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| **PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES & SOCIAL POLICY** |

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| **COURSE DESCRIPTION** |

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| This course provides a critical exploration of social factors affecting our understanding of psychoactive substances (e.g., alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, opiates, cocaine, psilocybin, club drugs, etc.), their use, relevant social policy and how these have changed over time. Course delivery may vary according to instructor preference.  |

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| **COURSE REQUIREMENTS** |

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| 10 Weekly “Do This” Assignments (10% each)  | 100% |

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| **LEARNING OUTCOMES** |

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| At the end of this course, the successful student will know and be able to: |
| A. | * Identify and describe key concepts and theory relevant to historical and contemporary orientations of policies pertaining to psychoactive substances and their use, including harm-reduction and healthy public policy.
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| B. | * Identify the importance of material from video, oral and written resources assigned in class and of consulting alternative resources for further understanding of material pertinent to an exploration and understanding of psychoactive substances, their use, and relevant social policy.
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| C. | * Connect and apply key concepts/theories/methods to an exploration of psychoactive substances, their use and relevant social policy.
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| D. | * Construct and articulate arguments clearly and concisely.
* Organize and present evidence coherently.
* Read, evaluate and synthesize ideas and research by scholars in the area of psychoactive substances, their use and relevant social policy.
* Express ideas clearly and persuasively in writing.
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| E. | * Discuss topics pertaining to psychoactive substances, their use and relevant social policy, including harm-reduction and healthy public policy.
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| **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**  |

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| **Weekly Written Assignments**(10 x 10% each) | **There are 3 steps involved in completing the weekly assignment:**1. Complete the “Read This” and “Watch This” material assigned for the week the assignment is due.
2. Complete the “Do This” assignment. The assignments are designed to get students thinking about and engaging with the material assigned for each class (and the inter-connections between the week’s readings as we progress through the term). Although the focus of each assignment is the current week’s readings, as students complete each assignment, they are expected to demonstrate their engagement with the course material more generally. This is accomplished via the use of in-text citations throughout the submission from the current and previous week’s assigned material.
3. Submit the assignment by the assigned due date.
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| **Basis of Assignment Grades** | Assigned grades are based on:* Completion of the assignment.
* Demonstrated effort put into assignment.
* Demonstrated knowledge of and engagement with assigned weekly course material assigned for the week the assignment that is due (in-text citations are essential here).
* Demonstrated knowledge of and engagement with course material more generally (in-text citations are essential here).
* Ability to support points/arguments/positions with reference to the course material via the use of properly formatted in-text citations.
* Critical engagement with the topic and/or course material.
* Writing quality.
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| **COURSE WORK SCHEDULE** |

