

Policy proposals for online drug markets

Reducing risks

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 - > Substance analysis in party settings
 - > informational campaigns
 - > Syringe exchange for injecting drug users



Who is buying on the internet?

- Greater in Europe than in Latin America (third largest buyer, after the United States and New Zealand)
- Domestic and intercontinental buying and selling
- Difficulty of accessing platforms reduces early-age users
- Buyers: Mostly recreational users
- GDS: 9.3% buy drugs in the deep web;
- More likely to be men, educated and less likely to be a regular clubber
- In Latin America, facebook is more commonly used.

What is being bought on the internet?

- Cannabis is the most purchased substance by quantity
- MDMA is the most purchased substance by value
- "Conflict-free cocaine"
- Cocaine costs 40% more
- 90% of shipments arrive
- Markets last a short time
- Reflects the off-line market. What do users actually want?
5 categories...

How is the quality on the internet?

- Cocaine samples were purer and less likely to be adulterated than other sources
- Of the 200 samples, 91.3% coincided with the expected substance (Drug analysis in Spain: 48% - 2014)
- Compared with 41-43% MDMA and 60% LSD during analysis at parties.
- Relationships based on trust between sellers and consumers, reviews, user comments and "stealth modes"
- Capable of offering products of higher quality than those on the street
- It eliminates intermediaries of conventional drug supply chains

Market prices

1 ounce of marijuana - Average price: \$ 215.31 USD

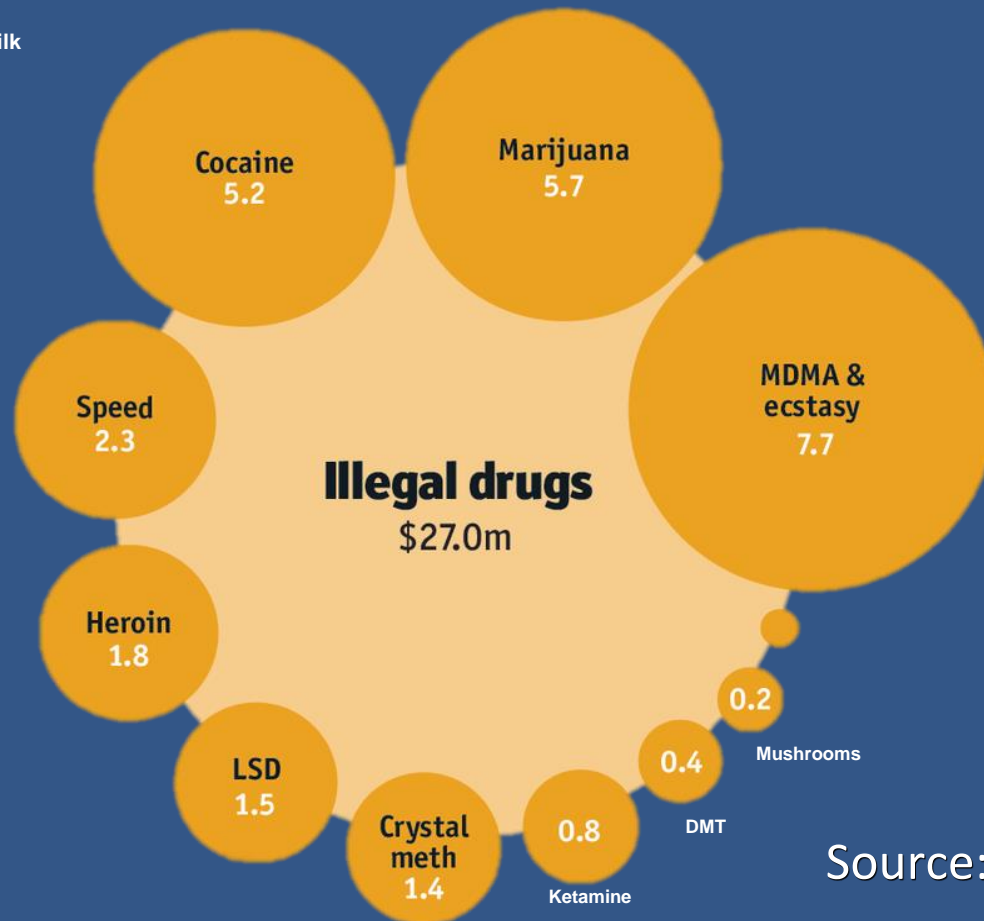
1 gram of cocaine - Average price: \$ 97.39 USD

