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Drug Policy Poll: 2 to 1 Kansans Believe We are Losing the Drug War

- **University of Colorado Police Use Internet Rewards to Identify Students in Campus Protest**
- **Must Read Book: *Drug Facts* 5th edition Now Available**
- **Volunteer Meeting Scheduled for Saturday, June 17th**

Lawrence, KS, The Kansas Drug Policy poll, conducted by the Jayhawk Consulting, for the Drug Policy Forum of Kansas surveyed voters' attitudes toward America's 36 year War on Drugs and found that by almost 2 to 1 (52%/30%), voters believe we are losing the "war on drugs."

"The criminal justice approach to illegal drug use and abuse has failed to decrease supply, quality or access by children." Executive Director Laura Green said. "There can be no greater harm to Kansas communities and families than the government's failure to safely and effectively treat drug abuse as a public health issue. The costs of fighting this war go up every year along with the number of prisoners, yet we have fewer and fewer success stories."

Kansans know we are on the wrong course. Not surprisingly, they are uneducated about the alternatives. [Research](#) clearly demonstrates that drug offenders who receive treatment get jobs, are less of a burden to the taxpayer, and are unlikely to reoffend. Yet, by nearly 3 to 1 (60%/21%), Kansans view someone with a drug problem as a criminal to be punished, rather than a person with a health problem.

DPFKS's challenge is to educate and promote debate in Kansas about public health and cost-effective alternatives to criminalizing drug addiction and adults who use drugs responsibly.

Thanks to a generous grant from the [Drug Policy Alliance](#), DPFKS was able contract for the Drug Policy survey which polled 500 voters state-wide on a variety of drug policy issues. More on the public opinion poll in the next Drug Policy Report.

University of Colorado police posted pictures of people on a website allegedly smoking pot on the "420" day celebration, April 20th. They then offered a \$50 reward for anyone who could identify the smoking students.

From the Campus Press in Boulder <http://www.thecampuspress.com>

Civil rights attorneys Perry R. Sanders, Jr. and Robert J. Frank announced plans on May 10 to file a federal lawsuit against CU on behalf of several students who say their rights were violated by the CUPD at the 4/20 pro-marijuana gathering on Farrand Field.

"We were not advocating a federal civil lawsuit, we were advocating peace," Sander said in a press release. "The university has forced our hand in this matter." [...]

In the announcement, Sanders said the Web site is one example of how the university has gone too far. "These are people that the worst thing they did was

trespass, and there is a \$50 reward by their picture," he said. "This isn't okay. This is killing ants with a sledge hammer."

The university has "come after people like these three ladies right here who were not doing anything illegal that day," he said. "They didn't see any no-trespassing signs that I'm aware of. They certainly weren't using any illegal drugs out there that day, they were like many hundreds, if not thousands, of people who were out there expressing themselves freely on a free university campus."

***Drug War Facts* 5th edition now available.**

Drug War Facts, a publication of [Common Sense for Drug Policy](#) is an extensive compilation of quotes, stats, charts and other info dealing with more than 50 drug policy topics ranging from economics to needle exchange programs to the marijuana gateway theory to environmental damage in the drug war, drug policy in other countries, race as it plays into drug war issues, even a "Drug Prohibition Timeline."

- "A valuable resource for anyone concerned with drug policy." - Ira Rosen, Senior Producer, ABC News
- "Filled with hard numbers that shed much needed light on the drug war." - Lester Grinspoon, MD, Assoc. Prof of Psychiatry (emeritus), Harvard Medical School

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Next volunteer meeting: Saturday, June 17, 2006 1pm at the DPFKS offices, 941 Kentucky Street, Lawrence Kansas.

