

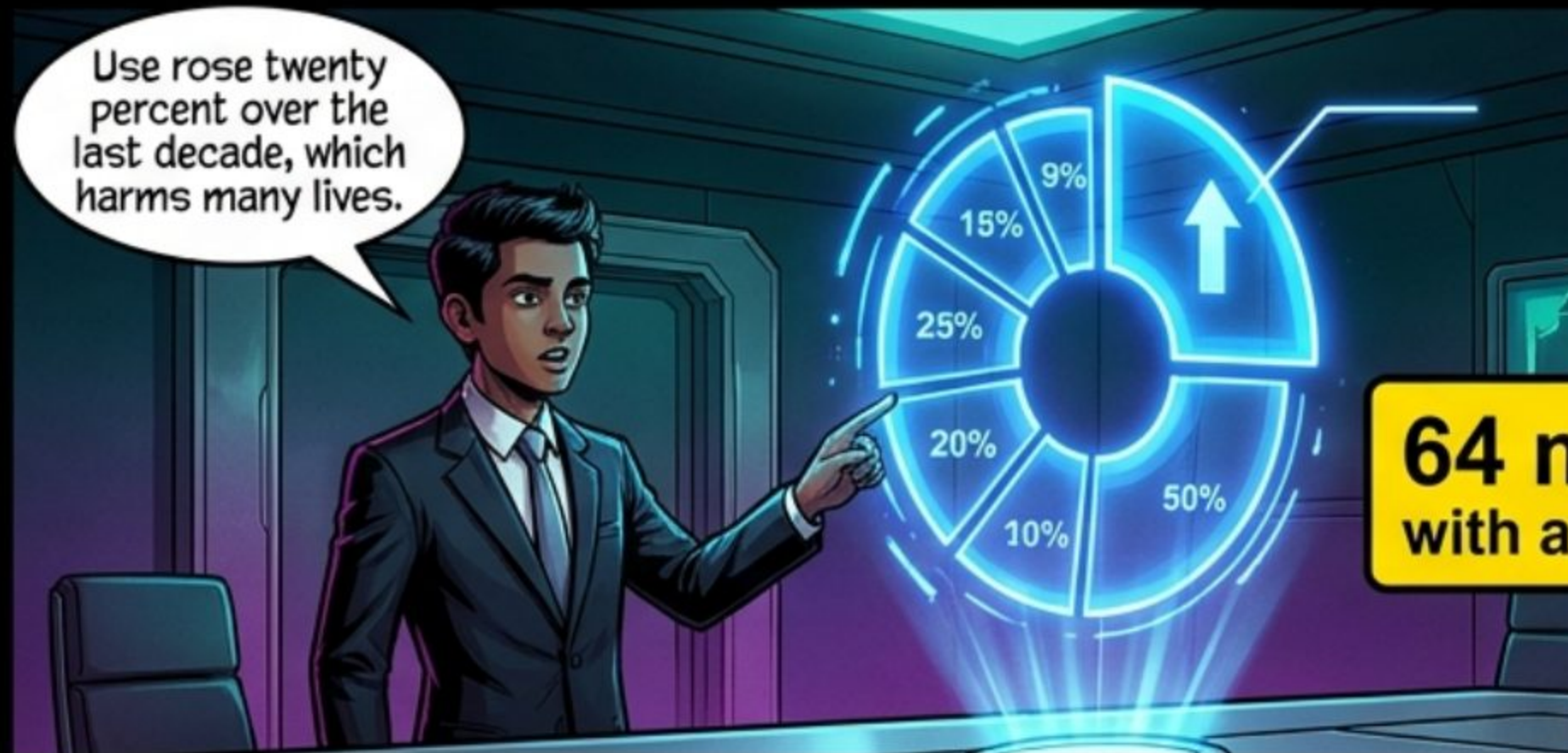
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64 million
with a disorder

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When workers become sick, a country loses labor, which harms the economy.



Money flows away from schools and roads because we must pay for hospitals and courts.



450,000
deaths in 2021

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The first approach
is enforcement.
We arrest users and sellers,
which sends a
clear signal.



Removing sellers is
desirable, but the results
are weak and the cost
is high.

International Drug Policy
Consortium, June 2025



The market returns after
each action, which is an
undesirable outcome.



The second approach is harm reduction. We provide clean medical supplies and medicine.

Fewer deaths and fewer infections are highly desirable outcomes.



Some find this undesirable, because it appears to accept drug use rather than end it.



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The third approach is decriminalization. We send users to health panels instead of courts.



A lower prison cost is desirable, which helps the economy recover.



Removing punishment invites worry that more use will follow, which is undesirable.

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The fourth approach
is treatment and prevention.
We spend on clinics and
school lessons.



This repairs the labor
force, which is a desirable
long-term result.

The results
are slow and the cost
comes first, which many
find undesirable.



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The United Nations system.

1961, 1971, and 1988 Conventions

UNODC

CND

INCB

We have three treaties that most countries signed to control drugs.

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These treaties create one shared global standard, which is desirable.

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Other international organizations.

Groups like the World Health Organization build strong shared evidence, which is desirable.



These groups can only *advise* and cannot *force action*, which limits their help.

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Several countries actively support a health-first approach, which shifts focus to care.



HARM REDUCTION

LEGAL REGULATION

These countries share a focus on harm reduction or legal regulation.



The Incidental Economist

We must study Portugal fairly. They changed their laws in 2001.



Lower infections and fewer deaths are highly desirable outcomes.



Murders rose 41 percent

Claims of simple success are incorrect, because we see both desirable and undesirable outcomes.



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