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An Overview of Drug Use

Discuss the four principles of psychoactive drugs in class. What are some examples of each? Ask students to come up with examples using both illicit and over-the-counter drugs.

The first principle states that drugs are neither good nor bad. Every drug is good and it becomes harmful depending on the amount one takes. For example, a considerable amount of cocaine serves as a pain killer to people with severe pain.

The second principle states that drugs portray several effects to the victim. Some drugs interfere with the nervous system and make one to have poor cognitive ability. The fact that psychoactive drugs act in more than one part of the brain make them have a severe side effect to an individual.

The third principle states that size and quantity of drug taken determines the severity of the side effects. More dose means high effects while low means little effects. The effect of different level of drug taken also depends on the one's body system whereby, people possess different body strengths therefore show different reactions to drugs.

The final principle states the level of the side-effects of psychoactive drugs depends on one's expectations and history. If one has the notion that alcohol cause one to be more sociable then they will possess a high drive for alcohol.

What are the protective and risk factors of drug use?

Psychoactive drugs are responsible for deviant behaviors. Some people react extremely when any substances gets to their body. Their reactions may make them welcoming or get them to a state whereby they can't explain the state they find themselves. Additionally, psychoactive drugs when used in excess can make one run mad. One may engage in fights frequently due to the influence. The positive thing about drugs occurs where one gets active and can perform ten times his/her capability.

What do you feel is meant by "drug use on the rise"?

The "drug use on the rise" meant that the level of drug use under high school seniors' has increased significantly for over the last 30 year. Study indicated that in 1975, drug use stood at 30% while in 1992 it rose to 37%. Statistics also show that large number of young people have resulted to taking psychoactive drugs. The actions are attributed to stress and lack of mentorship on the effects of drug abuse.

Before we can determine if someone has a drug problem, what (6) questions do we need to ask?

In order to determine that one has drugs problems, the following questions are asked; what substance does the person take? What procedure does one apply on taking the drug? How one does takes the drug? What quantity of the drug has one taken? Where does the person get the drugs? What are the reasons that make the person consume the drug? And, why one does consume the substance.

Is our War on Drugs policy working? Why or why not?

Many governments have frequently reviewed their laws to try and reduce the level of drug of abuse. Although they have made a significant progress in the review drug and substance laws, the number of addicts has increased over the years. The increase is attributed to low sensitization of the effects of drugs to one's life

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