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### Annotated Bib Decriminalization of Drugs

Outlaw III, Lucius T. "Time for a Divorce: Uncoupling Drug Offenses from Violent Offenses in Federal Sentencing Law, Policy, and Practice." *American Journal of Criminal Law*, vol. 44, no. 1, Fall2016, pp. 49-69. EBSCOhost, <http://search.ebscohost.com.libdb.dccc.edu/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=123263178&site=ehost-live>

This paper is written by a Public Defender in MD, clearly an expert in the field. Mr. Outlaw outlines the current system for incarcerating people for drug related offenses and the illogical nature of the current systems in place that jails many for nonviolent crimes. He goes further and analyses a few cases which actually set the precedent for many of the laws in place here.

This text is written for a law journal and is meant to be read by others familiar with law. There are many technical terms and legal jargon within that may have to be translated for max comprehension of the audience.

This text will be invaluable for my research as it is written by someone much more familiar with law than I and also happens to support my argument that I will be presenting in my research paper. Top notch source. I will be directly quoting Mr. Outlaw in my paper in more than a few instances.

Melo, J.S., et al. "Do Law Enforcement Interactions Reduce the Initiation of Injection Drug Use? An Investigation in Three North American Settings." *Drug & Alcohol Dependence*, vol. 182, Jan. 2018, pp. 67-73. EBSCOhost, doi:10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2017.10.009.

<http://search.ebscohost.com.libdb.dccc.edu/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=126945160&site=ehost-live>

This source is written for a university journal and has been peer reviewed for validity. The source provides a holistic view on the culture of drug use and laws surrounding the consumption of drugs, particularly intravenously. Also provides statistics about the interaction of police with drug users and their recidivism rate.

This source is reliable and has been written by university students for publication in an academic journal. It provides insight into the legal status of many psychoactive substances which will be necessary for the paper.

The source will be useful because it supports my argument and is written in plainer english than the law journal which should aid my argument.

Reed, Anika. "Drug Abuse." *CQ Researcher*, 29 June 2017, [library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/cqr\\_ht\\_drug\\_abuse\\_2017](http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/cqr_ht_drug_abuse_2017).

Source provides a comprehensive overview on drug abuse and legislation. The paper has a chronological timeline outline important dates related to legislation of drugs and alcohol from August 2016- May 2017.

Source is written by a journalist and has been thoroughly fact checked and footnoted for accuracy and reference. Also speaks about current day policies providing some much needed topicality for the argument of the paper.

This particular research journal is very thoroughly fact checked and annotated which may lead to other sources to provide evidence for the paper. Seems to be written from a very objective standpoint yet still supports my argument. Excellent source.

Drug Offenders in American Prisons: The Critical Distinction Between Stock and Flow

Jonathan Rothwell - <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/social-mobility-memos/2015/11/25/drug-offenders-in-american-prisons-the-critical-distinction-between-stock-and-flow/>

Rothwell writes a short page on drug abuse and federal statistics surrounding them. Paints a picture of the issues that plague us as a society and gives several alternatives to our current laws in place.

Seems to have a bit more bias than the other sources but does provide objective info about incarceration stats. This source may be more of a supporting argument source rather than a central contributor to my paper.

I will use this source for a few talking points but I do not plan on relying on it since it is not a primary source. It does however, provide data that seems to be reliably sourced.

Moore, Michael, director. *Where to Invade Next*. Dog Eat Dog Films, 2016

In the film *Where to Invade Next* Michael Moore focuses on European social systems that vary from our own but may, arguably be better than our own.

The text presented by Michael Moore is incredibly biased, he is known to be a very left-wing film-maker and some of what he says should be taken with a grain of salt. That being said, he makes some very interesting and valid points.

The source is pretty much the inspiration for the paper so it has to be used. Moore's film is very topical and informative.

Flatow , Nicole. "Almost Half Of Federal Prisoners Held For Drug Crimes." ThinkProgress, 2 Jan. 2013, [thinkprogress.org/almost-half-of-federal-prisoners-held-for-drug-crimes-17db035cc719/](http://thinkprogress.org/almost-half-of-federal-prisoners-held-for-drug-crimes-17db035cc719/).

This source is very opinionated obviously supporting decriminalization of drug use. It is written by a nonprofit organization with no clear author. Outlines racial disparities of drug related crimes, makes an argument against our current system and provides some alternatives.

The text presented here may not be reliable but provides some interesting direction against criminalization of narcotic usage. Definitely not a source to use for more than a few talking points.

Useful for making a few points and getting a feel for some ideas that exist out in the wild. Probably won't even bother using this source in the paper if I'm honest.