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JAIL VS REHABILITATION

People who use substances, should go to prison.

Imprisoning substance users isn't solving the addictions, rather leading to more overdoses.

Decriminalization = condoning substance use.

85% of the prison population has a substance use disorder or committed a drug-related offence. The money spent on imprisonment could be redirected to rehabilitation programs and preventing reoffending. .

Rehabilitation is more expensive than prison sentences.

The average annual cost per prisoner in federal prisons is about \$115,000. Higher security levels are more expensive. Costs for female prisoners are much higher.

People who are fighting for rehabilitation and treatment of substance use concerns are condoning drug use

Drug treatment courts divert people from incarceration and treat their addictions, reduce substance use and criminal activity, and that they are cost-effective.