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| **WEEK 1 Topic: Drug Classifications, Effects & Use; Defining Drugs** |
| Week #1 Assignment Due |
| **☞Watch This:** |
| Drug Education Network. (September 30, 2019). *Facts About Drugs: What is the Difference Between Legal and Illegal Drugs?* [Video]. YouTube. [https://youtu.be/LrktYnQlNRM](https://doi.org/10.1017/aju.2020.59)Khan Academy Medicine. (July 15, 2015). *Overview of psychoactive drugs | Processing the Environment | MCAT | Khan Academy* [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/icD3l5bhhKY>Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP), (September 7, 2007). *Current TV Bashes “Anti-Drug” Propaganda Campaign* [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/F-t8HsHNN-k> |
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| **☞Read This:** |
| Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA). (2019). *Edible Cannabis: Always Read the Label*. <https://www.ccsa.ca/sites/default/files/2019-10/CCSA-Edible-Cannabis-Read-Label-Infographic-2019-en.pdf>Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (2014a). *Learn About Methamphetamine*. BC Partners for Mental Health & Substance Use Information. [https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/learn-about-methamphetamine](https://www.fnha.ca/AboutSite/NewsAndEventsSite/NewsSite/Documents/FNHA-First-Nations-in-BC-and-the-Toxic-Drug-Crisis-January-December-2020-Infographic.pdf)Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (2014b). *Learn About Tobacco*. BC Partners for Mental Health & Substance Use Information. [https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/learn-about-tobacco](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2020.108078)Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (2015a). *Learn About Caffeine*. BC Partners for Mental Health & Substance Use Information. [https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/learn-about-caffeine](https://calgaryherald.com/news/postpandemic/canadas-hidden-crisis-how-covid-19-overshadowed-the-worst-year-on-record-for-overdose-deaths)Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (2015b). *Learn About Cocaine*. BC Partners for Mental Health & Substance Use Information. [https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/learn-about-cocaine](https://www.ccsa.ca/substance-use-canada-costs-almost-46-billion-year-according-latest-data)Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (2015c). *Learn About MDMA (Ecstasy or Molly)*. BC Partners for Mental Health & Substance Use Information. [https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/nfosheet/learn-about-mdma](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hrs/if-hrs-abstinence-and-harm-reduction.pdf)Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (2015d). *Learn About Tripping*. BC Partners for Mental Health & Substance Use Information. [hhttps://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/learn-about-tripping](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-018-9973-9)Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (2017a). *How do I know if I’m drinking too much*? HeretoHelp.ca. [https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/q-and-a/how-do-i-know-if-im-drinking-too-much](https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/hc-sc/documents/services/publications/healthy-living/stigma-why-words-matter.pdf)Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (2017b). *Learn About Hallucinogens*. BC Partners for Mental Health & Substance Use Information. <https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/sites/default/files/hallucinogens.pdf>Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (2017c). *Learn About Opioids*. BC Partners for Mental Health & Substance Use Information. <https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/learn-about-opioids>Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (2020a). *Learn About Alcohol*. BC Partners for Mental Health & Substance Use Information. <https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/sites/default/files/learn-about-alcohol-2020.pdf>Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (2020b). *Safer Tripping: Magic Mushrooms, LSA, and Other Hallucinogens*. [https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/safer-tripping-magic-mushrooms-lsd-and-other-hallucinogens](https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-naloxone-kits-free)Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).(2018). *Cannabis & Your Health*. [https://www.camh.ca/-/media/files/pdfs---reports-and-books---research/canadas-lower-risk-guidelines-cannabis-poster.pdf](https://theconversation.com/canada-needs-an-alcohol-act-to-address-the-damage-caused-by-this-deadly-carcinogen-124569)Drazen, J., Morrissey, S. & Camion, E. (February 14, 2019). The Dangerous Flavours of E-Cigarettes. *New England Journal of Medicine*, *380*(7), 679-680. DOI: [10.1056/NEJMe1900484](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/)Drug Policy Alliance. (n.d.). *Safer Partying.* [https://drugpolicy.org/issues/safer-partying](https://gettingtotomorrow.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Discussion-Guide-EN.pdf)Eastern Ontario Health Unit. (September 2017). *Fentanyl: Student Fact Sheet*. [https://healthunit.org/wp-content/uploads/Fentanyl\_Student\_Factsheet.pdf](https://www.hivlegalnetwork.ca/site/prison-based-needle-and-syringe-programs/)Lebel, C., McMorris, C. & Chaput, K. (September 1, 2020). Marijuana and pregnancy: There’s no evidence that exposure is safe. *The Conversation*. [https://theconversation.com/marijuana-and-pregnancy-theres-no-evidence-that-exposure-is-safe-144244](https://youtu.be/cfzkBGgxXGE)Public Health Agency of Canada. (May 10, 2019). *Canada’s lower-risk cannabis use guidelines*. [https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/resources/lower-risk-cannabis-use-guidelines.html](https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/learn-about-tripping) |

