

Drug Warriors tell us

We don't dare legalize marijuana
because:

More people will use it

There is no way to judge impairment

Fatal MV accidents will increase

Suicides will increase

Marijuana Use in the US

Increased from 1999 to 2011

Lifetime use by 58%

Last month use by
73%

Measuring Impairment

Washington set Marijuana

Impairment at 5 nanograms

Dr. Carl Hart - 15 year Study

measured nanograms per milliliter

Sober baseline = 14 nanograms

Impaired = 40 to 400 nanograms

Medical Marijuana Study

After states legalized it

- No Increase in use by young folks
- 9 % decline in fatal MV Accidents
- 11 % decline in Suicide rates
- 25 % less opioid overdose deaths



Law Enforcement Against Prohibition

Represents

**150,000 police, judges, prosecutors,
prison officials, and supporters**

In 120 countries



1964



1970



If Current Drug Policy Works, Seven things should happen:

- 1. Drug supply decreases**
- 2. Drug purity decreases**
- 3. Drug price increases**
- 4. Drug use decreases**
- 5. Drug overdose death decreases**
- 6. Drug Prohibition murder decreases**
- 7. Drug violation arrest decreases**

1. Drug supply should **decrease**

Truth: Drug Supply Increased

At the beginning of the war
Largest drug seizures

Measured by Pounds

1. Drug supply should **decrease**

Truth: Today Single Drug seizures are measured by Tons

10 tons Heroin

15 tons Methamphetamine

20 tons Cocaine

242 tons Marijuana

2. Drug purity should decrease

Truth: Purity of street level

Heroin increased from

1½ % in 1970 to

60 % today

3. Drug prices should increase

Truth: Wholesale Cocaine Prices

Decreased

60 %

3. Drug prices should increase

Truth: Wholesale Heroin Costs

Decreased

70 %

3. Drug prices should increase

**Truth: Only Marijuana has
Increased in price**

By 3600 %

Results in marijuana users switching to hard drugs

4. Drug use should decrease

Truth: Drug Use in the US Increased

**Before the Drug War
= 4 million users**

**2 percent of that
population**

4. Drug use should **decrease**

Truth: Drug Use in the US Increased

Today = 121 million

**46 percent of
current population**

4. Drug use should decrease

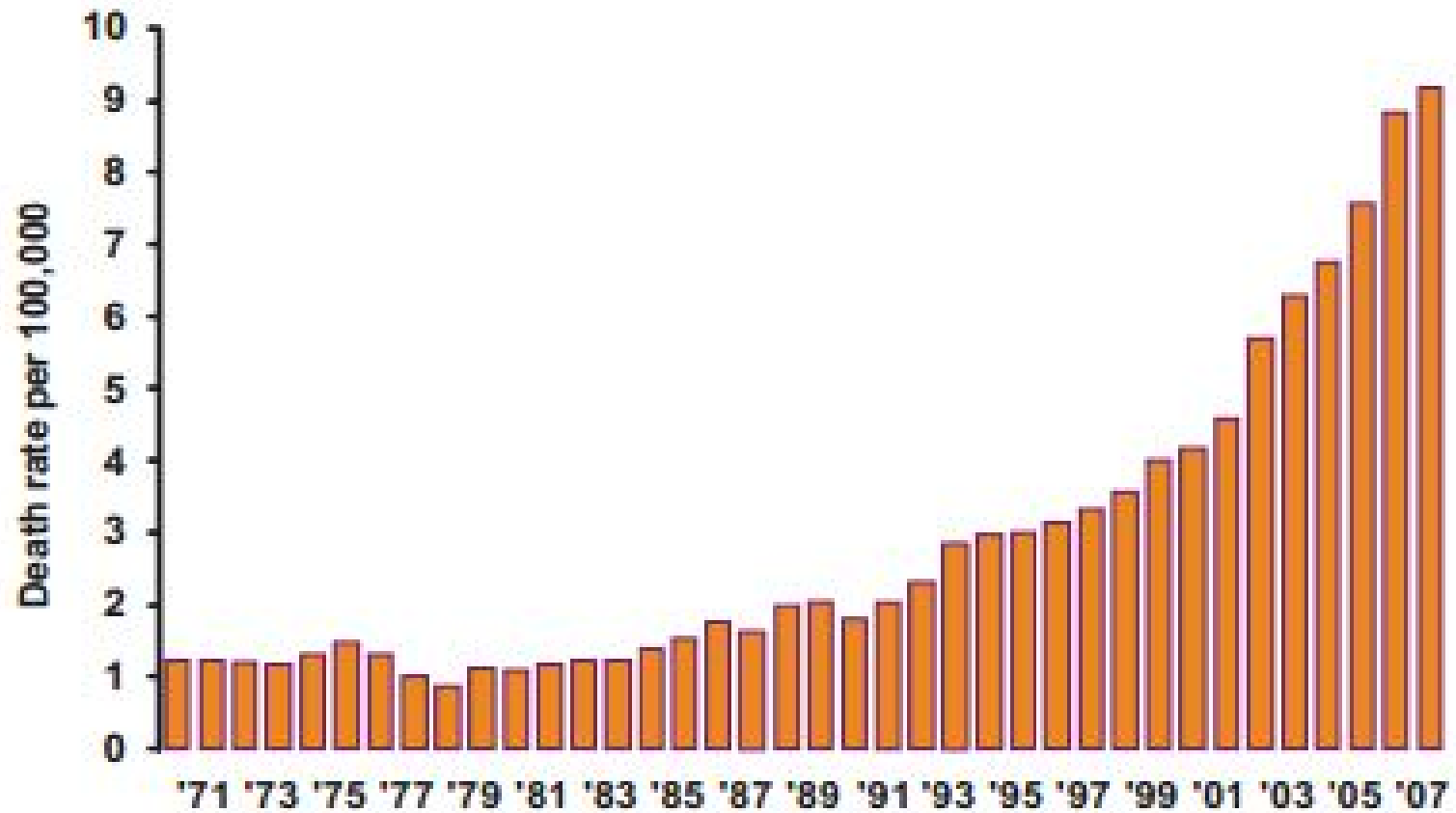
Truth: Drug Use in the US Increased

**2 percent of 1965
population**

**46 percent of
current population**

5. Overdose deaths should decrease

Figure 1: Rate of unintentional drug overdose death in the United States, 1970-2007



Source: National Vital Statistics System

6. Drug Prohibition murders should decrease

Truth: Prohibition Murders Increased

Mexico

95,000 murders and

20,000 missing since 2007

6. Drug Prohibition murders should **decrease**

**Truth: Prohibition Murders per 100,000
population **Increased****

Mexico 20 murders

Guatemala

41 drug prohibition murders

United States 5 murders

New York City 6 murders

6. Drug Prohibition murders should decrease

Truth: Prohibition Murders per 100,000

Increased

Mexico

Guatemala: 41 murders

Honduras:

