 01:03:04.220 So this bill in Congress.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:04.220 --> 01:03:05.960 The Justice and Policing Act.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:05.960 --> 01:03:07.862 It was a house possible named
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:07.862 --> 01:03:08.813 after George Floyd.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:08.820 --> 01:03:09.834 There's a Senate.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:09.834 --> 01:03:12.200 The Senate is currently working on on
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:12.261 --> 01:03:14.440 their response to that bill on their
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:14.440 --> 01:03:16.260 version of the Justice and Policing Act,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:16.260 --> 01:03:17.380 and we've been, you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:17.380 --> 01:03:18.960 pushing them to fully eliminate
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:18.960 --> 01:03:20.880 the 1033 program in that bill.
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:20.880 --> 01:03:22.113 But thus far,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:22.113 --> 01:03:24.579 the bill has only you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:24.580 --> 01:03:26.470 called for reforming the program,
NOTE Confidence: 0.67676285

01:03:26.470 --> 01:03:28.270 which is insufficient in our opinion.
NOTE Confidence: 0.449007835

01:03:32.160 --> 01:03:34.938 Thank you Brett. The second question
NOTE Confidence: 0.763280387272727

01:03:34.970 --> 01:03:38.463 or third question is from the Jawad

NOTE Confidence: 0.763280387272727

01:03:38.463 --> 01:03:40.500 Hussain has decriminalization slash.

NOTE Confidence: 0.763280387272727

01:03:40.500 --> 01:03:43.473 Legalization of cannabis in states had any

NOTE Confidence: 0.763280387272727

01:03:43.473 --> 01:03:45.524 effect on rates of cannabis use disorder

NOTE Confidence: 0.93636813

01:03:45.540 --> 01:03:46.389 in those states.

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:03:48.320 --> 01:03:50.080 Yeah, that's an interesting question.

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:03:50.080 --> 01:03:51.348 To my knowledge, no,

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:03:51.348 --> 01:03:54.391 but I would encourage you to check out the

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:03:54.391 --> 01:03:56.883 Drug Policy Alliance website and see what

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:03:56.955 --> 01:03:59.419 else you can find about that on there.

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:03:59.420 --> 01:04:01.855 Another good source of information

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:01.855 --> 01:04:04.290 for just marijuana policy generally

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:04.361 --> 01:04:05.042 is Normal's website.

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:05.042 --> 01:04:06.939 I always forget what it stands for,

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:06.940 --> 01:04:09.546 but it's normal NORML.

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:09.546 --> 01:04:11.376 But there they also have,

NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:11.380 --> 01:04:12.460 you know a lot of data
NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:12.460 --> 01:04:13.440 that you could pull from,
NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:13.440 --> 01:04:16.009 but to my knowledge no we have
NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:16.009 --> 01:04:18.584 not seen you know marijuana use.
NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:18.584 --> 01:04:21.194 Especially like adolescent use or
NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:21.194 --> 01:04:23.400 problematic marijuana use increase
NOTE Confidence: 0.851188682

01:04:23.400 --> 01:04:24.768 with marijuana legalization.
NOTE Confidence: 0.707541821818182

01:04:28.160 --> 01:04:30.315 And then the next statement
NOTE Confidence: 0.707541821818182

01:04:30.315 --> 01:04:33.050 question from Sid Snow is Biden,
NOTE Confidence: 0.707541821818182

01:04:33.050 --> 01:04:35.035 was the architect of some
NOTE Confidence: 0.707541821818182

01:04:35.035 --> 01:04:36.623 draconian drug laws laws,
NOTE Confidence: 0.707541821818182

01:04:36.630 --> 01:04:39.087 but he was also the force behind
NOTE Confidence: 0.707541821818182

01:04:39.087 --> 01:04:41.096 the formation of the OMDCP.
NOTE Confidence: 0.707541821818182

01:04:41.096 --> 01:04:43.850 Do you see this as a potential in to
NOTE Confidence: 0.707541821818182

01:04:43.927 --> 01:04:46.279 get him on board for some changes
NOTE Confidence: 0.94478783

01:04:46.290 --> 01:04:47.220 in drug laws?

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:04:48.750 --> 01:04:51.648 Yeah, so you know. Aside from that,

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:04:51.650 --> 01:04:54.560 I would also just say that he has a son

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:04:54.639 --> 01:04:57.184 who's been very open about his issues

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:04:57.184 --> 01:04:59.008 and you know his addiction issues.

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:04:59.010 --> 01:05:01.360 So I do think that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:01.360 --> 01:05:03.925 You know that could hopefully

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:03.925 --> 01:05:05.848 create some compassion and empathy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:05.848 --> 01:05:07.960 which is really important in policymaking.

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:07.960 --> 01:05:10.768 I think it's something that's missing.

