Same Script, Same Cast: The War on Drugs: Yes, it is about race

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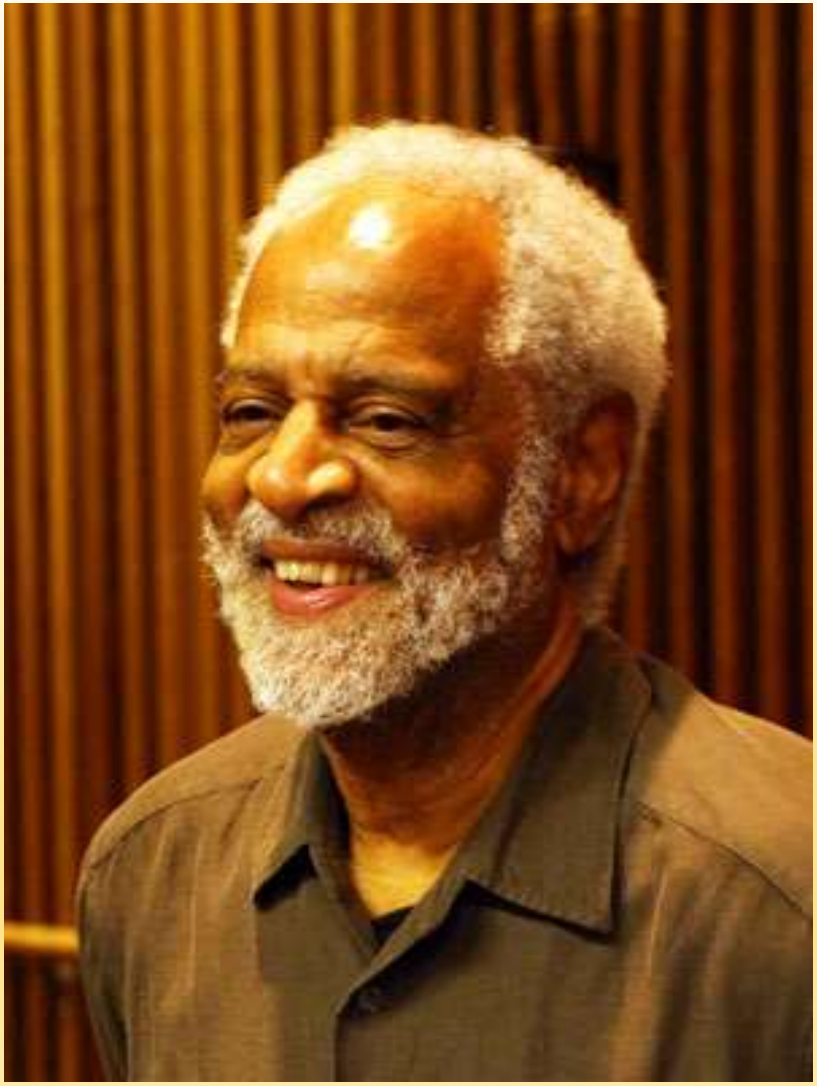
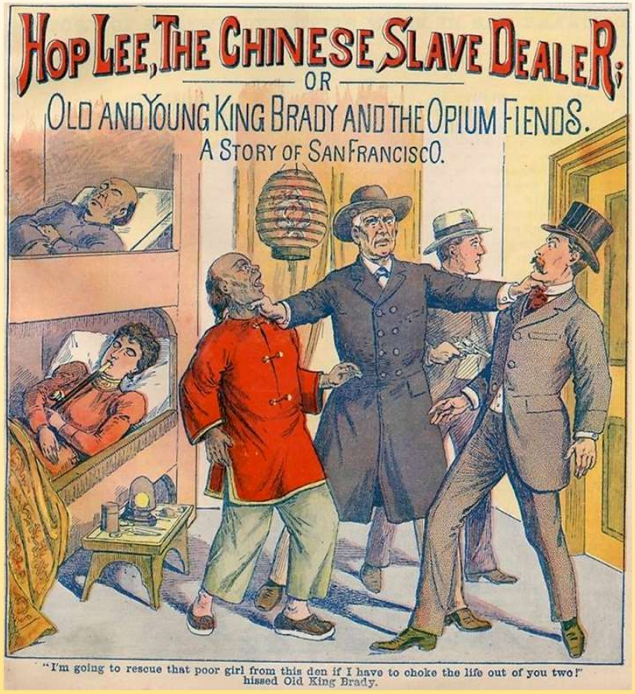
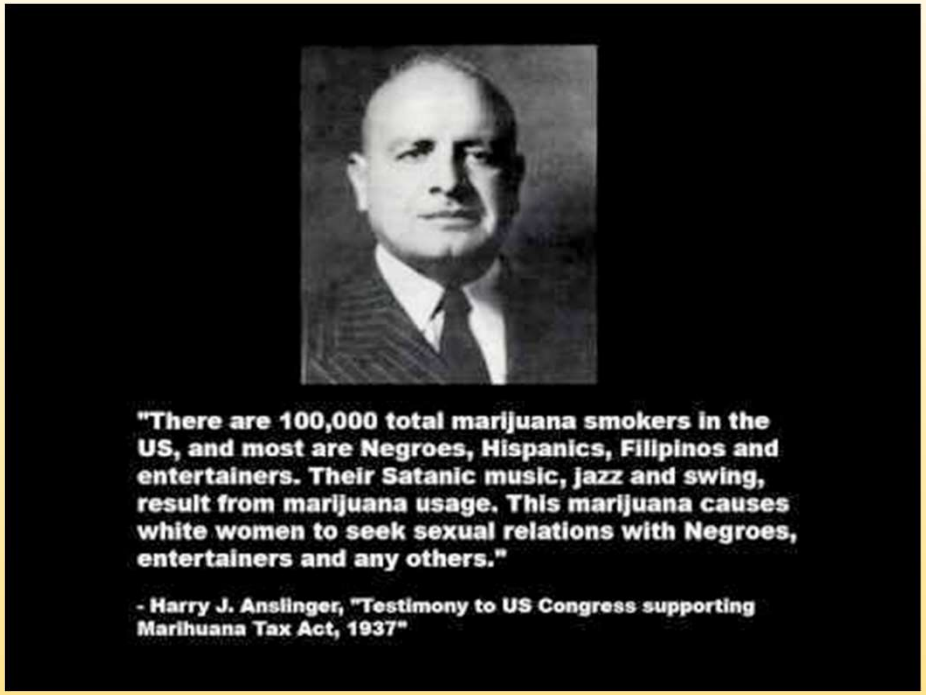
Discovers the Island of Hispaniola, 1492



