

# Trump Wants Death Penalty For Dangerous Drug Dealers – But who Are the Dangerous Ones?

President Trump suggested drug dealers in the United States should face harsher punishments, including the death penalty or life in prison, during a campaign rally last Saturday. Trump praised Singapore and China for their “zero tolerance policy” regarding drugs, and likes the idea for the U.S.

*I think it's a discussion we have to start thinking about. I don't know if we're ready. I don't know if this country's ready for it.”*

The president seems to be inspired by the Filipino President whose violent war against drugs has led to thousands of deaths, including small-time drug users and innocent people for whom he says is simply “collateral damage.”

*That means if we catch a drug dealer, death penalty.”*

Last year we know Trump congratulated the Philippines President Duterte for his efforts in eradicating drugs from the country thanks to a leaked transcript of their phone call.

*I just wanted to congratulate you because I am hearing of the unbelievable job on the drug problem. Many countries have the problem, we have a problem, but what a great job you are doing and I just wanted to call and tell you that.”*

At Saccone's campaign rally last Saturday, Trump said that we should handle drug dealers like murderers..

*You kill 5,000 people with drugs because you're smuggling*

*them in and you're making a lot of money and people are dying and they don't even put you in jail. That's why we have a problem, folks. I don't think we should play games."*

These remarks are consistent with the speech he made at the White House Opioids Summit last week when he suggested that drug dealers should have to face the death penalty.

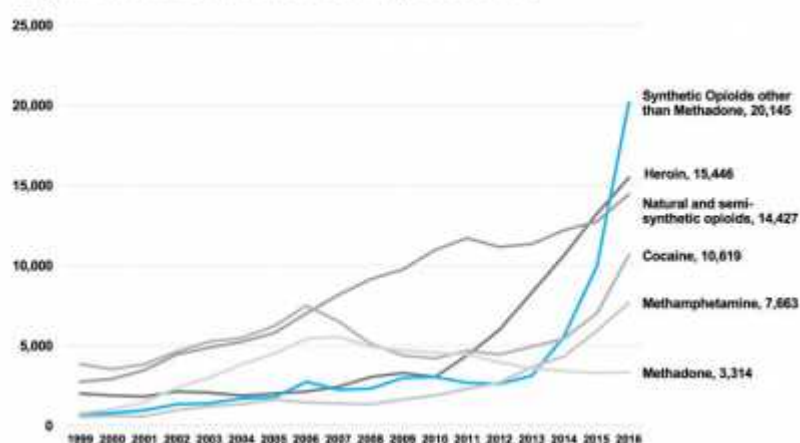
*Some countries have a very, very tough penalty – the ultimate penalty. And, by the way, they have much less of a drug problem than we do."* – Trump said during last week's summit

*President Trump discusses the death penalty for drug dealers: "I don't think we should play games ... These people are killing our kids and they're killing our families and we have to do something" <https://t.co/1xGAt31yBz>*

– CNN (@CNN) March 11, 2018

## The Real Drug Dealers

Drugs Involved in U.S. Overdose Deaths, 2000 to 2016



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) collected data that shows that more people die from legally prescribed drugs than from heroin and cocaine combined. The CDC says

