

"It is a disgrace that the United States — a country that promises to be the "land of the free" — allows so many people to be warehoused for non-violent drug offenses. Such offenses will not even be crimes in future generations when drugs are treated more sensibly, the market regulated and controlled, and addiction and abuse treated with public health approaches.

"This extraordinary injustice, many citizens now recognize, harms the imprisoned, your families, friends and communities. The people of the United States will pay a price for these harmful criminal justice policies over coming generations. Mass incarceration is hurting all of us. Help us stem this terrible tide of imprisonment and bring an end to drug war injustice." — Kevin Zeese, President of Common Sense for Drug Policy



James Calhoun
18 1/2 years
Marijuana
Conspiracy

I was asked by some people about the possibility of using my fishing boat to import marijuana. As time passed and plans were discussed, my tension, fear, guilt and worries mounted. Finally I wanted out of the discussions, period. I had changed my mind after being initially tempted.

I took back my boat before any marijuana could be loaded aboard. The boat left the dock in Jamaica empty and returned empty to the U.S. No drugs were ever loaded, imported or sold.

"We never knew that they [federal prosecutors] would take the generosity of good public policy makers and turn it on their heads. We never knew that they would take out after innocent people in so many different ways. I cannot even get into telling my colleagues how they use conspiracy laws. No evidence, no documentation. These conspiracy laws are filling up our prisons." — Rep. Maxine Walters to the House of Representatives

Joe Jackson

I'm serving a life sentence for conspiracy to possess and distribute methamphetamine. I transported some drugs to pay for my son's bone marrow transplant to save his life. Debt forced me into this crime, though I swore that I would never let that happen.



"We've just about lost a generation of young people. We're building new prison beds at the rate of 1000 a week and we're still overcrowded. . . We've spent [billions] on the drug war and we're losing it." — US District Judge Thomas Wiseman

Nerika Jenkins

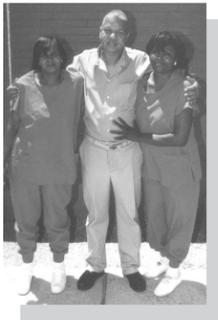
19 1/2 Years
Crack Cocaine
Conspiracy



According to the government, I was the 'Ring Leader's' girlfriend. Due to my unwillingness to testify as the government wished, the prosecutor painted an image of me at trial as a major drug kingpin that controlled millions of dollars. Where's the money?

Huey Bey

10 Years
Cocaine Conspiracy



I faced a life sentence and a \$4,000,000 fine for conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine, based solely on the word of some people who were caught with drugs. They "fingered" me to get a shorter sentence.

"Many criminologists have begun to ponder the unthinkable: that the criminal justice system itself, rather than guarding the peace, contributes to social instability in America." — The Real War on Crime: The Report of the National Criminal Justice Commission

Tim Tyler
Sentenced to two
life sentences for
selling LSD



"We cannot go into tomorrow with the same formulas that are failing today. We must not blindly add to the body count and the terrible cost of the War on Drugs, only to learn from another Robert McNamara thirty years from now that what we've been doing is, 'wrong, terribly wrong'." — Walter Cronkite

Susana Cruz
14 Years
Cocaine Conspiracy

I went to trial thinking the government of the United States was fair and just. Instead of justice, the government created lies, and accused me of a drug conspiracy without having any evidence.



Get the facts at www.DrugWarFacts.org

What you can do to end the injustice of the drug war

Take a display to a college, or offer to give an oral presentation. Many civic groups look for speakers on a variety of subjects. We can help you prepare and have materials available for making a display with impact!



Who are you?

You want the drug war to end, the prisoners of the drug war released, and the restoration of our civil rights.

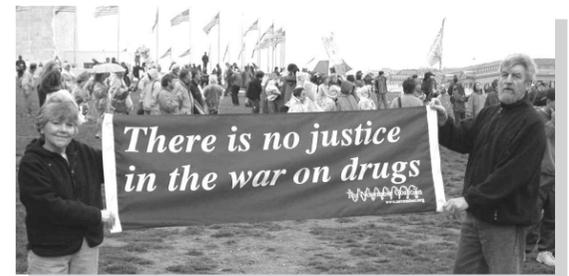
If you are like most, you probably think you are too timid to speak well in public. Perhaps you've never been involved in an activist group, and do not know the first thing about citizen action.

If you have a loved one imprisoned on a drug law violation, you might feel ashamed to talk about your experiences. You may feel that you are all alone.

Your conversation has the power to affect people who hear you. As you begin talking with others about the issues, they will begin to change how they think about the issue of drug war imprisonment.

There might not be an established November Coalition group in your area, but now perhaps there is one interested person — you!

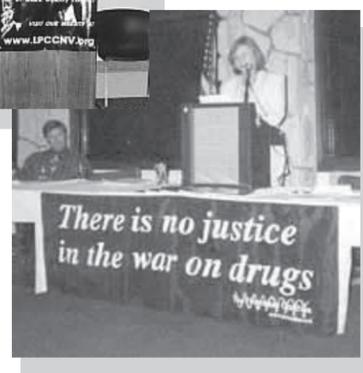
Anyone can be a drug policy reform activist. It does not take any special skills or superhuman abilities. You just need to care enough about people imprisoned by unjust drug laws.



The November Coalition has a banner and prisoner displays available. Contact our office for further information.



An informational table can be set up in a busy area of town, at community events, conferences, or at a city park near a sidewalk path that gets a lot of foot traffic. All you need is visibility and people!



We want you to realize that you as an individual can educate hundreds of people in your community. Lots of us have been doing this for quite awhile, leaving our imposed isolation to tell our fellow citizens that it is our government that should be ashamed.

For further information, visit our website at www.November.org