



Federal Policy Regarding Funding of Drug Abuse Research

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National Drug Policy's Main Ingredients

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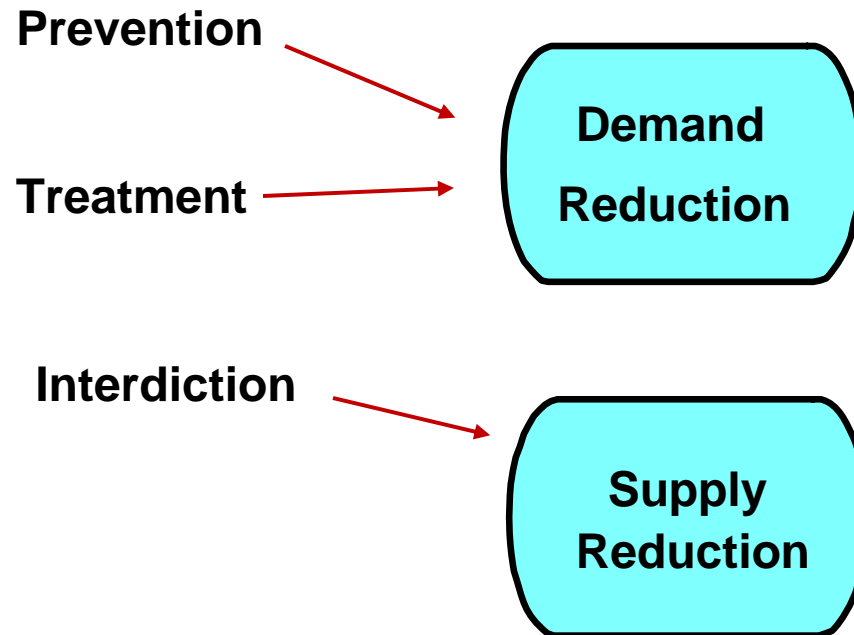
Treatment



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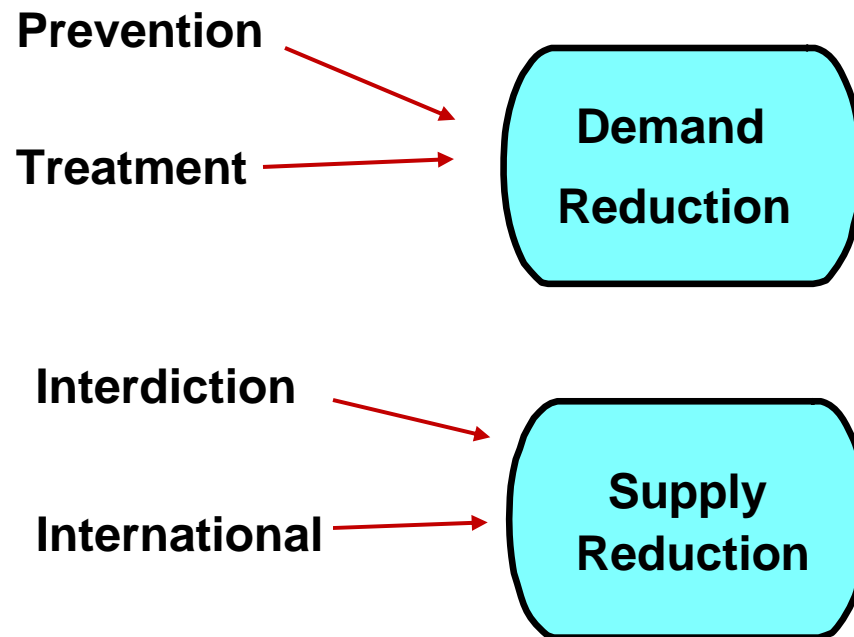
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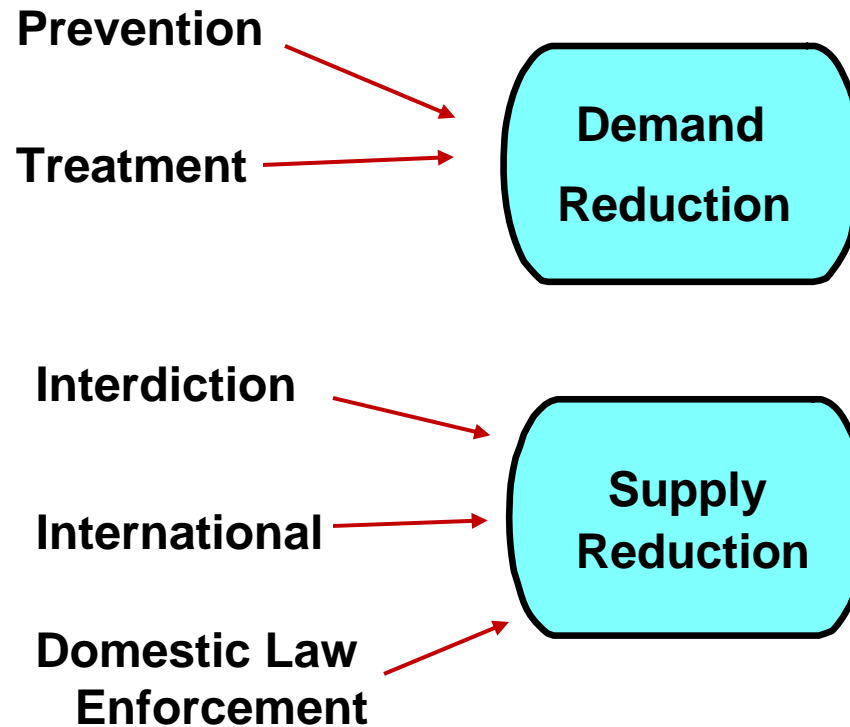