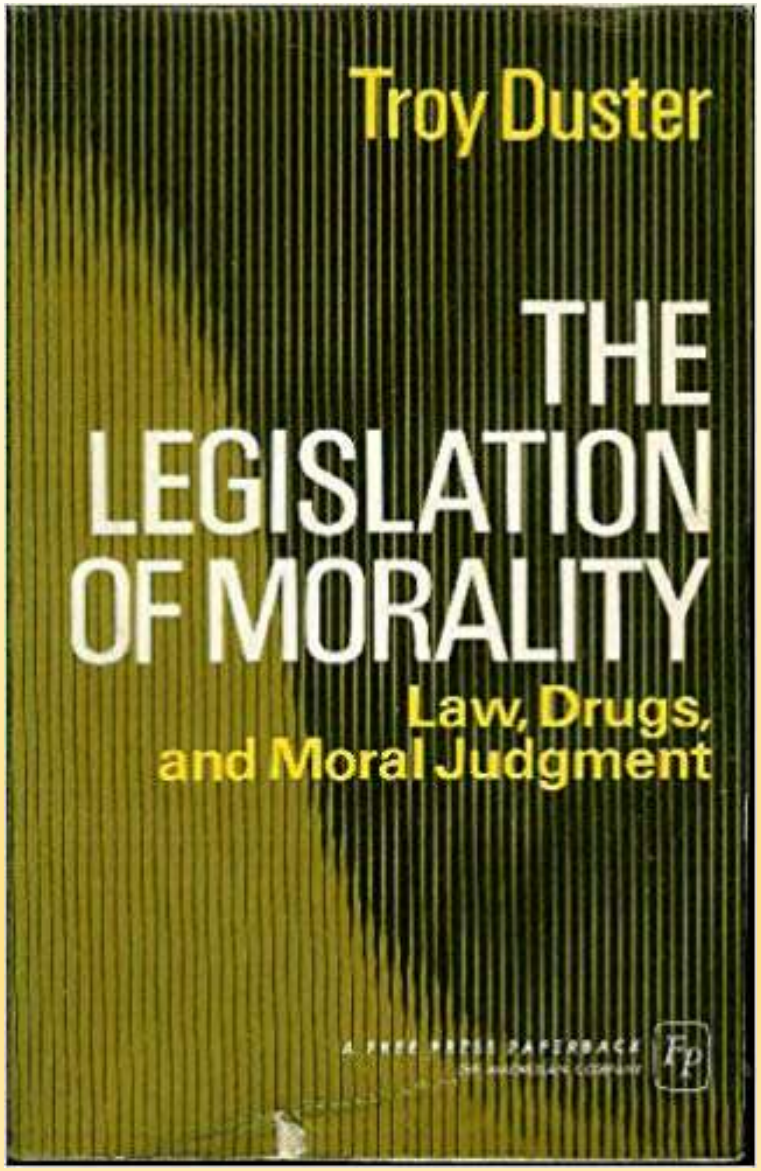

HOP LEE, THE CHINESE SLAVE DEALER;
OR
OLD AND YOUNG KING BRADY AND THE OPIUM FIENDS.
A STORY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
"I'm going to rescue that poor girl from this den if I have to choke the life out of you two!" hissed Old King Brady.


