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Drug Control Strategy



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**The National Drug Control Strategy, 1998**  
**A Ten-Year Plan**  
**Highlights**

**The National Drug Control Strategy's Five Goals**

- Goal 1: Educate and enable America's youth to reject illegal drugs as well as alcohol and tobacco.  
Goal 2: Increase the safety of America's citizens by substantially reducing drug-related crime and violence.  
Goal 3: Reduce health and social costs to the public of illegal drug use.  
Goal 4: Shield America's air, land, and sea frontiers from the drug threat.  
Goal 5: Break foreign and domestic drug sources of supply.

**A Ten-Year Strategy to Reduce Drug Use and its Consequences by Half**

- First-ever, comprehensive ten-year plan to reduce drug use and its consequences by one half.
- This ten-year plan is backed by: a five-year budget; and performance measures to improve accountability and efficacy.
- Supported by the largest counter-drug budget ever presented: \$17 billion.
- Dynamic and comprehensive: focuses on results not programs; each element supports all the other initiatives.

**Protecting America's Kids**

- *Strategy's* first goal is educate kids to enable them to reject drugs.
- Current studies show youth drug use rates have leveled off, and in some cases are in decline.
- This *Strategy* builds on programs that work and launches new initiatives:
  - ✓ *National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign* -- which will "go national" in June.
  - ✓ *Drug Free Communities Act* -- building and strengthening 14,000 community-based anti-drug coalitions across the nation.
  - ✓ *High Hopes Initiative* -- \$140 million to expand mentoring for disadvantaged children in grades six through twelve.
  - ✓ *School Drug Prevention Coordinators Initiative* -- providing prevention professionals to 6,500 schools nationwide.
  - ✓ *President's Youth Tobacco Initiative* -- stopping gateway behaviors to drug use.
  - ✓ *Youth Drug Research* -- expanding understanding of youth drug use and addiction.
- Largest percentage budget increases -- 15% or \$256 million -- for youth programs.

**Strengthening Our Borders**

- Launches a \$105 million *Port and Border Security Initiative*.
- Puts 1,000 new Border Patrol agents, and increasing barriers along the Southwest border.
- Deploys new, advanced technologies, such as X-rays and remote video surveillance, along the Southwest border -- including \$41 million for nonintrusive inspection technologies.
- Strengthens oversight over federal Southwest border drug control efforts.

### **Strengthening Law Enforcement**

- Focuses on community policing by full implementation of the COPs Program.
- Launches a new DEA counter-heroin initiative.
- Launches an expanded anti-methamphetamine initiative: \$24.5 million including 100 new DEA agents.

### **Breaking the Cycle of Drugs and Crime**

- Provides \$85 million in funding and other support to help state and local governments implement drug testing, treatment, and graduated sanctions for drug offenders.

### **Reducing the Supply of Drugs and Enhancing Multinational Cooperation**

- In 1997, Andean cocaine production dropped by as much as 100 tons over the prior year.
- The *Strategy* adds \$75.4 million in Department of Defense support to US, Andean, Caribbean and Mexican interdiction efforts.
- Provides \$45 million to support Andean nation counter-drug efforts, including interdiction, crop replacement, and support to law enforcement.
- Continues to build multinational cooperation against drugs, focusing on US-Mexico bilateral efforts, the Caribbean Initiative, and the upcoming Santiago Summit and UN Special Session.

### **Closing the Treatment Gap**

- The number of people who require drug treatment but who are not in treatment -- the "gap" -- is estimated at 1.7 million.
- Provides \$200 million in Substance Abuse Block Grants to states to close the gap, increasing the total funding to \$1.5 billion.

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