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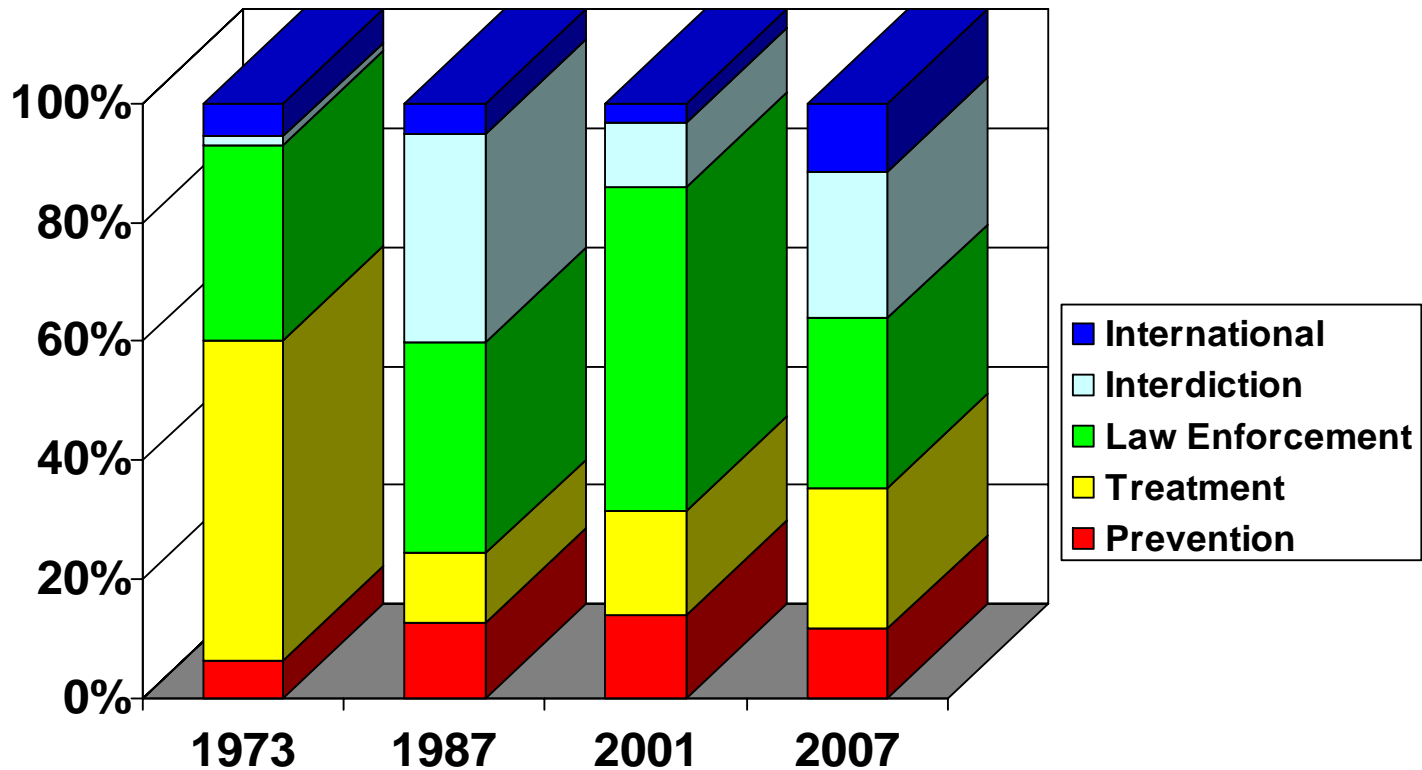


