

**Today the President
is talking about...**

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THE 1995 NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY



LARGEST DRUG CONTROL BUDGET EVER

This week, the President and Lee Brown, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, unveiled our 1995 National Drug Control Strategy. This strategy, building on last year's efforts, includes the largest drug control budget ever – during a time of tough fiscal choices. The strategy is built on **four basic principles**.

- **Getting hard-core users off the street** and into treatment to reduce the demand for drugs and the violence it breeds on America's streets.
- **Giving local communities the resources they need to fight drugs.**
- **Stopping drugs at their source**, before they get to our borders.
- **Preventing drug use** by teaching our children about the dangers drugs pose and de-glamorizing drug use in the mind of every child.

THE STRATEGY: REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DRUG USERS

This year's strategy continues to build on an action-oriented approach to solving America's drug problem. Each action plan includes specific targets, individual steps to reach those targets and proposed completion dates.

ACTION PLANS FOR RESPONDING TO AMERICA'S DRUG PROBLEM

Reducing the Demand for Illicit Drugs

- **Prevention:** Drug prevention is the key to ensuring the future of our Nation's youth. We will create a comprehensive, national drug prevention system while keeping programs that are working.
- **Treatment:** Emphasizes drug treatment by increasing the availability and access of programs.

Reducing Crime, Violence and Drug Availability

- The Crime Control Act complements and enhances the National Drug Control strategy. It provides a balanced program of law enforcement and drug prevention to confront the problem of illicit drugs. It increases funding for drug control efforts, authorizing new police, punishment, and prevention programs – a strategy that's tougher than ever, but smart.
- Makes communities safer through an integrated approach ranging from prevention programs to anti-money-laundering initiatives.
- Highlights strong enforcement, including tough measures and punishments for drug offenders.

Enhancing Domestic Drug Program Flexibility & Efficiency at the Community Level

- Consolidating federal grant programs into a new performance partnership, giving states maximum flexibility in designing programs to meet their needs.
- Removes Federal obstacles that impede drug program delivery.
- Pursues a "Cut the Red Tape" deregulation campaign to facilitate local service delivery.
- Streamlines Federal drug grant application process.

Strengthening Interdiction & International Efforts

- Enhances interdiction by cutting off drugs at the source.
- Creates a new, international heroin strategy.
- Encourages other nations to take a strong stand against illicit drugs.
- Encourages other nations to combat drug trafficking.
- Convenes a ministerial anti-drug summit to follow-up on the work we did at the Summit of the Americas.

THE BUDGET

In the FY 1996 Budget, the President requested \$14.6 billion for drug control, up 9.7 percent, or \$1.3 billion, from 1995

- **Demand Reduction:** \$5.3 billion to empower communities to respond to their own drug problem, improve drug treatment and prevention through grant consolidation, and reduce chronic, hard-core drug use through treatment.
- **Supply Reduction:** \$9.3 billion for Domestic Law Enforcement, through community policing, and for International and Interdiction activities, mainly increasing source country program effectiveness.