



GREETINGS, COMMUTER!

THIS MORNING'S DELAY HAS  
BEEN CAUSED BY THE  
DEATHS OF OVER 2,400  
MEN AND WOMEN OVER  
THE LAST 8 YEARS AND

THOUSANDS MORE WHO WILL DIE IN  
THE FUTURE, INCLUDING, MOST LIKELY,  
A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER OF  
YOURS. THEY DID NOT NEED TO DIE.  
THEY WERE DENIED PROPER  
TREATMENT BECAUSE THEIR ILLNESS  
WAS DRUG ADDICTION..

NOT INTERESTED?

DOESN'T AFFECT YOU?

WANNA BET?



MAYBE YOU LIKE MONEY  
BETTER THAN PEOPLE? SO HOW'S

THIS.....

85.4% OF ALL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES IN GREATER VANCOUVER WERE PROPERTY CRIMES



IN 1999, VANCOUVER POLICE REPORT 1,951 DRUG OFFENCES



MORE THAN 1000 RCMP OFFICERS ARE ASSIGNED JUST TO ENFORCING CANADIAN DRUG LAWS




MORE THAN 20% OF YOUR TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES GOES TO POLICE ENFORCEMENT BUT YOUR CARS, YOUR HOUSES AND YOUR BUSINESSES ARE STILL BEING BROKEN INTO.



OVERCROWDED PRISONS, COURTS STAGGERING HEALTH COSTS, SKYROCKETING EMERGENCY AND SOCIAL SERVICES




OKAY, SO WE'RE SPENDING BILLIONS AND MORE PEOPLE ARE DYING AND THINGS ARE GETTING WORSE.  
SO, IS THERE A BETTER WAY?  
OF COURSE!! WE WOULDN'T KEEP YOU HERE FOR NOTHING.





IN COUNTRIES LIKE  
SWITZERLAND THEY HAD  
THE SAME PROBLEMS,  
SPENT THE SAME KIND OF  
BUCKS AND THEN GOT SMART. THEY  
INSTITUTED REAL HARM REDUCTION  
PROGRAMS LIKE HEROIN AND COCAINE  
MAINTENANCE AND SAFE FIXING SITES.


  
CRIMINAL OFFENCES DROPPED BY 68% OVERALL

  
CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS DROPPED BY 80%

  
\* NARCOTIC PRESCRIPTION PROGRAMS AMOUNTED TO  
A COST SAVINGS OF AROUND \$60 A DAY PER PERSON

  
UNEMPLOYMENT DROPPED FROM 44% TO 20% AFTER 18  
MONTHS IN THE PROGRAM

  
THERE WERE NO OVERDOSES FOR ANY ADDICT IN THE  
PROGRAM DURING THAT TIME.

  
HEALTH INCREASED AND EMERGENCY AND SOCIAL  
COSTS DROPPED DRAMATICALLY

**IF IT WORKS SO WELL IN OTHER  
COUNTRIES HOW COME WE DON'T DO IT?**

**THERE ARE TWO REASONS -**

**1. THE UNITED STATES HAS DEVELOPED  
A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY  
THAT DEPENDS ON CONTINUING THEIR  
WAR ON DRUGS. SWITZERLAND HAD TO  
ADDRESS THIS FEAR BY RESPONDING TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS' CONCERNS. THE  
RESULTS WERE POSITIVE.**

**2. POLITICIANS SAY THAT YOU DON'T  
WANT IT. THEY SAID THAT IN  
SWITZERLAND TOO AND WHEN THEY  
POLLED THE PEOPLE THEY FOUND THAT  
BETWEEN 59% AND 70% OF THE  
POPULATION WERE IN FAVOUR.**

**TELL YOUR POLITICIAN - SAY YES TO  
REAL HARM REDUCTION IN CANADA, IN  
BC AND IN VANCOUVER!**

**THANK YOU AND DRIVE CAREFULLY!**