

PROHIBITION: INTERVIEW QUESTIONS



1. Why prohibition does not actually work in practice?

- Because in practice, prohibition appears to be not only absolutely ineffective and extremely expensive for the state budget, but it is also abusing and gross violation of human and civil rights of the people exposed to the disease of drug abuse.

2. What are the most violating examples of the prohibition policy?

- The most violating example is that the helpless drug addicted people have to be involved in criminal activities to earn money for buying the drug that is necessary for their comfortable feeling.

3. What do you think is essential that should be done to prevent this terrible disaster?

- The first and most important innovation is to found a system of governmental control and distribution, causing the drug addiction to become unfavorable and above the cost price. It will make the drug distribution non-profit, and therefore, will lead to its reduction.

4. Why is police so ineffective implementing and dealing with the prohibition policy?

- It is so because the prohibition, together with alcohol and prostitution, is not the police-related problem in general. The

problem of drug abuse can be solved only by competent medical specialists and researchers, working in the field of decrease and extermination of this disease.

5. What exactly can be done by medical experts as an alternative to the prohibition measures?

- First of all, proper scientific research will help to quickly find the new abused, and by proper treatment prevent them from becoming hopelessly incurable weak people. Moreover, there should be an expert treatment of the incurable addicts in clinics, with hospitalization of individuals with the first symptoms of dependency.

6. Can we say that the prohibition is not only useless, but also harmful for the society? Why?

- Yes, exactly. Prohibition is not only producing a zero effect, it also leads to growth of such neighboring problems as drugs forgery, but also creates the new problems of criminal character, such as widespread networks of organized crime, violence and law enforcement corruption.

7. How can the country benefit from the reallocation of resources spent on the prohibition initiatives?

- The prohibition policy in fact is extremely expensive. The money can be effectively spent on decriminalization of police and government that will lead to the decrease of criminality, corruption and recidivism. In addition, it may initiate a reform in the health care sector.

8. What impact does the legislation have on the

problem, in comparison with the prohibition?

- The truth is that legislation has almost a zero influence on the problem. The stereotype is that drug legislation leads to the growth of drug addictive people. In fact, there is no correlation between these two facts. Even more, the United States, having a tough policy against drugs, takes more drugs than most of the liberal countries.

9. How does the prohibition affect young generation?

- Numerous researches on this topic have shown the impact that prohibition had on the drug abuse, followed by a high level of youth unemployment. Therefore, it leads to an increase of drug use among young people.

10. How does the prohibition lead to the increase of violence in the society?

- Being implemented inside the system, the prohibition policy permits and evokes the drug trade, as a profitable source of economic wealth for drug kingpins and drug distributors engaged in the black market trading system. Furthermore, the system permits them not only to enrich themselves, but also become successful members of our society.