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| **WEEK 2 Topic: Social Determinants of Health & Substance Use** |
| Week #2 Assignment Due |
| **☞Watch This:** |
| Addiction Policy Forum. (August 2019). *What is Prevention | The Role of the Community* [Video]. YouTube. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1x-EbfGpqQ](https://drugpolicy.org/press-release/2021/11/drug-decriminalization-oregon-one-year-later-thousands-lives-not-ruined?v=B1x-EbfGpqQ) Durocher, J. (2022). *Primary Prevention* [Video].Durocher, J. (2022). *Social Determinants of Health & Substance Use* [Video]. Durocher, J. (2022). Upstream Intervention & Substance Use [Video].CCSA/CCDUS. (January 2020). *Putting People First* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ydJjc58qk0> Let’s Learn Public Health. (June 25, 2017). *Social Determinants of Health: An introduction* [Video]. YouTube.<https://youtu.be/8PH4JYfF4Ns>UBC Medicine - Education Media. (January 13, 2017). *The Social Determinants of Health* [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/nTqknri15fQ>Upstream. (September 13, 2013). *Introduction to Upstream* [Video]*.* YouTube.[https://youtu.be/qarQXqKbmLg](https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/learn-about-methamphetamine) |
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| **☞Read This:** |
| Canada. (January 15, 2013). *What Makes Canadians Healthy or Unhealthy?* [https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/population-health/what-determines-health/what-makes-canadians-healthy-unhealthy.html#shr-pg0](http://www.icad-cisd.com/pdf/Publications/Indigenous-Harm-Reduction-Policy-Brief.pdf#shr-pg0)Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA). (January 2021). *Maintaining a Public Health Approach to Alcohol Policy During COVID-19*. [https://www.ccsa.ca/sites/default/files/2021-01/CCSA-COVID-19-Maintaining-a-Public-Health-Approach-to-Alcohol-Policy-Brief-2021-en.pdf](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/substance-use/supervised-consumption-sites/explained.html)Cantu, R., Fields-Johnson, D. & Savannah, S. (July 26, 2020). Applying a Social Determinants of Health Approach to the Opioid Epidemic. *Health Promotion Practice*. [https://doi-org.ledproxy2.uwindsor.ca/10.1177/1524839920943207](http://www.icad-cisd.com/pdf/Publications/13-moons-promising-practice.pdf)McKenzie, H., Dell, C. & Fornssler, B. (September 28, 2016). Understanding Addictions Among Indigenous People through Social Determinants of Health Frameworks and Strength-Based Approaches - A Review of the Research Literature From 2013-2016. *Current Addiction Reports*, *3*, 378-386. [https://doi-org.ledproxy2.uwindsor.ca/10.1007/s40429-016-0116-9](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2019.02.004)Minnesota Department of Health. (n.d.). *Social Determinants of Substance Use & Overdose Prevention*. [https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/opioids/prevention/socialdeterminants.html](https://theconversation.com/marijuana-and-pregnancy-theres-no-evidence-that-exposure-is-safe-144244)Toronto Public Health. (July 16, 2018). *Public Health Approach to Drug Policy – Board of Health.* [http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-118764.pdf](https://youtu.be/kyYy6jrxUXw.)**Supplementary Materials:**Durocher, J. (2020). *Social Determinants of* Health [Video]. |

