

Abstract

Bachelor thesis *U.S. War on Drugs: Why the Repressive Approach Keeps Failing* examines historical development, causes and consequences of the hard-line strategy taken by the United States towards consumers of illicit drugs. It highlights key moments in the U.S. drug war from its inception in 1970's until today. It also identifies the main reasons, why the repressive tactics does not bring desired effects in terms of stopping the flow of illegal drugs to the United States and keeping the price of narcotics high.

First of all, the study examines the historical context and then follows the analysis of both home and international dimension of the War on Drugs. In the last chapter, it focuses on broader political and system causes, why the United States has not changed its drug policy significantly, despite its long-lasting failures. At the end of the bachelor thesis alternative approaches towards more ballanced and efficient antidrug strategy are mentioned as well.