Attitudes Toward Illegal Drug Use

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Development

When researching attitudes toward illegal drug use, our group focused exclusively on freshmen and sophomores at SFA.

Objective

In order to understand how these students perceived illegal drugs, we examined what factors may contribute to how these views are formed, developed, or otherwise influenced by a variety of outside forces.

Findings

The surrounding circles contain summaries of what we found to be the most pertinent information for explaining the attitudes toward illegal drug use among freshmen and sophomores at SFA, and how those views are formed. Underlined are the four pieces of information that we found to be the most important findings of this study.

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4. Stress, fun, peer pressure, and to escape are the top reasons students believes people use drugs. As students aged, they were more likely to use hard core drugs, such as cocaine, meth, and heroin, as not socially acceptable and very addictive. Unexpectedly, most of our respondents viewed marijuana as much like they did tobacco. With students finding marijuana socially acceptable as well as less addictive than tobacco, the number of students finding marijuana socially acceptable grew in popularity as time goes on.

5. None of the four pieces of information that we found to be the most important findings of this study.

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