"There are 100,000 total marijuana smokers in the US, and most are Negroes, Hispanics, Filipinos and entertainers. Their Satanic music, jazz and swing, result from marijuana usage. This marijuana causes white women to seek sexual relations with Negroes, entertainers and any others."
- Harry J. Anslinger, "Testimony to US Congress supporting Marihuana Tax Act, 1937"

NEGRO COCAINE "FIENDS" ARE A NEW SOUTHERN MENACE

Murder and Insanity Increasing Among Lower Class Blacks Because They Have Taken to "Sniffing" Since Deprived of Whisky by Prohibition.

By Edward Huntington Williams, M. D.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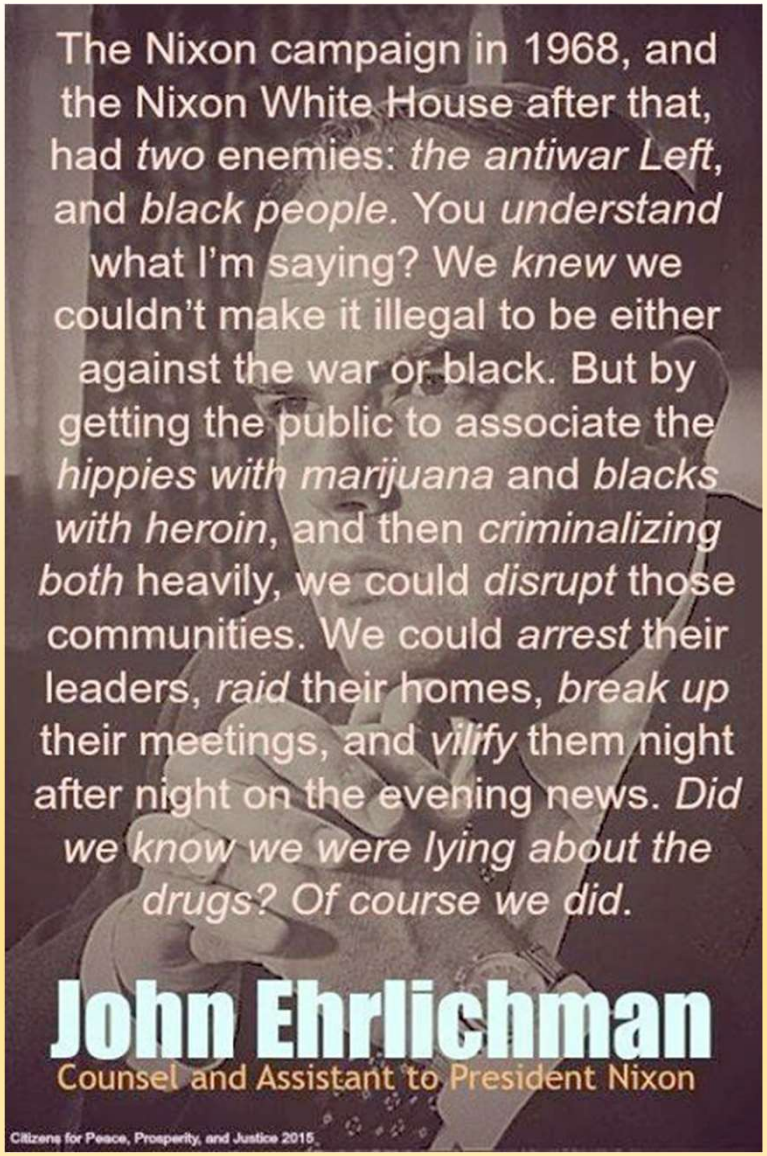
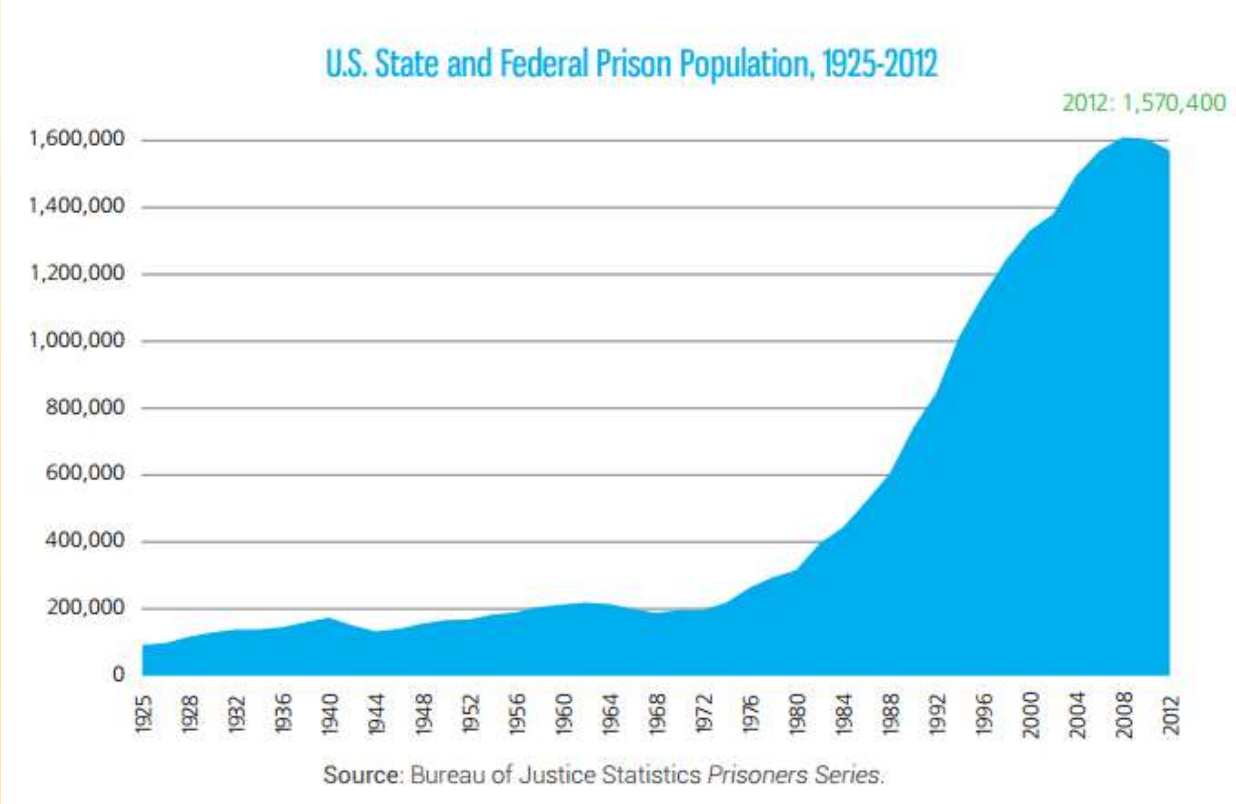
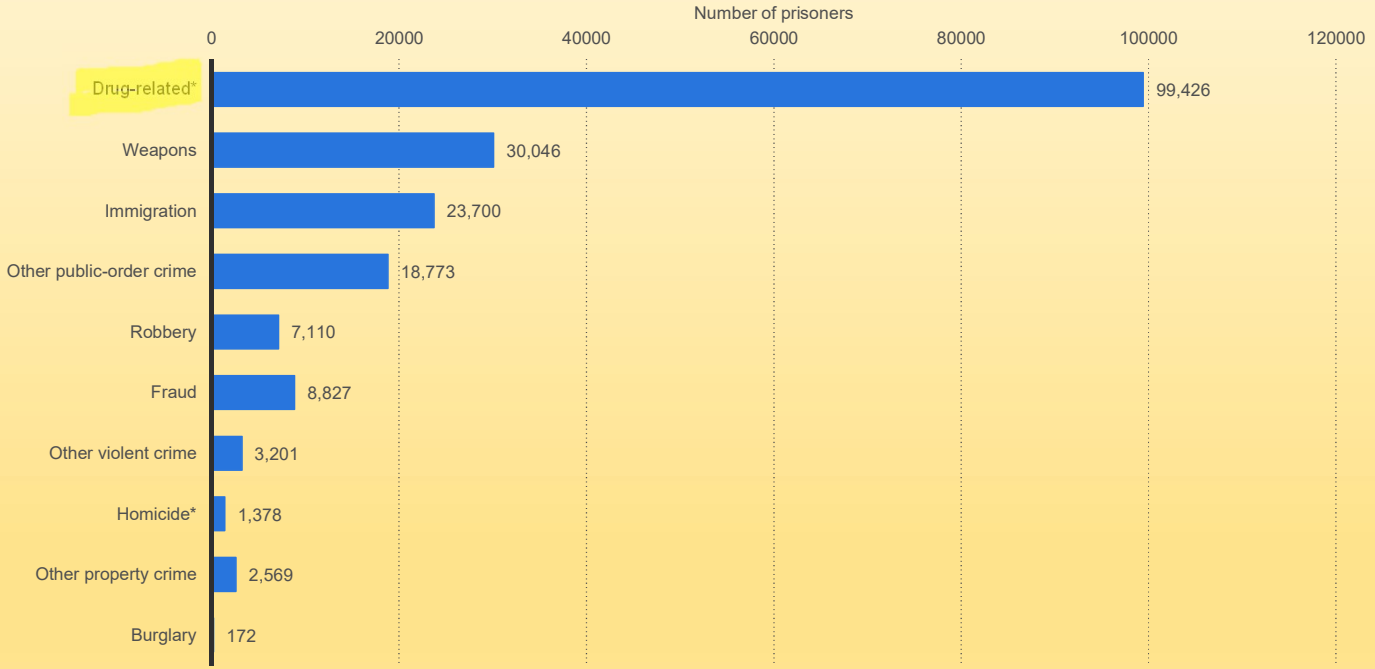