most dangerous nation on the planet

92 Murders

7. Drug violation arrests should decrease

**Truth: Nonviolent drug offense arrests
increased**

From 65,500 in 1965

To 1.9 million by 2005

**25 times more than at the
beginning of the war**

US Tax Dollars Spent Prosecuting the War on Drugs

1.5

Trillion

Cumulative US Arrests for NonViolent Drug Offenses Since 1970

When the WAR ON DRUGS was Declared

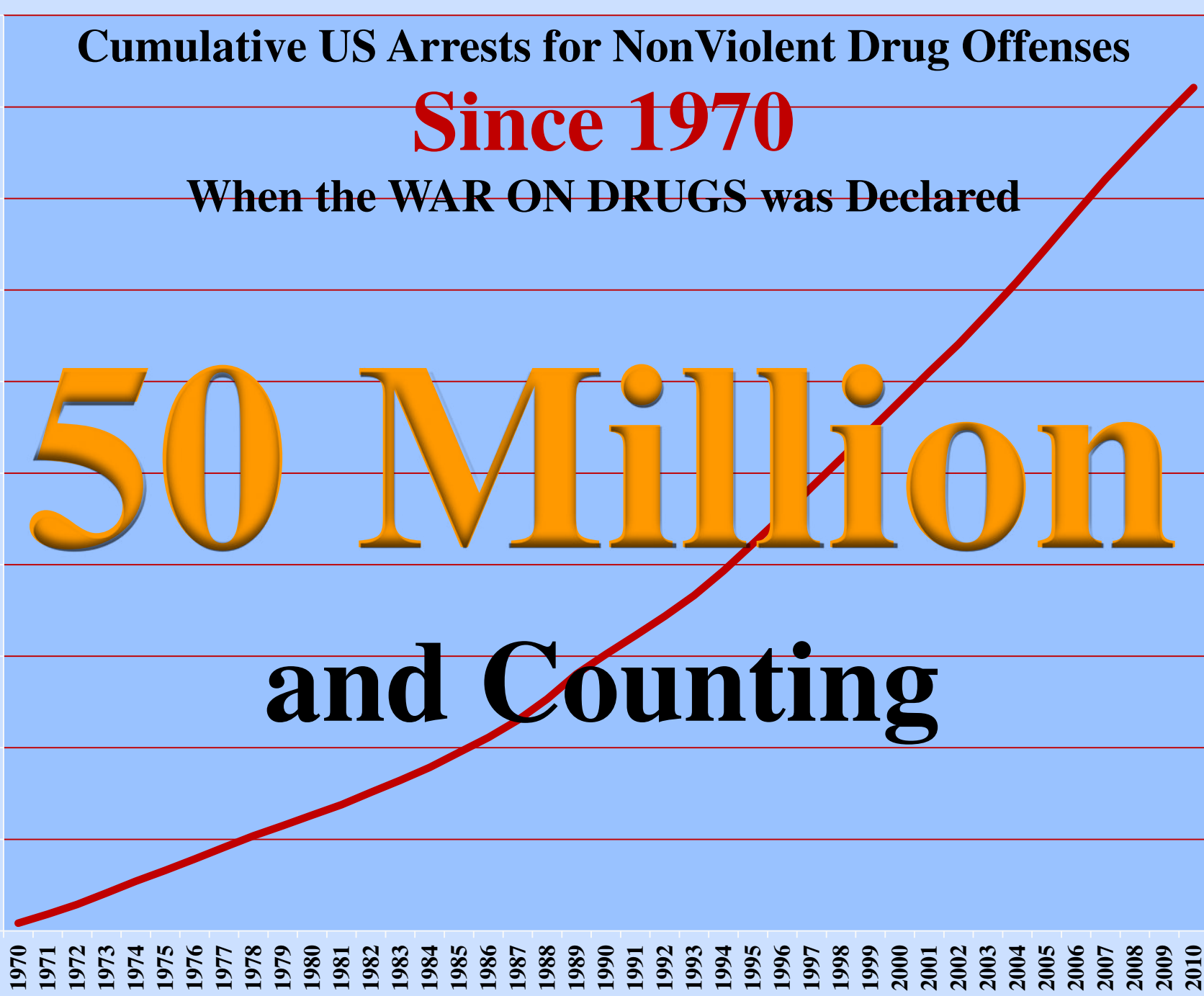
**50 Million
and Counting**

Cumulative US Arrests in Millions

Millions

50
45
40
35
30
25
20
15
10
5
0

1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010



Rate of Population Addicted?

