

For more than 50 years, the United States government has launched a racist and ineffective War on Drugs which has been nothing more than a war on Black communities. Salvation and Social Justice advocates for the decriminalization of personal use drugs to stop the disproportionate over-policing and incarceration of our communities. But to be clear, drug decriminalization is NOT drug legalization. Here's the difference...

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT

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DRUG DECRIMINALIZATION

is the act of removing criminal sanctions against certain activities such as having in possession personal use drugs or paraphernalia. While the substance itself may still be prohibited, the consequences for possession are no longer treated as criminal. The production and sale of drugs are still illegal.

DRUG LEGALIZATION

is the act of permitting by law the use of substances and is often met with some sort of regulations. It means that the law would permit individuals to freely acquire and possess drugs in the state of New Jersey. **We are NOT advocating for this!**

While Black people make up

15%

of New Jersey's population, we represent

43%

of the arrests for drug violations even though there is no evidence that Black people use drugs at a higher rate than white people.

SO WHAT WOULD DRUG DECRIMINALIZATION LOOK LIKE IN NEW JERSEY?

It would no longer be a crime to...

...Be in simple possession of a controlled substance

...Be under the influence of or consuming a controlled substance

It would still be a crime to...

...Manufacture and/or sell drugs

...Use, distribute, sell or possess drugs on school property and/or in the presence of minors