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:10.770 --> 01:05:12.110 You know, that said,

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:12.110 --> 01:05:13.785 my experience with this administration,

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:13.790 --> 01:05:16.742 and with Joe Biden in particular is we're

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:16.742 --> 01:05:19.332 still dealing with somebody who has like

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:19.332 --> 01:05:22.389 this war mentality when it comes to drug use.

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:22.390 --> 01:05:25.410 So. You know I, I do want to see hope

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:25.501 --> 01:05:28.525 where I can on on the campaign trail,
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:28.530 --> 01:05:30.450 we know that Joe Biden said that he
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:30.450 --> 01:05:31.660 supports criminal justice reform.
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:31.660 --> 01:05:33.766 He came out in support of
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:33.766 --> 01:05:34.819 ending mandatory minimums.
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:34.820 --> 01:05:36.716 He came out in support of
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:36.716 --> 01:05:37.664 ending the disparity.
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:37.670 --> 01:05:39.218 The sentences disparity between
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:39.218 --> 01:05:40.766 crack and cocaine offenses.
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:40.770 --> 01:05:43.448 These are all good things and you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:43.448 --> 01:05:45.430 it did give me hope as an advocate,
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:45.430 --> 01:05:47.520 but when it you know,
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:47.520 --> 01:05:49.150 I still haven't seen anything
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:49.150 --> 01:05:50.780 very progressive on these issues
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:50.841 --> 01:05:52.369 come from the administration.
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429

01:05:52.370 --> 01:05:53.314 I hope that changes.

NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429
01:05:53.314 --> 01:05:54.987 And this is only the first year
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429
01:05:54.987 --> 01:05:56.635 we have our time cut out for us.
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429
01:05:56.640 --> 01:05:57.988 And like I said,
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429
01:05:57.988 --> 01:05:59.673 each administration brings new challenges.
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429
01:05:59.680 --> 01:06:01.745 But with him the challenge has really
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429
01:06:01.745 --> 01:06:04.385 been that I think you know he does have.
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429
01:06:04.390 --> 01:06:05.930 What I think is an old school
NOTE Confidence: 0.865531988571429
01:06:05.930 --> 01:06:06.940 mindset on the issue.
NOTE Confidence: 0.810892105
01:06:08.840 --> 01:06:12.750 Thank you. Let's see.
NOTE Confidence: 0.810892105
01:06:12.750 --> 01:06:15.570 Any more questions?
NOTE Confidence: 0.810892105
01:06:15.570 --> 01:06:17.316 I know we've got some policy
NOTE Confidence: 0.810892105
01:06:17.316 --> 01:06:18.480 and addiction experts on.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7355101
01:06:46.360 --> 01:06:48.912 OK, if no more questions,
NOTE Confidence: 0.7355101
01:06:48.912 --> 01:06:52.163 I want to thank you very much Marissa.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7355101
01:06:52.163 --> 01:06:55.640 And when I give thanks to the Sandbar
NOTE Confidence: 0.7355101

01:06:55.640 --> 01:06:59.054 Guard Foundation for hosting this and
NOTE Confidence: 0.7355101

01:06:59.054 --> 01:07:04.348 to Emma for keeping us all in line.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7355101

01:07:04.350 --> 01:07:08.808 Maybe one more slide. Or as a reminder.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9302969025

01:07:10.870 --> 01:07:13.873 Yes, I'm gonna pull back up our
NOTE Confidence: 0.9302969025

01:07:13.873 --> 01:07:16.279 contact information and also the
NOTE Confidence: 0.9302969025

01:07:16.279 --> 01:07:18.359 information about our upcoming.
NOTE Confidence: 0.9302969025

01:07:18.360 --> 01:07:21.810 Then just give me one. I didn't.
NOTE Confidence: 0.862928886666667

01:07:23.410 --> 01:07:26.410 Quick question so everyone that attended,
NOTE Confidence: 0.862928886666667

01:07:26.410 --> 01:07:28.300 will they be receiving a link with
NOTE Confidence: 0.862928886666667

01:07:28.300 --> 01:07:30.046 the recording just so we can share
NOTE Confidence: 0.862928886666667

01:07:30.046 --> 01:07:31.695 it with others that may not have
NOTE Confidence: 0.862928886666667

01:07:31.695 --> 01:07:33.357 been able to attend this morning?
NOTE Confidence: 0.66678

01:07:34.060 --> 01:07:35.760 So everyone who registered,
NOTE Confidence: 0.66678

01:07:35.760 --> 01:07:37.390 including folks who attended
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:07:37.400 --> 01:07:40.123 and did not attend, will receive a
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:07:40.123 --> 01:07:42.738 recording of this talk tomorrow via email.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:07:42.738 --> 01:07:45.219 If you don't receive it, feel free to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:07:45.219 --> 01:07:47.269 get in touch with us and let us know.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:07:47.270 --> 01:07:50.651 We can also make it available online