1 gram of MDMA - Average price: \$ 37.07 USD

- Monthly earnings: Deep web (\$12-21.1m); Europe Offline (\$2.3 billion)
- Web administrators receive 5-10%
- Only 1.8% of transactions in cryptomarkets are wholesale, but they generate 25% of the profits
- Few sellers operate in emerging economies, unlike the offline system
- The price is higher, but purity is also higher
- Price of Bitcoin

Revenues

Value of a sample of sales on Silk Road 2, Evolution and Agora.
December 2013-July 2015, \$m



Source: The Economist

What works and what doesn't?

- Punitive approaches do not work on the internet, as in other contexts
- Markets can easily close (more nimble than the state)
- When you close a site, another site can be opened within days
- Traditional harm reduction experiences can be contextualized for the internet

Possible Benefits of the Deep Web

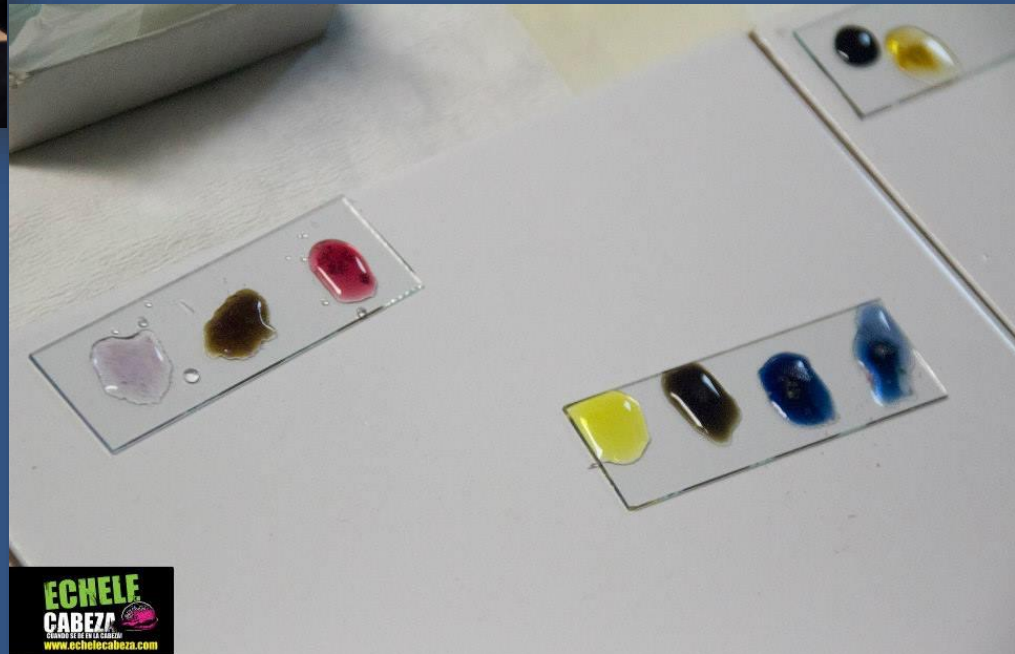
- A more trust-worthy way of buying substances that are not adulterated.
- Promotes more responsible use: Provide information about risk reduction.
- Reduce physical interactions that could lead to violence.