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Budget Allocation Among Ingredients

(Over Selected Years)





Research and the “Silver Bullet”

“The fight to shield our children and America from the scourge of illegal drugs is one for which there is no silver bullet.” —DEA chief Karen Tandy, Sept. 16, 2003



Research and the “Silver Bullet”

“This is a silver bullet.”

*Quote from President Bush’s drug czar
John Walters, on drug testing high
school students, Oct. 8, 2003*



Basic Role of Research

- **Should Inform Policy:**
 - Efficiency/effectiveness of each ingredient
 - Optimal mix of ingredients to address existing and projected need
 - Measurement (data)
- **Should Inform Programming:**
 - Science-based, research-based, evidence based programs within each ingredient area.



Focus of Drug Policy Research

- Research is 8 percent of the total \$12.655 billion federal drug control budget
- Research (R&D) tends to focus principally on treatment and prevention.
- Total budget for R&D proposed for FY 2007 is \$1,060.1 billion:
 - 94 percent is for NIDA
 - 95 percent is for demand reduction
 - 5 percent is for supply reduction



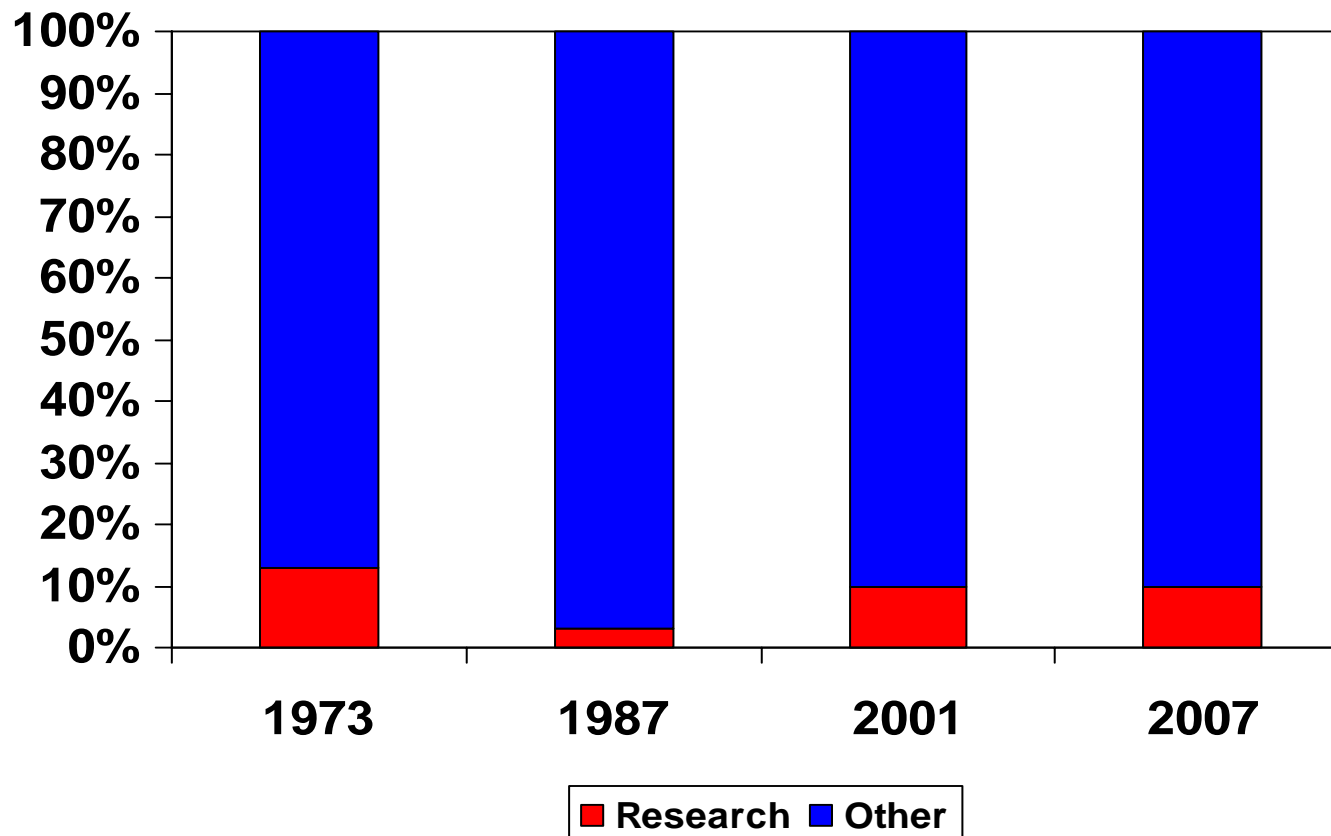
FY 2007 Proposed R&D Budget