The Nixon campaign in 1968, and the Nixon White House after that, had *two* enemies: *the antiwar Left*, and *black people*. You *understand* what I'm saying? We *knew* we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black. But by getting the public to associate the *hippies with marijuana* and *blacks with heroin*, and then *criminalizing both* heavily, we could *disrupt* those communities. We could *arrest* their leaders, *raid* their homes, *break up* their meetings, and *vilify* them night after night on the evening news. *Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did*.
John Ehrlichman
Counsel and Assistant to President Nixon
Citizens for Peace, Prosperity, and Justice 2015

Incarceration in the U.S.

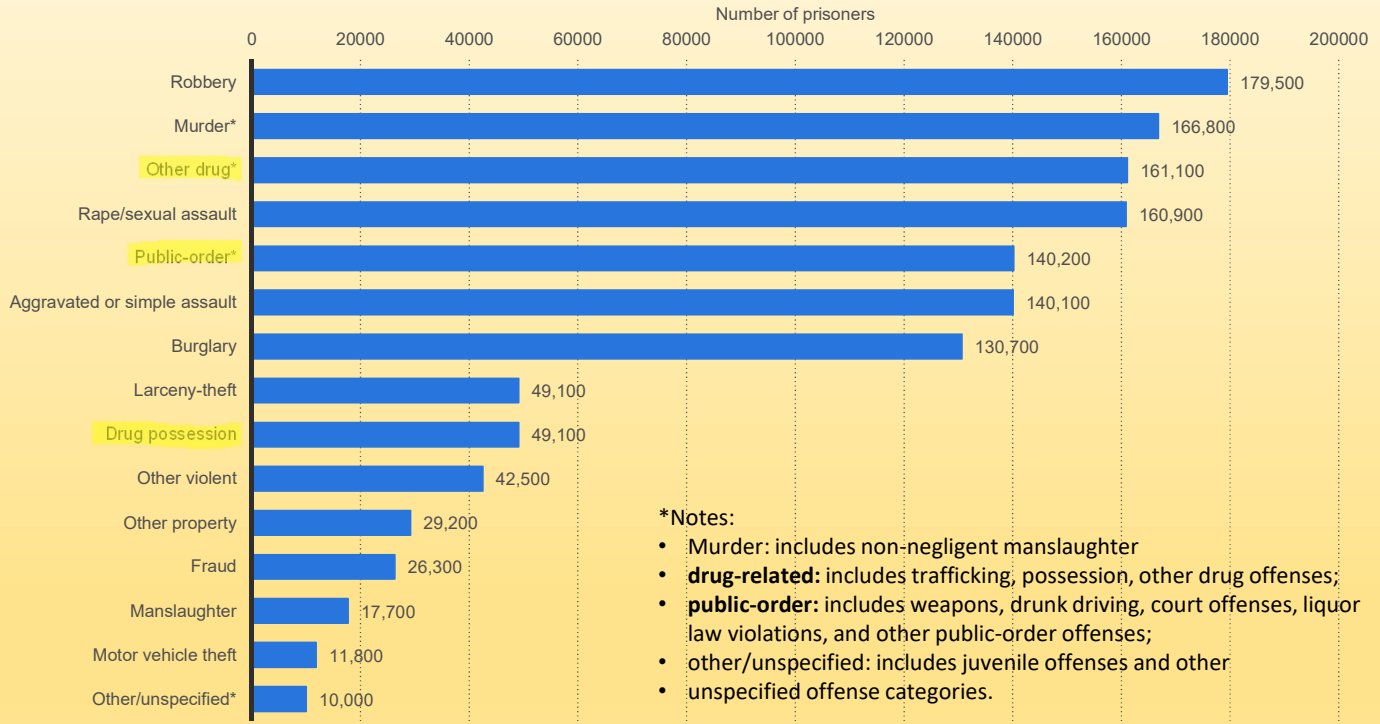


Number of People Incarcerated in Federal Prisons in 2012, by Offense



Source: US Department of Justice; US Bureau of Justice Statistics

Number of People Incarcerated in State Prisons in 2012, by Offense

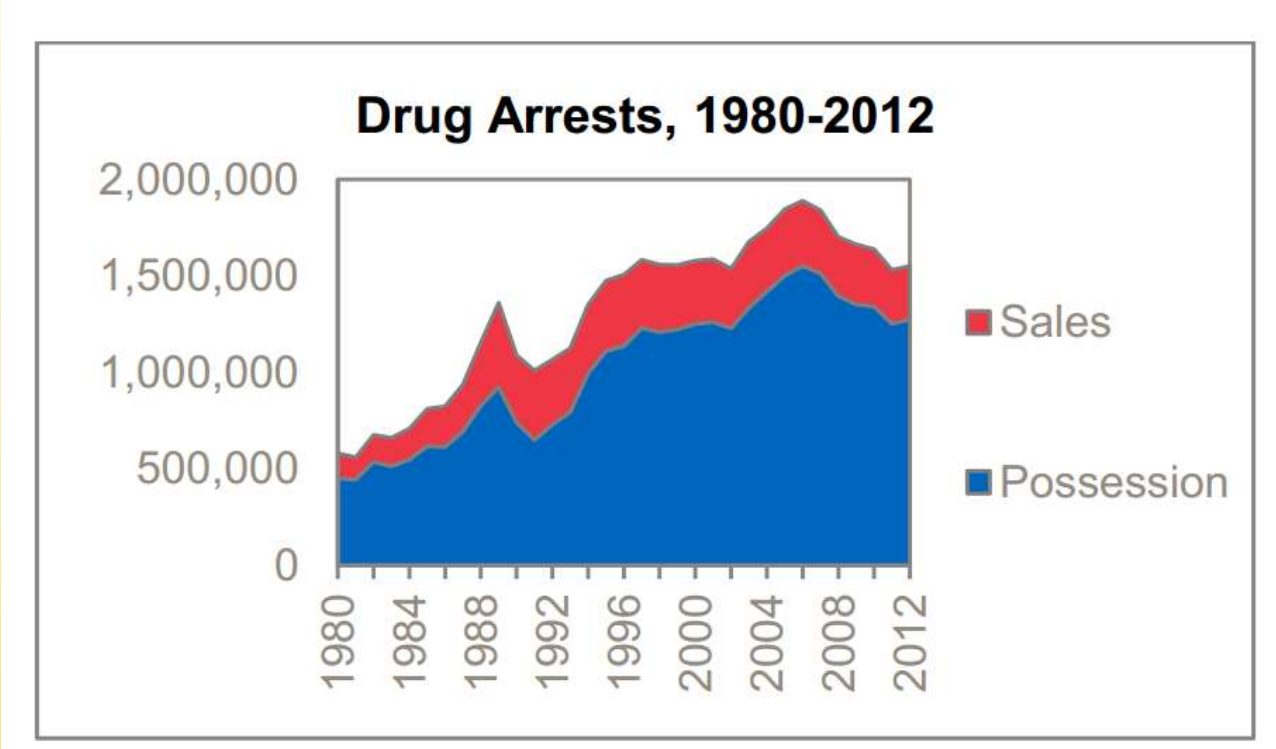


*Notes:

