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<http://c-spanclassroomdeliberations.org/issues/what-are-the-best-strategies-to-prevent-drug-addiction-in-the-united-states/>

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**Deliberation Topic: What are the best strategies to prevent drug addiction in the United States?**

1. First, define these terms and phrases before reading the background article or using the videos from C-SPAN Classroom Deliberations. Try searching Google or a dictionary for a definition.
2. Finally, use these words in your deliberations and writing activities after you understand all sides of the issue.

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| Term | Definition  |
| Abroad |  |
| Chronic Pain |  |
| Criminal Justice |  |
| Decriminalization |  |
| Domestic  |  |
| Drug Enforcement Agency |  |
| Epidemic |  |
| Fentanyl |  |
| Food and Drug Administration |  |
| Heroin |  |
| Illicit  |  |
| Incarceration  |  |
| Interdiction |  |
| Opioid |  |
| Overdose |  |
| Pharmaceutical  |  |
| Prescription |  |
| Stigma  |  |
| Synthetic |  |
| Trafficking  |  |
| Treatment  |  |
| War on Drugs |  |
| Withdrawal Symptoms |  |

Background Article Questions

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**Directions:** *To provide a background for the deliberation, answer the questions associated with each of the articles.*

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| [**Thirty years of America’ Drug War, A Chronology**](https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/drugs/cron/)**-** *PBS* |
| Describe the events that led to President Nixon’s 1971 declaration of the war on drugs. |  |
| Choose and describe three events that led to increases in the use of drugs in the United States. |  |
| Choose and describe three actions that were intended to reduce the supply of illegal drugs prior to 2000. |  |
| Choose and describe three actions that were intended to reduce the demand for illegal drugs prior to 2000.  |  |
| Choose and describe three actions that were intended to provide treatment for people using illegal drugs prior to 2000.  |  |
| Give a grade to the federal government’s actions to prevent drug abuse prior to 2000. Explain your answer.  |  |

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| [**A new study shows America’s drug overdose crisis is by far the worst among wealthy countries**](https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2019/2/26/18234863/drug-overdose-death-america-international-study)**- *Vox*** |
| According to the study, how does the current overdose problem compare to the problems in the mid-1990s?  |  |
| Describe the three waves of drug overdoses in the United States that the articles describes. |  |
| How does drug overdose mortality in the United States compare to peer countries? Use an example from the chart to explain this. |  |
| Using data from the study, describe the connection between average life expectancy and drug overdoses in the United States. |  |

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| Categorize the solutions presented in the articles into the following categories |
| Solutions Reducing Demand for Drugs | Solutions Reducing the Supply of Drugs | Harm Reduction and Treatment Solutions |
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Directions: Use this chart to take notes on the strongest arguments for and against the question as you watch C-SPAN’s videos and read the linked articles. For each argument, include the source (writer or speaker), a direct word-for-word quote, and a summary in your own words.

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| **Strategies: Reducing the Demand for Drugs*** [**Surgeon General Jerome Adams**](https://www.c-span.org/classroom/document/?10062)
* [**Cassandra Frederique, Drug Policy Alliance**](https://www.c-span.org/classroom/document/?10063)
* [**President Obama**](https://www.c-span.org/classroom/document/?10064)
 | **Strategies: Reducing the Supply of Drugs*** [**President Trump**](https://www.c-span.org/classroom/document/?10065)
* [**Secretary of State Mike Pompeo**](https://www.c-span.org/classroom/document/?10066)
* [**Former DEA Agent Jack Riley**](https://www.c-span.org/classroom/document/?10067)
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| **Strategy: Decriminalization and Harm Reduction*** [**Danielle Allen, Harvard University**](https://www.c-span.org/classroom/document/?10068)
* [**Author Johann Hari**](https://www.c-span.org/classroom/document/?10069)
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