Drug Control Research and Development Funding

	FY 2005 Final	FY 2006 Enacted	FY 2007 Request
DoD	18.832	21.177	24.517
NIDA	1006.419	1000.029	994.829
CBP	14	0	0
USCG	1.385	0.903	0.684
ICDE	0	0	5.789
ONDCP-CTAC	17.856	13.86	9.6
ONDCP-S&E	1.339	1.303	1.316
ONDCP-HIDTA	1.984	1.98	0
ONDCP-Other	10.862	13.761	11.98
NHTSA	0.3	0	0.6
VA	10.479	11.185	10.827
Total, R&D	1083.456	1064.198	1060.142

Research's Share of Total Spending

(Over Selected Years)





Marginality of Drug Policy Research ?

- Some of the factors accounting for the marginality of research are intervention-specific:
 - Interdiction and Source Country Control are popular despite the evidence of ineffectiveness because they put the responsibility for the drug problem on foreigners.
 - Domestic Law Enforcement is popular because law enforcement decisions are traditionally based on justice considerations, not cost–benefit analyses.
 - Treatment is underfunded because the many believe that it often fails (high relapse rates), and the immediate beneficiaries are criminals.
 - Prevention was fairly well funded (relative to the known effectiveness) because who would not want to take care of the kids? (Current policy is reducing the federal role.)