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:07:50.651 --> 01:07:53.276 via a downloadable link so this.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:07:53.276 --> 01:07:56.020 Is the details again for the upcoming

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:07:56.100 --> 01:07:59.484 event that we have on September 21st with

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:07:59.484 --> 01:08:01.386 Doctor Travis Reader that registration

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:01.386 --> 01:08:03.450 link that you see at the base of

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:03.505 --> 01:08:05.440 this here is not as of yet, active.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:05.440 --> 01:08:08.680 It will open three weeks prior.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:08.680 --> 01:08:10.584 Then we can share in addition or

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:10.584 --> 01:08:12.439 our information on how to keep in

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:12.439 --> 01:08:13.909 touch with the program and with

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:13.971 --> 01:08:15.359 the Sand Guard Foundation.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:15.360 --> 01:08:18.398 I do note question David in the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:18.398 --> 01:08:20.732 Q&A from Elizabeth Powell which
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:20.732 --> 01:08:23.087 we might want to address.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:23.090 --> 01:08:25.330 Elizabeth Powell asks good morning.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:25.330 --> 01:08:27.148 I'm a public health analyst in
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:27.148 --> 01:08:28.797 Washington and been hearing a lot
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:28.797 --> 01:08:31.180 about decriminalization in Oregon.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:31.180 --> 01:08:32.130 Anecdotally,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:32.130 --> 01:08:34.662 at least it seems like public public
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:34.662 --> 01:08:36.614 health infrastructure was not
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:36.614 --> 01:08:39.666 ready for implementing the 1:10 and
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:39.666 --> 01:08:41.250 things like treatment, waitlists,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:41.250 --> 01:08:42.869 or severely limiting effectiveness.
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:42.869 --> 01:08:43.627 Thus far,
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:43.627 --> 01:08:45.901 I was wondering what data is
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:45.901 --> 01:08:48.106 being collected to really gauge
NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:48.106 --> 01:08:49.426 for 110 effectiveness,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:49.430 --> 01:08:51.747 and where are you accessing this data?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:51.750 --> 01:08:53.078 What would you recommend?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:53.080 --> 01:08:55.022 Make recommendations be to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8535395

01:08:55.022 --> 01:08:56.577 avoid this in other states.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9659393

01:08:59.510 --> 01:09:02.110 Yeah, that's a good question. I'm

NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:02.110 --> 01:09:03.870 I did not work on the Oregon initiative,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:03.870 --> 01:09:05.767 but people at the Drug Policy Alliance.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:05.770 --> 01:09:08.948 I'm are still deeply involved in even

NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:08.948 --> 01:09:11.210 the implementation of that and for

NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:11.210 --> 01:09:12.410 the person who asked this question,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:12.410 --> 01:09:14.002 I would love to connect you with them

NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:14.002 --> 01:09:15.544 because I feel like you know they

NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:15.544 --> 01:09:17.030 have the answers that you're seeking,

NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:17.030 --> 01:09:17.963 whereas I don't.

NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:17.963 --> 01:09:19.829 But happy to make that connection

NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:19.829 --> 01:09:21.864 if I can share my contact info
NOTE Confidence: 0.89021113375

01:09:21.864 --> 01:09:23.679 with the person who asked that.
NOTE Confidence: 0.930012217333334

01:09:25.790 --> 01:09:28.222 Or feel free to reach out to Emma
NOTE Confidence: 0.930012217333334

01:09:28.222 --> 01:09:30.649 and Emma can connect you as well.
NOTE Confidence: 0.930012217333334

01:09:30.650 --> 01:09:33.023 I'm happy to provide Elizabeth with your
NOTE Confidence: 0.930012217333334

01:09:33.023 --> 01:09:36.930 email address and it said thank you.
NOTE Confidence: 0.930012217333334

01:09:36.930 --> 01:09:38.114 So thank you everybody.
NOTE Confidence: 0.930012217333334

01:09:38.114 --> 01:09:40.287 Feel free to keep in touch with
NOTE Confidence: 0.930012217333334

01:09:40.287 --> 01:09:41.947 us through our listserv and
NOTE Confidence: 0.930012217333334

01:09:41.947 --> 01:09:43.810 through our website and Twitter,
NOTE Confidence: 0.930012217333334

01:09:43.810 --> 01:09:47.442 and we look forward to seeing you in
NOTE Confidence: 0.930012217333334

01:09:47.442 --> 01:09:50.154 September with Dr. Rieder's talk thank
NOTE Confidence: 0.962235831666667

01:09:50.170 --> 01:09:52.260 you and have a great day. Thank you.
NOTE Confidence: 0.7844548

01:09:53.920 --> 01:09:56.300 Thank you. As folks are logging off,
NOTE Confidence: 0.788912862857143

01:09:56.300 --> 01:09:58.220 if you need the CME information
NOTE Confidence: 0.788912862857143

01:09:58.220 --> 01:09:59.450 again, here it is for you.