Nothing changed in 100 years

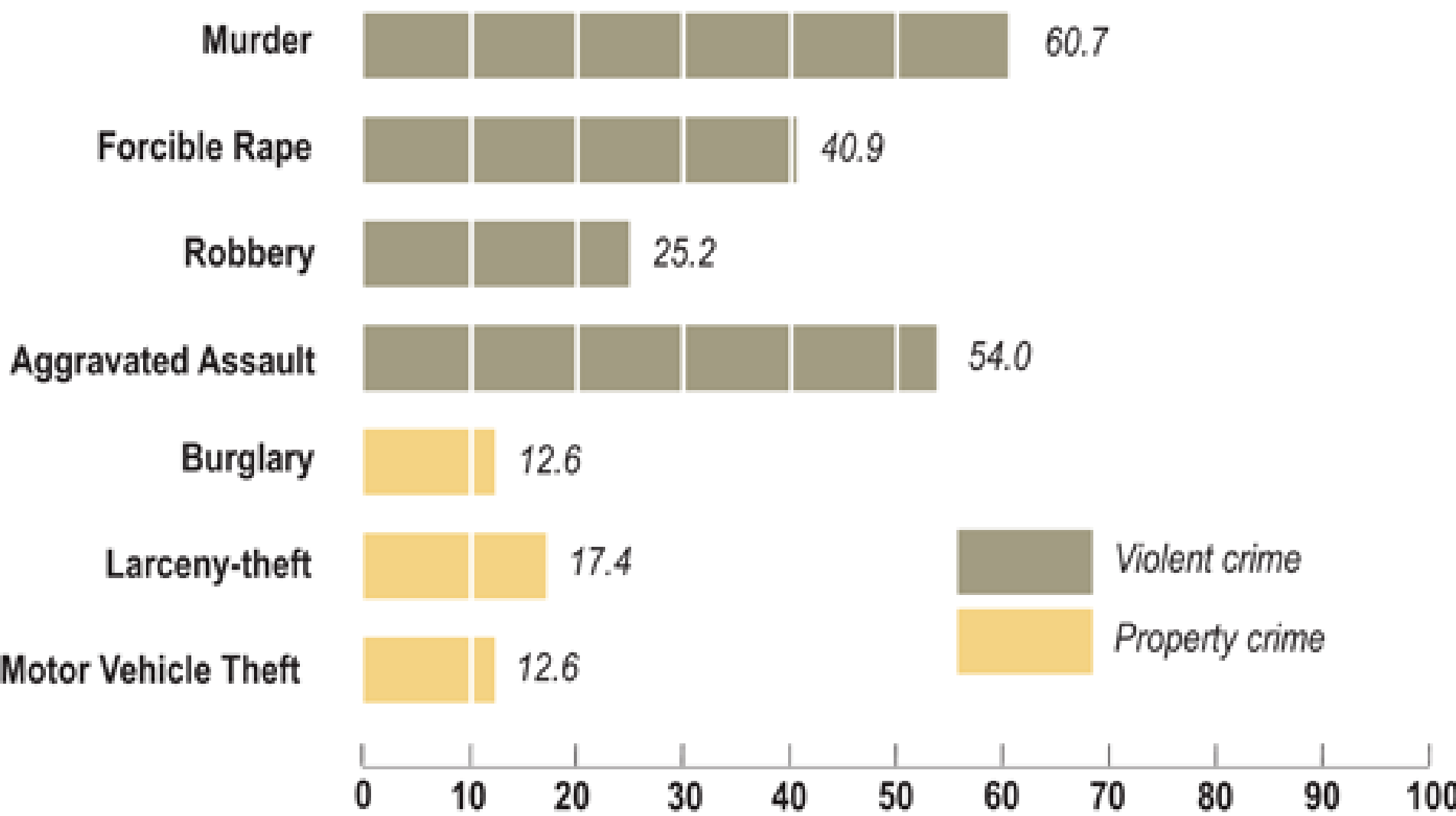
1.3% in 1914 when all drugs were legal

1.3% in 1970 when we started the drug war