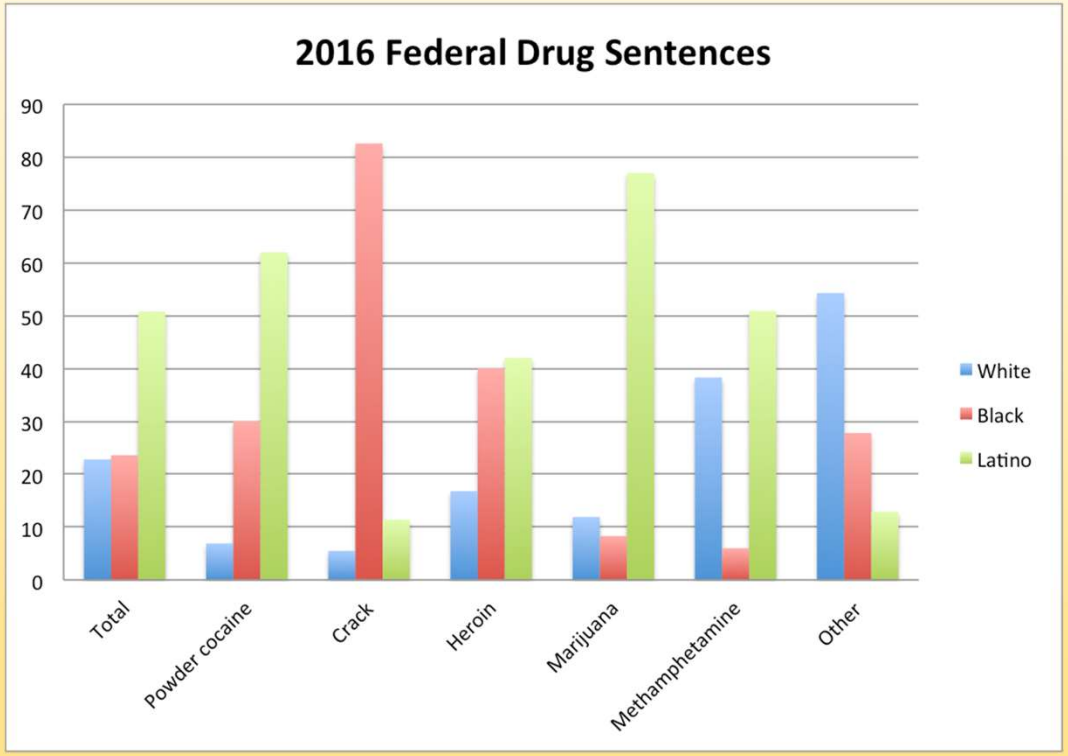
- Murder: includes non-negligent manslaughter
- **drug-related:** includes trafficking, possession, other drug offenses;
- **public-order:** includes weapons, drunk driving, court offenses, liquor law violations, and other public-order offenses;
- other/unspecified: includes juvenile offenses and other
- unspecified offense categories.

Source: US Department of Justice; US Bureau of Justice Statistics

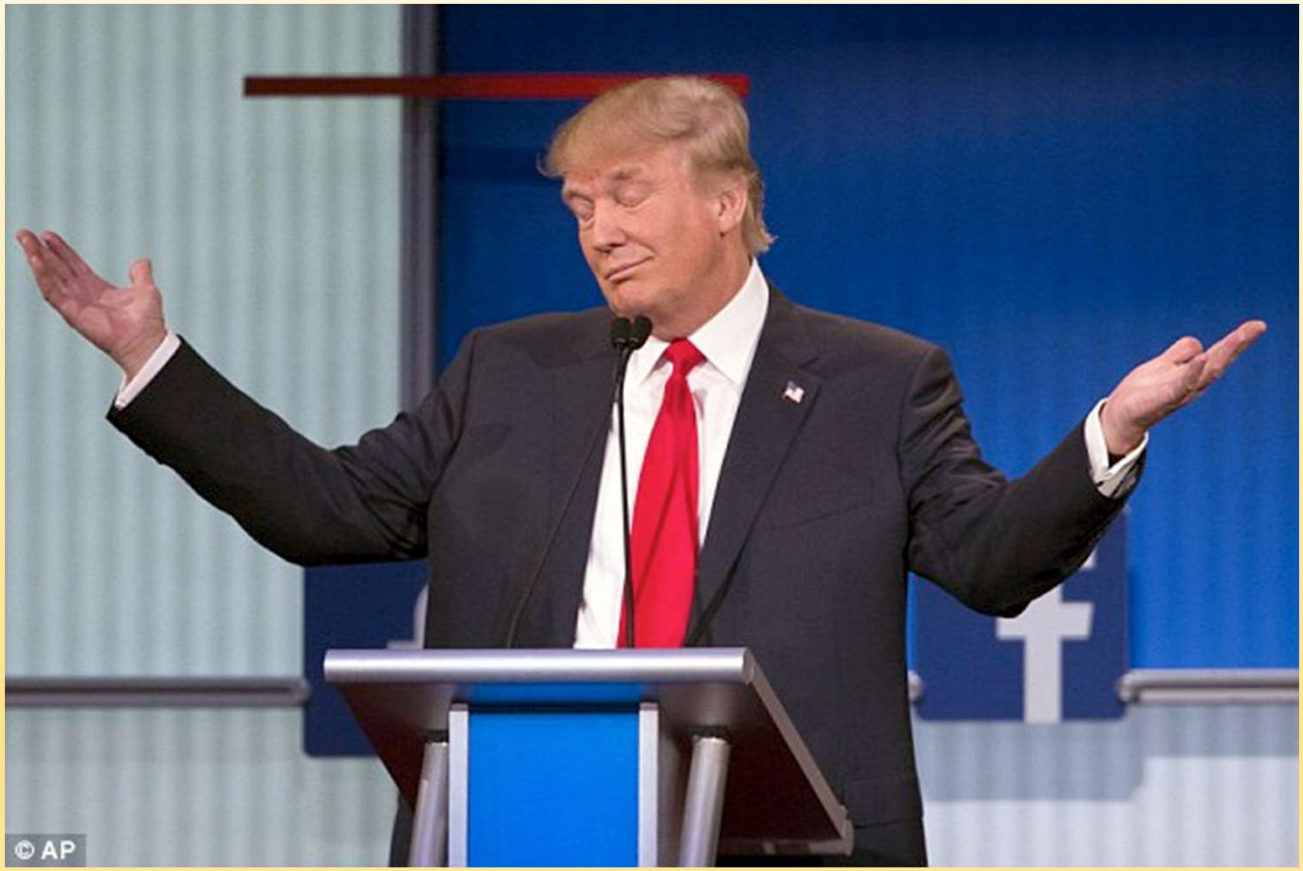
Drug Arrests in the U.S.



