

Milestone 2

Sociology



Heroin Use and Overdose in Massachusetts RT (March 28, . “ Massachusetts declares public health emergency over heroin overdoses and opioids addiction.”

The article depicts an honest picture about just how bad the problem with heroin is in Massachusetts. The article discusses the various strategies being implemented as a way of doing away with the problem in the society and raising awareness among members of the community on just how serious the situation is. It is expected that people are less likely to indulge in the habit when they are fully aware of the danger it poses to their lives and if more people are made aware they will likely spread the news to others and hence reduce the prevalence of the addiction and lives lost in the society. Declaring the problem a nationwide crisis is beneficial in showing just how serious the matter is and will hopefully impact on the level of awareness that will hopefully be created. The high number of deaths related to heroin overdose, whether intentional or not, have prompted the government to take preventive measures.

WCBV (April 5, 2014). “ Massachusetts: 4 months and 185 heroin deaths: Gov. Patrick declared public health emergency.”

The article is a review on some of the main reasons as to why there is a sudden rise in heroine use and addiction, while taking note of the high number of deaths that have been caused as a result. The author clearly states the problem and notes the statistics in relation to heroin and other opioids in Massachusetts. In addition, the author also mentions the various solutions that the government has tried to implement in order to curb this problem and do away with it. Declaring public health emergency goes further

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to show the severity of the situation and how just how serious it needs to be tackled before it gets out of hand. People fail to realize just how precious life is hence why they often take it for granted and indulge in harmful behaviors.

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