1.3% Today, after 45-year of war

Clearance Figure

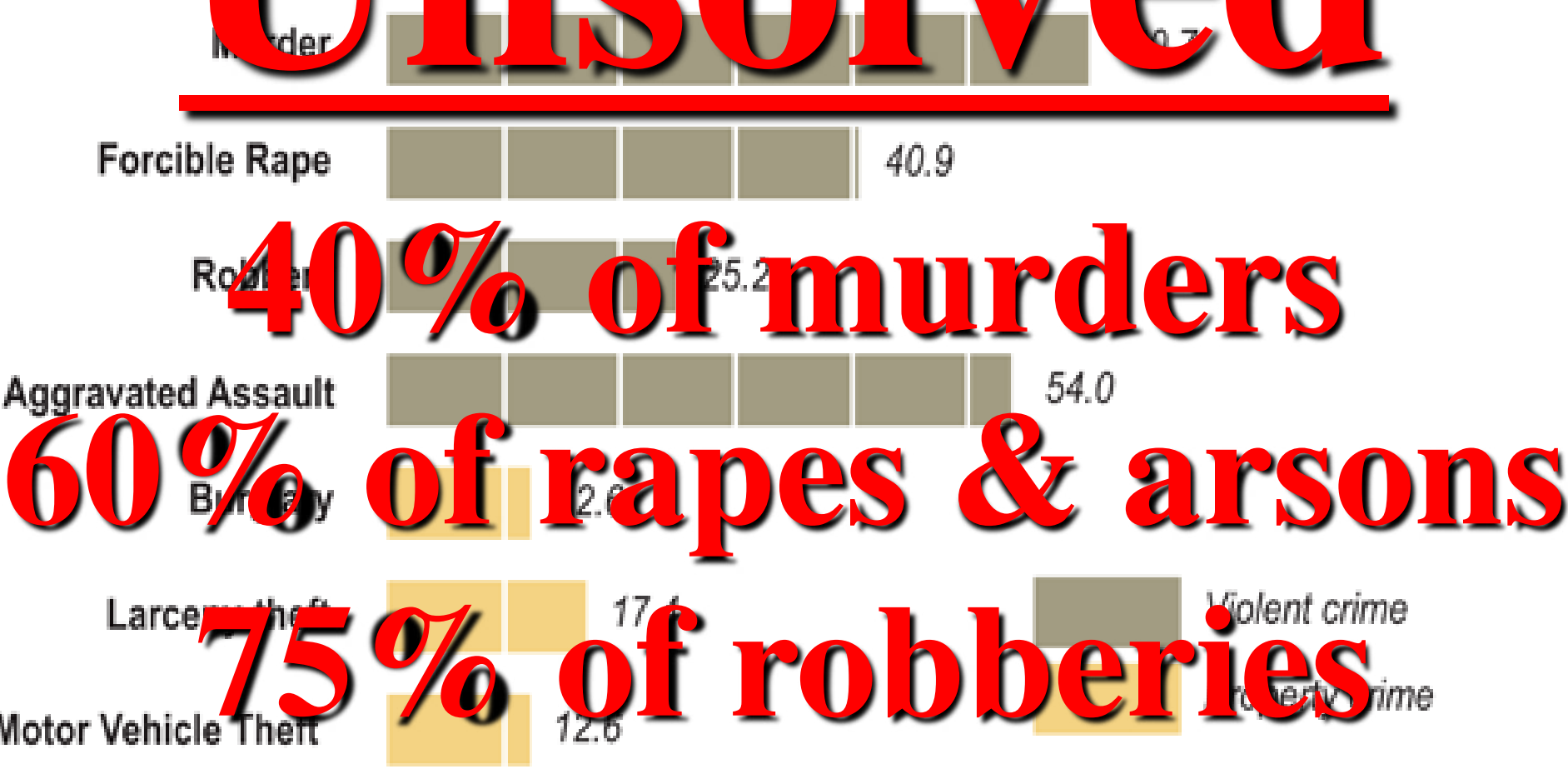
Percent of Crimes Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, 2006