Source: FBI, Uniform Crime Reports


2016 Federal Drug Sentences
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
Total
Powder cocaine
Crack
Heroin
Marijuana
Methamphetamine
Other
White
Black
Latino

The Revolving War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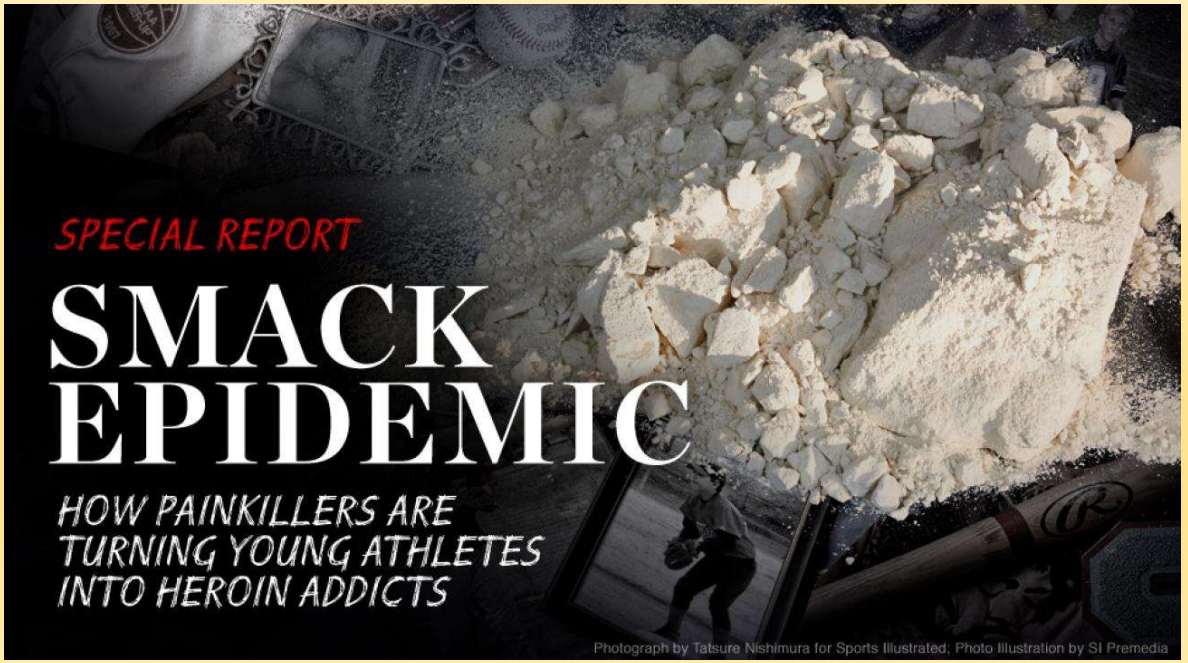
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"The traffickers — these aren't people who take drugs. These are guys by the name D-Money, Smoothie, Shifty. These type of guys that come from Connecticut and New York. They come up here, they sell t
heir heroin, then they go back home. Incidentally, half the time they impregnate a young, white girl before they leave. Which is the real sad thing, because then we have another issue that we have to deal with down the road."

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Racial bias in pain assessment and treatment recommendations, and false beliefs about biological differences between blacks and whites

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"Here are White Men poised to run big Marijuana businesses, dreaming of cashing in big. Big money, big businesses selling weed, after 40

years of locking up impoverished black kids for selling weed. Their families and futures destroyed. Now White men are planning on getting rich doing precisely the same thing" ~~Michelle Alexander

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