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TYPES OF DRUGS

Drugs have accompanied mankind throughout its historical journey. These substances, regardless of their origin and properties, have become an integral part of different cultures and societies. However, the modern world is facing the problem of drug use on a large scale, which is accompanied by a negative impact on the health and social status of individuals. In order to understand this phenomenon and find ways to solve the problem, it is necessary to consider in detail the nature, classification and consequences of drug use. Drugs have always been a problem that has accompanied humanity throughout its history. They exist in virtually all civilisations and can be produced both as a result of natural substances and synthetic production.

Drugs have a significant impact on people's health and social status, as well as the constant emergence of new types of drugs. Combating this problem requires a comprehensive approach and joint efforts of all sectors of society.

The aim is to study and analyse legal and illegal drugs and their impact on society, health and life. It is important to distinguish between legal and illegal drugs, depending on the context of the country and culture. Legal drugs in Ukraine and many other countries include caffeine, nicotine and alcohol. These substances are acceptable for use, but misuse can lead to negative health consequences. Alongside these 'legal' drugs, glues and solvents are used as substitutes for the strength of drugs, especially among young people.

Illicit drugs are divided into two main groups: plant-based drugs, such as cannabis, poppy and coca, and synthetic drugs. Hemp, often known as cannabis, is used to produce hashish and marijuana. Their use can lead to hallucinations and mental disorders, as well as impaired driving ability. The opium poppy is a source

of opium and heroin, which, despite their medical uses, can lead to severe addiction. Cocaine, obtained from the leaves of the coca bush, can cause hallucinations and panic attacks. Synthetic drugs, such as LSD and ecstasy, are created in laboratories and can have unpredictable effects.

Drug addiction leads to serious problems for people trying to recover from this condition. Drug dependence can lead to financial problems and crime as individuals seek funds to satisfy their addiction.

Women who are addicted to drugs often find themselves in situations of prostitution as a way to secure the money they need. In addition to social problems, drugs lead to serious medical complications and public health threats.

In this regard, it is necessary to take measures to combat drug addiction, including information campaigns to explain the dangers of these substances, support for rehabilitation centres and strict control over drug trafficking. It is also important to support and develop research in the field of medical and psychological support for people suffering from drug addiction to ensure that they receive appropriate help and support in the recovery process.

A general overview of the history and impact of drugs shows that the problem has long roots and complex contemporary dynamics. Legalised and illicit substances affect societies in different cultures and regions, with both beneficial and harmful effects.

The perception of drugs in the modern world varies significantly depending on cultural, social and legal contexts. Effective prevention measures, rehabilitation programmes and medical care are becoming important tools in the fight against drug addiction.

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