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| **WEEK 3 Topic: Early Canadian Drug Policy** |
| Week #3 Assignment Due |
| **☞Watch This:** |
| Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (November 19, 2015). *Professor Susan Boyd:* *An Illustrated History of Canadian Drug Policy & Prohibition* [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/3tF2gp2QgF0> **(Listen to the 25-minute mark)**CBC Digital Archives. (April 13, 1978). Crooked cops and blind pigs: A history of prohibition [Video]. CBC. <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1537831743/>TRU, Open Learning. (December 15, 2015). *Dr. C. Heron Question 5 – Prohibition and the Regulation of Liquor* [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/UBvD3TVdAqs> |
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| **☞Read This:** |
| Canadian Drug Policy Coalition (CDPC). (May 4, 2021). *History of drug policy in Canada*. [https://www.drugpolicy.ca/about/history/](https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/safer-tripping-magic-mushrooms-lsd-and-other-hallucinogens) **(Read to “1960s – 1970s: The Counter-Culture Movement)**Kim, S. & Noronha, C. (November 3, 2018). *The Racist History Behind Canada’s Marijuana Prohibition.* Huffington Post. [https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2018/11/02/cannabis-prohibitions-racist-history\_a\_23578961/](https://www.hri.global/)Malleck, D. (August 12, 2018). The influence of opium and cocaine panic in Canadian drug policy. The Conversation. [https://theconversation.com/the-influence-of-opium-and-cocaine-panic-in-canadian-drug-policy-99910](https://doi.org/10.1503/cmaj.181093)Murphy, E. (1922.). *The Black Candle.* University of British Columbia. [https://open.library.ubc.ca/viewer/chungpub/1.0056290#p330z-4r360f](https://doi.org/10.1503/cmaj.201618#p330z-4r360f) **(Read Pages: 331-337)**Pearson, C. (November 22, 2014). From the Vault: Prohibition. *WindsorStar.com*. [https://windsorstar.com/life/from-the-vault-prohibition/](https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/understanding-harm-reduction-substance-use)*Prohibition Timeline*. (n.d.). Prohibition in Canada. [https://prohibitionincanada.blogspot.com/p/prohibition-timeline.html](https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/nfosheet/learn-about-mdma)**Supplementary Materials:** All About Canadian History (April 25, 2017a). The Rise and Fall of Prohibition in Canada (Part One). [https://cdnhistorybits.wordpress.com/2017/04/25/temperance-movement-in-canada/](https://ontario.cmha.ca/factors-that-impact-addiction-and-substance-misuse/)All About Canadian History (May 9, 2017b). The Rise and Fall of Prohibition in Canada (Part Two). [https://cdnhistorybits.wordpress.com/2017/05/09/prohibitionin-canada/](https://youtu.be/LrktYnQlNRM)Belshaw, J. (2016). Chapter 7.7 Temperance & Prohibition. In *Canadian History: Post-Confederation*. Victoria, B.C.: BCCampus. <https://opentextbc.ca/postconfederation/chapter/7-7-temperance-and-prohibition/>Campbell, R. (2008). Making Sober Citizens - The Legacy of Indigenous Alcohol Regulation in Canada, 1777-1985. *Journal of Canadian Studies*, *42*(1), 105-126. <https://doi.org/10.3138/jcs.42.1.105>Eberts, D. (February 2007). “To Brew or Not to Brew: A Brief History of Beer in Canada”, Manitoba HistorY, 54. <http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/54/beerincanada.shtml>Malleck, D. (2015). When Good Drugs go Bad: Opium, Medicine, and the Origins of Canada’s Drug Laws. University of British Columbia Press.    Martel, M. (2014). Canada the Good: A Short History of Vice since 1500. Wilfred Laurier University Press.[https://tinyurl.com/ykfdma5e](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/resources/lower-risk-cannabis-use-guidelines.html)York University – Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies. (November 23, 2010). Prohibition in Canada: Prof. Marcel Martel | Liberal Arts & Professional Studies | YorkU[Video]. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dNw6o17UJI](https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/learn-about-tobacco?v=7dNw6o17UJI) |