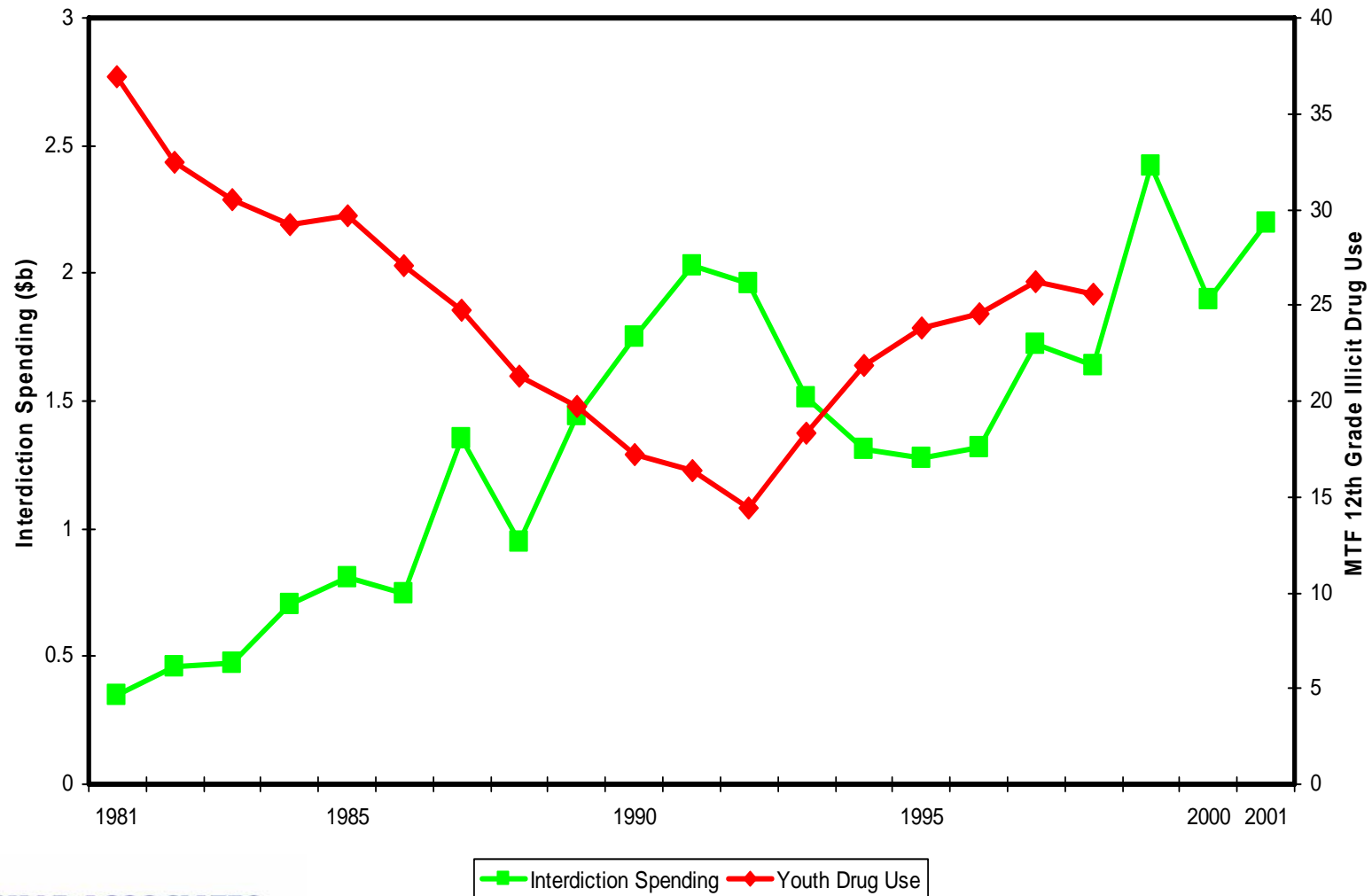
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- **Prohibition** may be another factor that explains why there is so little demand for research in the federal drug control budget.
- **Ideology** may be another factor.

