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Drug abuse is a social problem because it affects not only the person who uses or abuses them but the whole society deals with the grave consequences of drug abuse. Drug abuse implicates the virus of immorality in society and influences society’s moral standings. Most of the people, who do drugs, do not properly understand drugs because they are illegal, which is unfortunate, and neither any drugs are getting off the streets (Botvin, 2000). This essay is focused on drug abuse among youth and especially among the high school students.

Nowadays, high school students mostly vape, use Juul, or smoke weed at school. It’s not uncommon for a few people to turn up to school drunk, and a few people actually bring alcohol to school. The beer cans in the parking lots tell all. However, Vape and Juul are by far the two biggest products abused by high schoolers (Sussman et al., 1995). Some people are of the view that smoking weed or marijuana is not as harmful as cocaine and meth are. However, drugging inside the school premises is more than just a social problem. It deteriorated the health of young boys and girls, and when it is not addressed as such and treated as a criminal issue, then it becomes a social problem. The social issues arise from improper means of dealing with addiction. Most addicts are simply looking for a human connection, to feel a part of (Botvin & Griffin, 2006). If the government here in the United States focused on treatment and rehabilitation (i.e. therapy, counseling, inpatient treatment, job, and housing assistance) instead of law enforcement, a lot of the social issues would take care of themselves.

In addition, drug abuse is not the problem as much as the lifestyle and choices that come with it. For example, if people did drugs and never did anything different while on them or to get more of them like robbery or stealing or rape or not going to work, domestic violence and the list goes on (Yes! even for so-called functioning addicts), then drug use would not be a social problem.

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