Clearance Figure

Percent of Crimes Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, 2006

Unsolved



40% of murders

60% of rapes & arsons

75% of robberies

90% of Burglaries

1963 US Police

Credited With solving

91 % of Murders

Today

61 % of Murders

**Today, Police concentrating
on nonviolent drugs arrests**

**Fail to Protect us from
VIOLENT Predators**

Alternative Policy Solution

**Remove the
profit motive**

End the Violence

End Prohibition

**Legalize and
Regulate**

All Drugs

Success Story

1985 United States

42%

smoked tobacco

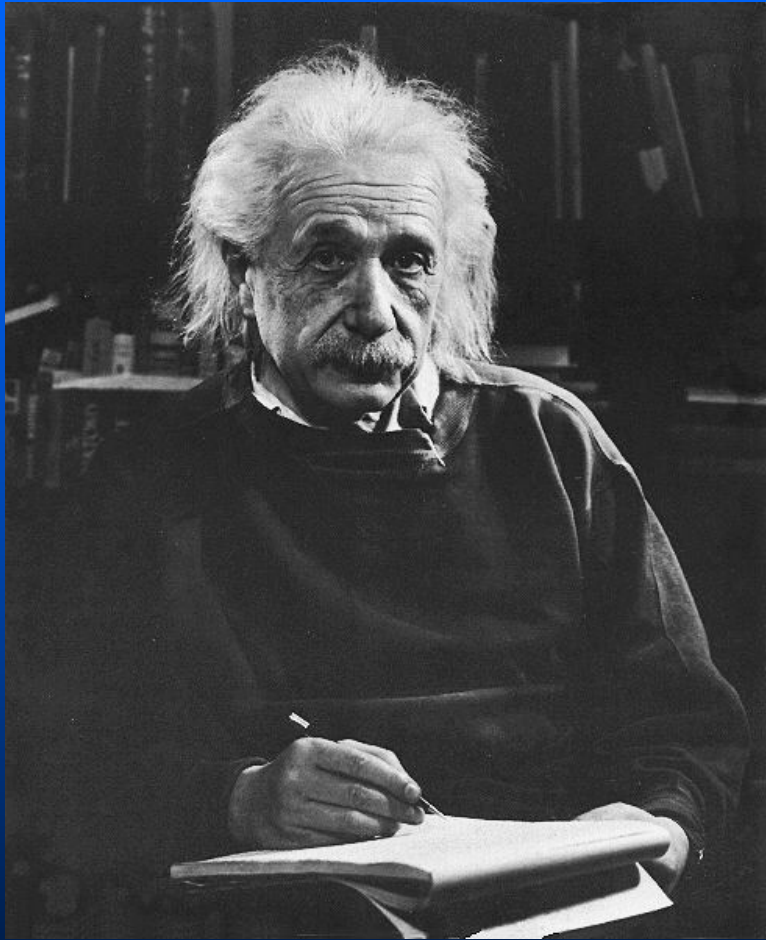
Success Story

Today United States

Only **17%**

smoke tobacco

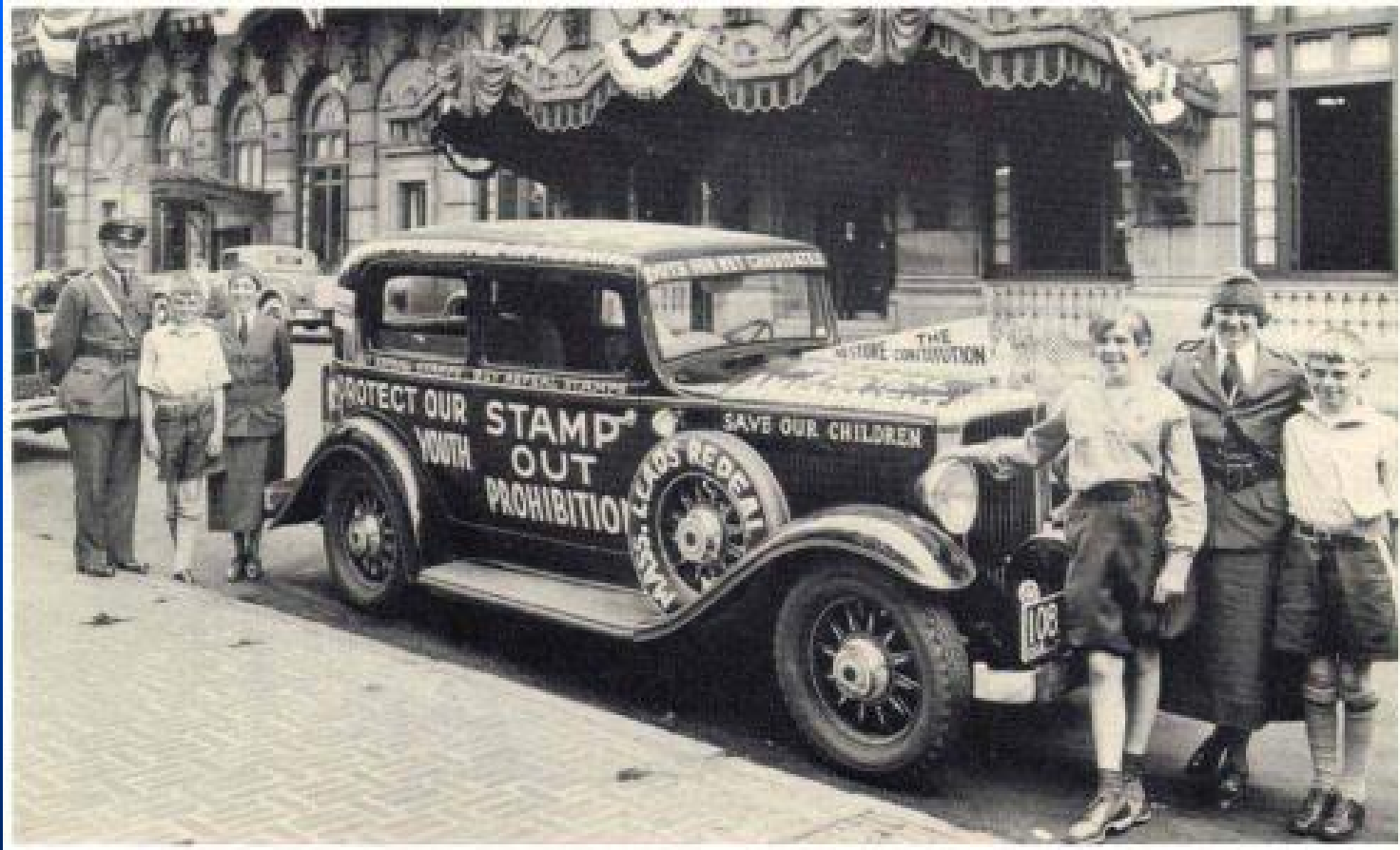
Albert Einstein on Prohibition



The prestige of government has undoubtedly been lowered considerably by the Prohibition law. For nothing is more destructive of respect for the government and the law of the land than passing laws which cannot be enforced. It is an open secret that the dangerous increase of crime in this country is closely connected with this.

Albert Einstein

Prohibition - When will we learn?



Members of the Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform pose for a photograph in 1932 (courtesy of the Hagly Museum and Library, Wilmington, Delaware). We are having to relearn the same lesson today that they learned 69 years ago.

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Stamp Out
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