Research versus Ideology

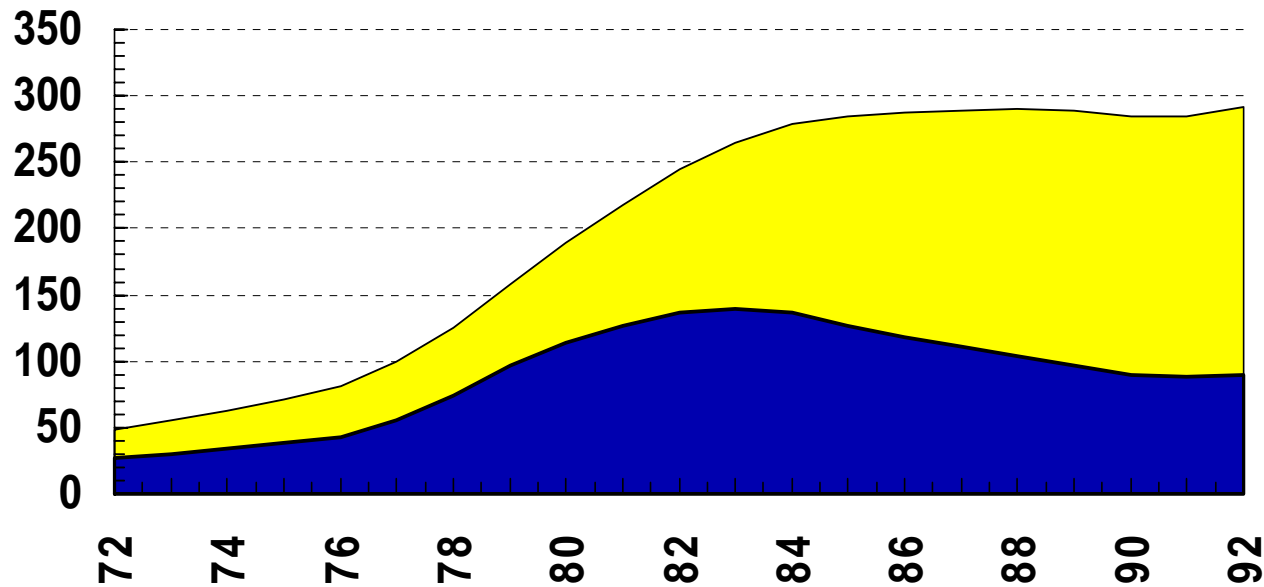
Time Period:	Research	Ideology
OMB, 86 - 89	Rand – interdiction/Int'l not effective Wharton – Border Control effective.	Reagan Tough on Crime; NDPB run by Justice, Treas, Transportation; focus on Border/International “\$1 more” “tough on crime” mentality.
ONDCP: 89 – 93	Treatment Effectiveness Study—TOPS Rand Flow Model (adopted by Abt)	Sense of starting over. User accountability focus. Addicts casualty of drug war. Emphasis on stopping flow of drugs. Strategy goals target casual users. Andean Strategy developed with focus on producer nations.
93 - 96	RAND Controlling Cocaine Study; Flow Model; EBR Transit Zone Study; CALDATA, DATOS	Controlled shift of emphasis from transit to source countries. More domestic focus on demand reduction (especially treatment) and law enforcement. Rejection of user accountability view. Health model rhetoric adopted.
96 - 00	EBR, Rand Studies rejected. IDA Study. CASA Gateway Study; Johnston Study Relating Attitudes/Use	Need to prevent drug use before it starts. Source country focus; accountability; expansion into medical use issues; confront legalization movement.

Interdiction Spending versus Drug Use



Justifying The Need to Focus on Addiction

Annual Consumption
(Metric Tons of Pure Cocaine)



■ Casual Use ■ Hardcore Use

What Happens When Research is Ignored by the Nation's Drug Czar?

