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Drug trafficking refers to illicit trade, including activities in and around cultivation, production, distribution, and trading of substances subject to drug against the law. The World Drug Report reveals that UNODC is constantly controlling, researching, and observing world illegal drug markets to analyze, interpret, and understand the dynamics regarding drug trafficking (Nick et al., 2019). For instance, the Report indicates heroin consumption is contemporarily rampant in the global market showing a flow of over 430 tons of heroin. Similarly, it shows that the Northern routes linking Western Europe and the Russian Federation,including the Balkan, form the main corridors of drug trafficking, especially the heroine and Opium.

The study indicates that Cocaine, Opium, Marijuana, and other illicit drug production firms (laboratories) exist in various regions. Such laboratories obtained fake licenses permitting them to run illegal businesses and pretending to represent other pharmaceutical laboratories. For instance, the United States and other American countries represent safe havens allowing such illegal laboratories to produce illicit chemical drugs such as amphetamine (Nick et al., 2019). Similarly, Colombia forms the hotspot for the manufacturing and extraction of cocaine. The study reveals that the Colombian governmentdestroyed and banned around 2,336 laboratories manufacturing illicit drugs in 2013.

The study addresses the reasons that facilitate the cultivation and manufacturing of illicit drugs,especially in Afghanistan. For instance, the manufacturing of Opium is based on agronomic factors, its price, and its subsistence nature to people around (Qureshi, 2017). Besides, the regulations of antinarcotic drugs are weak and not readily or effectively implemented. The earnings regarding Opium in comparison to wheat cultivation are higher, causing at least an 80% increase in their income. Again, certain chemicals, including pseudoephedrine, aid in manufacturingdangerous illicit drugs (Qureshi, 2017).Moreover, international and state laws have identified the trading of illegal drugs as crimes, and heavy penalties would be subjected to those involved. Such facts summarize drug trafficking, its effects on the economy, and regulations.

CNN presents various opinions from different people addressing illicit drug issues, including the end of the war on Marijuana requiring the president to fix the broken drug policy. For instance, the article, "*Corruption in Venezuela has created a cocaine superhighway to the US*," reveals the overwhelming facts showing that the country would result in over 20 economies if the world drug trade were a country. It indicates estimates by the United Nations showed an alarming rate of over $320 billion covering the global illicit drug trade.This estimate revealed that if the United Statestaxed illegal drug businesses, it would yield tax revenue of over 46.7 billion dollars. The article also indicates over 500 000 people in the United States jails and prisons compared to drug crimes in previous years (Qureshi, 2017).Therefore, the federal government needs to constantly spend money to deal with this illegal business to protect and improve its citizens' lives, boost the economy, and prevent harmful effects that may influence people's health.

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