Harm Reduction

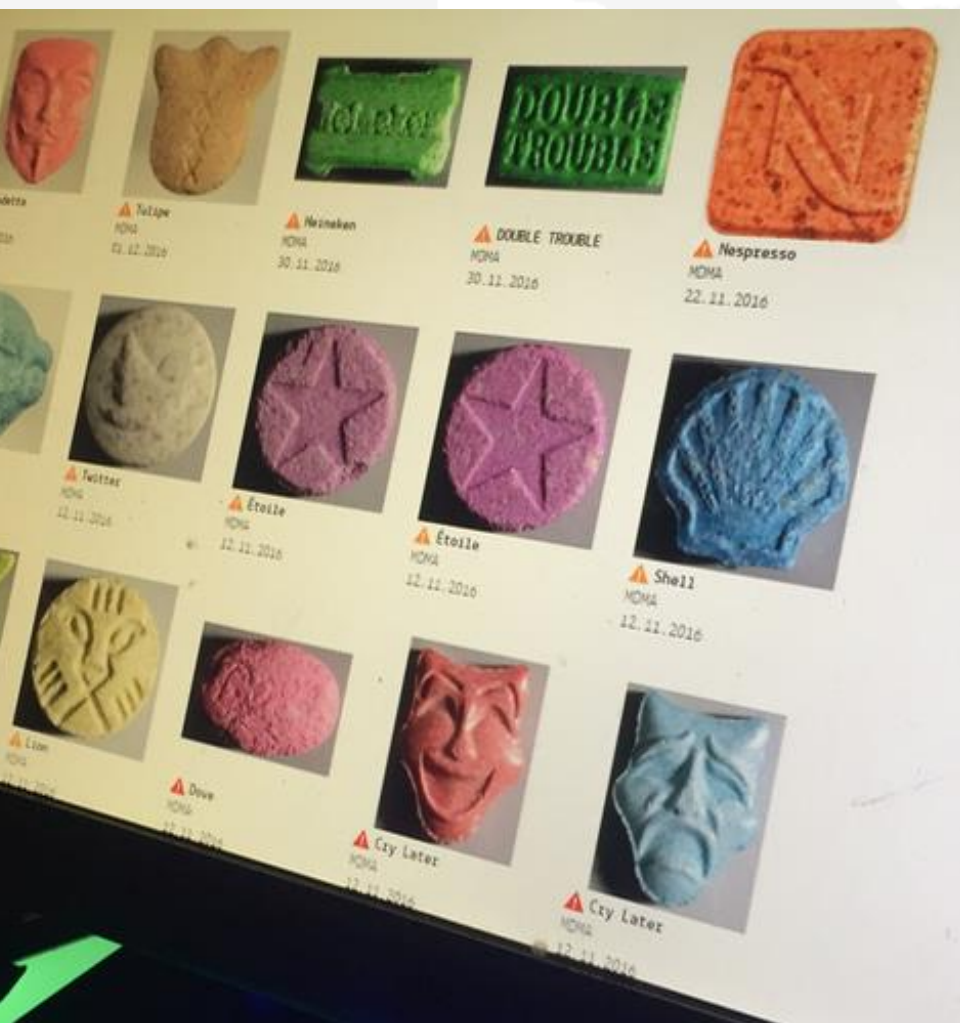
- More profitable than investing in repression
- Anonymous users can provide information on shopping experiences (Community Harm Reduction)
- Opportunity to interact with drug users
- Provide information on the quality, effects and risks of consumption
- Substance analysis programs
- The user can inform, compare and document himself
- Greater purity -> greater protection for users



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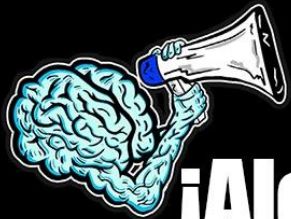
MDMA 218.4 mg

Poids: 416.2 mg
Long. x Larg.: 11.1 x 7.4 mm
Épaisseur: 4.2 mm
Reinure de cassure: non

⚠ Alerte: XTC avec doses extrêmement élevées

Evaluation des risques

Plus de 120 mg MDMA peuvent être trop ! En cas de surdosage, différents effets secondaires se manifestent : contractions de la mâchoire, tremblements musculaires, nausées/vomissements et augmentation de la tension artérielle. Toujours en cas de surdosage, la température du corps augmente plus fortement et il peut y avoir des hallucinations. Durant les jours qui suivent la consommation de fortes doses de MDMA, peuvent survenir sentiments de dépression, manque de concentration, le



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Tienen dos colores: amarillo y azul y el prensado de la pastilla es excelente, super duro, solo con verla te das cuenta que se trata de una pill de calidad. Tengo tolerancia alta, ya que tomo hace bastante tiempo y bastante seguido. Me tomé media de esta para probarla (me costo bastante partirla) y me voló la cabeza, decidí tomar solo la mitad, y la verdad estuvo bien, por lo tanto a tener cuidado con los excesos.

Dejo foto



Saludos.

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ATENCIÓN: La dosis de esta pastilla puede superar hasta en 3 veces una dosis media de MDMA. En caso de consumirlas tomar los recaudos necesarios.

Public policy and programs proposal

- Substance analysis (drug checking) programs
- Peer education online
- Accessible information on substances, their risks, and their benefits
- Virtual support and information services: anonymous and confidential
- Involve civil society
 - Relationship with users
 - No criminalization, no stigmatization
 - Information based on trust

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