

WORLD NARCOTICS

Illegal drugs trade still flourishing

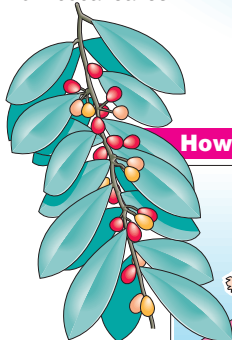
While drug abuse in the U.S. and Canada is reported to be falling, world production and use of narcotics continues to expand, with Colombia the top producer of illegal drugs. Worldwide drugs profits are estimated at \$40-60 billion a year, while seizures totalled only \$800 million in 1993

Central America

Marijuana and cocaine trafficking and abuse remain the biggest problems

Coca shrub:

Cocaine extracted from coca leaves



Cocaine
130,000-200,000kg grown in Colombia and Bolivia, refined and shipped via Venezuela

United States / Canada

Declining drug abuse but higher purity and potency has led to increase in emergency medical cases. Marijuana use most common

Latin America

Marijuana widely cultivated. Increase in Colombian heroin poppy plantations. Peru remains world's top coca leaf producer

Europe – Increased production of Ecstasy. High levels of heroin and cocaine abuse

Africa

Increased cultivation of marijuana for local consumption. Increasingly used for transit of drugs from South America into Europe

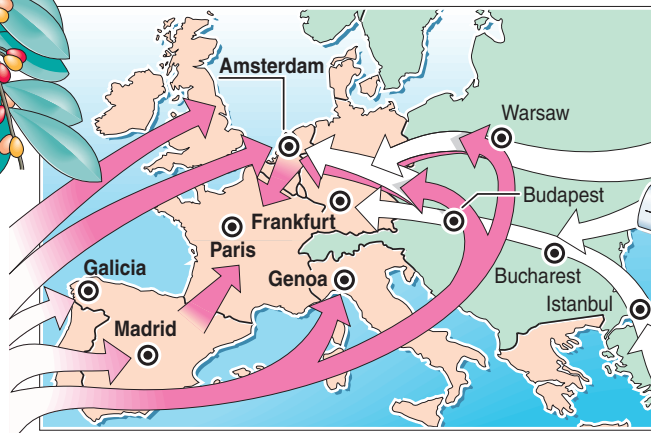
Middle East / Asia

Marijuana production a major problem. Afghanistan and South East Asia are world's major sources of opium. Poppy crops increasing in South Korea but production declining in Thailand

Australasia

Increased marijuana use. Pacific islands used as transit points

How drug traffickers reach Europe



🎯 Key entry points for narcotics

Heroin – New sources produced from opium grown in the Asian republics of the former Soviet Union

Heroin – From the Golden Crescent: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkey and Iran