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| **WEEK 4 Topic: Contemporary Canadian Drug Policies (Late 1960s-present) & their Impact** |
| Week #4 Assignment Due |
| **☞Watch This:** |
| Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR). (November 19, 2015). *Professor Susan Boyd:* *An Illustrated History of Canadian Drug Policy & Prohibition* [Video]. YouTube. [https://youtu.be/3tF2gp2QgF0](https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/learn-about-caffeine) **(Listen from 25-minute mark to end)**Canadian Drug Policy Coalition (CDPC). (March 12, 2021). Outcomes of our Current Drug Policies [Video]. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdyDCTgi28Q](https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/learn-about-cocaine?v=MdyDCTgi28Q)CBC. (n.d.). *Le Dain tables final report recommending decriminalization of marijuana* [Video]. CBC Archives. [https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1627328995/](https://windsorstar.com/life/from-the-vault-prohibition/)Holland-Penney, J. (March 2022). *Contemporary Canadian Drug Policies (1960s-Present)* [Video].SFU Public Square. (July 31, 2020). *Susan Boyd: Colonial history and racial stereotypes are deeply entrenched in Canadian drug policy* [Video]. YouTube. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cEu2HfKy84](https://youtu.be/343ORgL3kIc?v=8cEu2HfKy84)  |
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| **☞Read This:** |
| Bennett, J. (January 5, 1974). Le Dain Commission of Inquiry into the Non-Medical Use of Drugs tables fourth & final report. *CMA Journal*, *110*, 106-108. [http://beatles.ncf.ca/LeDain-1974-Summary.pdf](https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/q-and-a/how-do-i-know-if-im-drinking-too-much) Bennett, D. & Berstein, S. (2013). *Throwing Away the Keys: The Human and Social Costs of Mandatory Minimum Sentences*. PIVOT*.* <https://www.pivotlegal.org/throwing_away_the_keys_the_human_and>. **(Read Pages: V-VII)**Canadian Drug Policy Coalition (CDPC). (March 2, 2020). *Outcomes of our current approach to substances*. <https://gettingtotomorrow.ca/2020/03/02/outcomes-of-our-current-approach-to-substances/>Canadian Drug Policy Coalition (CDPC).(October 7, 2020). *Discussion Guide: Getting to Tomorrow: Ending the Overdose Crisis, Beyond COVID-19*. <https://gettingtotomorrow.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Discussion-Guide-EN.pdf>. **(Read Pages: 17-22)**Canada. (n.d.). *Cannabis in Canada: Get the facts*. Canada.ca. [https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/cannabis/canadians.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/opioids/prevention/socialdeterminants.html)Canada. (2016). *The New Canadian Drug & Substances Strategy*. https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2016/12/new-canadian-drugs-substances-strategy.htm Canada. (June 2018b). Tobacco and Vaping Products Act. [https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-concerns/tobacco/legislation/federal-laws/tobacco-act.html](https://www.camh.ca/-/media/files/pdfs---reports-and-books---research/canadas-lower-risk-guidelines-cannabis-poster.pdf)Canada. (2021) *Bill C-22. An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Controlled Drug and Substances Act*. [https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/pl/charter-charte/c22.html](https://doi.org/10.1056/nejme1900484)Health Canada. (September 5, 2018). *Background Document: Public Consultation on Strengthening Canada's Approach to Substance Use Issues*. [https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/hc-sc/documents/services/substance-use/canadian-drugs-substances-strategy/strengthening-canada-approach-substance-use-issue/strengthening-canada-approach-substance-use-issue.pdf](https://drugpolicy.org/issues/safer-partying) **(Read Pages: 7-8)**Jensen, E. & Gerber, J. (1993). State Efforts to Construct a Social Problem: The 1986 War on Drugs in Canada. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, *18*(4), 453-462. [https://doi-org.ledproxy2.uwindsor.ca/10.2307/3340900](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/prohibition-is-the-real-g_b_8210802)MacDonald, J. (June 2007). Peaking on the Prairies*.* *The Walrus.*[https://thewalrus.ca/peaking-on-the-prairies/](https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/hc-sc/documents/services/substance-use/problematic-prescription-drug-use/opioids/responding-canada-opioid-crisis/federal-actions/federal-action-opioids-to-date-june-eng.pdf)Owusu-Bempah, A & Luscombe, A. (May 21, 2021). Race, cannabis & the Canadian war on drugs: An examination of cannabis arrest data by race in five cities. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, *91*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2020.102937](https://health-infobase.canada.ca/substance-related-harms/opioids-stimulants/)Poulos, B. (November 25, 2019). Quebec is wrong to raise it legal cannabis age to 21. *The Conversation.* [https://theconversation.com/quebec-is-wrong-to-raise-its-legal-cannabis-age-to-21-127429](https://www.youtube.com/watch)Taha, S., Maloney-Hall, B. & Buxton, J. (August 19, 2019). Lessons learned from the opioid crisis across the pillars of the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy. *Substance Treatment, Prevention & Policy*, *14*(32). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13011-019-0220-7>Toronto Health. (April 2018). *Quick Facts: Canada’s Drug Laws & Strategies*. <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/970c-Canadas-Drug-Laws-Strategies.pdf>Zhang, J. (January 3, 2021). *Criminalization vs. Public Health: The Legacy of Canada’s Racially Based Drug Laws*. PP+G Review. <https://ppgreview.ca/2021/01/03/criminalization-vs-public-health-the-legacy-of-canadas-racially-biased-drug-laws/> |

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| **WEEK 5 Topic: International Drug Policies** |
| Week #5 Assignment Due |
| **☞Watch This:** |
| Drug Reporter. (March 12, 2020). *Following Up the UN Common Position on Drugs – CND 2020* [Video]. YouTube. [https://youtu.be/CbpDbhINjgk](https://youtu.be/qarQXqKbmLg)International Drug Policy Consortium (ID PC). (February 27, 2018). *CND 101: A Guide to the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs* [Video]. YouTube. [https://youtu.be/cAJ311bhD\_0](https://cdnhistorybits.wordpress.com/2017/05/09/prohibition-in-canada/)Transform Drug Policy Foundation. (December 3, 2019). *Professor J. Buxton – How International Drug Laws Create a Global Health Crisis* [Video]. YouTube [https://youtu.be/UZKUEXljscU](https://www.ccsa.ca/sites/default/files/2021-01/CCSA-COVID-19-Maintaining-a-Public-Health-Approach-to-Alcohol-Policy-Brief-2021-en.pdf) |
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