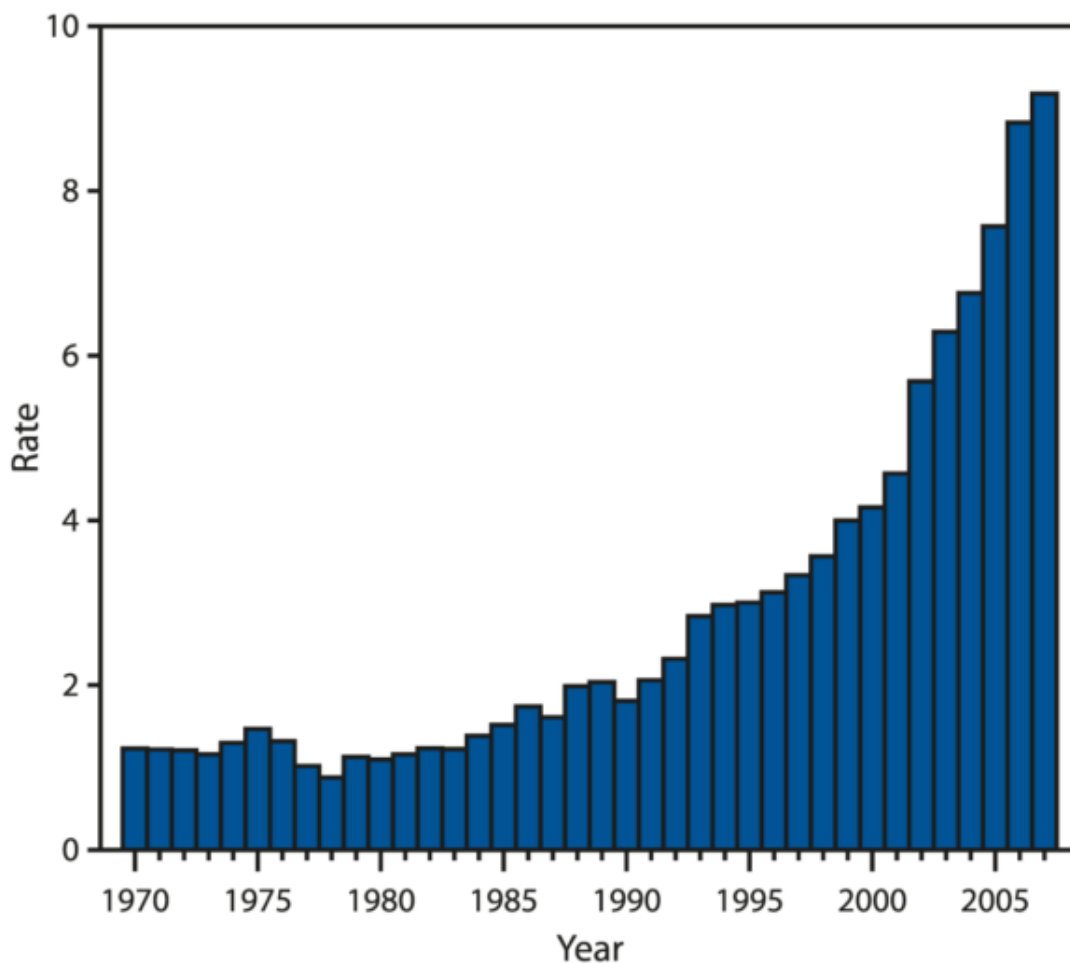
the situation as an “epidemic.”

And the rates are skyrocketing thanks to America’s opioid dependence.

America represents just five percent of the world’s population but we consume 75 percent of the world’s prescription drugs according to [Drugfreeworld.org](http://Drugfreeworld.org). There’s a misperception by many people that because pharmaceutical drugs are regulated that they are safer. But when misused or taken without a doctor’s prescription drugs can often kill as easily as street drugs.

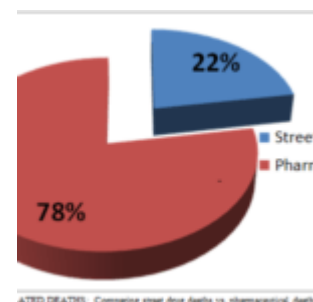
Prescription drug deaths for 2016 were tallied at 63,600, up from 52,000 in 2015. 2017 and 2018 look to continue the trend. It’s so bad that we actually except our average lifespan to have declined in 2017, and the trend is looking no better for this year.

**FIGURE . Rate\* of unintentional drug overdose deaths — United States, 1970–2007**



**Source:** National Vital Statistics System. Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss.htm>.

\* Per 100,000 population.



In other words, the pharmaceutical companies, the companies supposedly in the business of saving lives, are responsible for a drop in the life expectancy of the entire United States.

Let that sink in.

And these numbers, of course, do not represent all of the other deaths caused by pharmaceutical companies. Big Pharma is

killing us.

If you think about it and consider the toxicity and ineffectualness of drugs to actually rid disease, the pharmaceutical companies are killing us at a rate that far exceeds anything else.

Pharmaceutical companies are the dangerous drug dealers we need to put a stop to. We at OLM do not condone the death penalty, we like to see people get well, not get killed. But wouldn't it be nice if someone had the scruples and fortitude to go after the real bad guys?

### **Recommended Reading:**

- *Detox Cheap and Easy Without Fasting – Recipes Included*
- *Start Eating Like That and Start Eating Like This – Your Guide to Homeostasis Through Diet*
- *How to Make the Healthiest Smoothies – 4 Recipes*

### **Additional sources:**

- *Prescription Drugs Are More Deadly Than Street Drugs – Psychology Today*
- *CDC: Prescription Drugs Kill More Than Illegal Drugs; Teens at High Risk – The New American*