Ending Prohibition?
Marijuana Legalization, and Its Effects on Drug Trafficking in Mexico.

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The punitive drug consensus is experiencing a crisis of global efficiency. Its results are poor and costs are high.
United States remains the largest consumer of narcotics, closely followed by Western Europe.
Mexico has spent decades serving the punitive consensus. Since the seventies with Operation Condor, aimed at the eradication of crops, to the last campaign of the war against crime launched by the government of President Calderon.
Mexico’s Failure

• The fruits of half a century of persecution of drugs in Mexico could not be bitterer: an epidemic of insecurity, violence and institutional corruption, unable to contain or reduce the flow of narcotics into the steady U.S. market.
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Regarding the relative position of Mexico and the United States on the issue of drugs, Mexicans often say: "We put the dead and they put consumers".
Weak institutions and high income of organized crime can only lead to public safety crisis that defies Mexico.
Circles show approximate areas of control. Regions of control, as well as cartel alliances, are fluid.

Roll over the circles to find more about each cartel.
¿Legalizar?
Benefits

- Legalization would have a serious effect on the profit margins of organized crime; corruption recruitment and violence would reduce its capacity. Would also reduce conflicts and political instability in producer and in the road countries. Social costs would be by ending one of the main causes of crime and street prostitution. As well as the prisoners size of the nonviolent prison population.

- An open space would surge in the regenerate poor neighborhoods, taken by the drug dealers in many cities around the world in development and as well as undeveloped. Release a huge amount of public resources currently dedicated to the pursuit, to be channeled to education and health, in an environment of greater transparency about the effects of drug use in the habits and behavior of the population.
Can we legalize? The reasons for Mexico

- On balance of costs and benefits it is clear that what serves the interests and potential of Mexico is not by continuing with the punitive strategy, but legalize.

- Another thing is that it can be done. But Mexico has an obligation to at least consider this option seriously and responsibly. It is about thinking freely and openly about what’s the best drug policy that Mexico can accomplish for their own interests, their peculiar society, institutional weaknesses in their rule of law, and health and safety of its citizens.