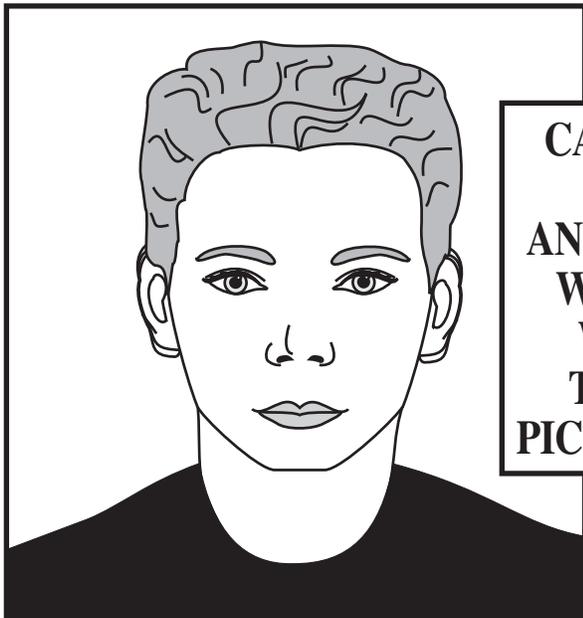
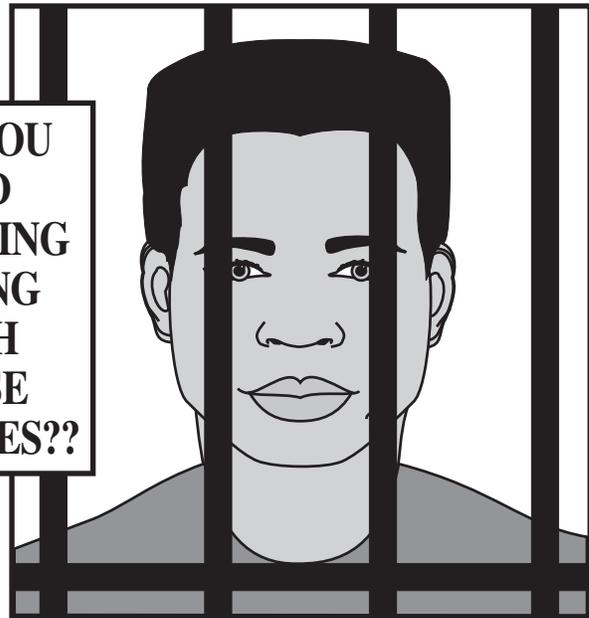


WHITE KIDS ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE USING (AND SELLING) DRUGS!



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According to the federal Centers for Disease Control, he's 4 times more likely than his African-American classmate to be a regular cocaine user.

According to the Justice Department, if he's arrested on drug charges, he's 1-1/2 times more likely than his white classmate to be sent to prison.

White high-school students who are current users of cocaine: 4.1%¹

African-American high-school students who are current users of cocaine: 1.1%¹

Chance of a white person ever trying an illicit drug in their lifetime: 42%²

Chance of an African-American person ever trying an illicit drug in their lifetime: 37.7%²

Percent of felony drug defendants in state courts who are white: 37%³

Percent of felony drug defendants in state courts who are black: 61%³

Percent of white drug felons given probation or nonincarceration sentence by state courts: 32%⁴

Percent of black drug felons given probation or nonincarceration sentence by state courts: 25%⁴

Percent of white drug felons sentenced to prison by state courts each year: 27%⁵

Percent of black drug felons sentenced to prison by state courts each year: 43%⁵

BLACK KIDS ARE MORE LIKELY TO GO TO PRISON!

Note:

According to the US Justice Department and the Office of National Drug Control Policy, drug users typically buy their drugs from sellers of their own racial or ethnic background. Research of Ethnicity & Race of Drug Sellers and Users: US Dept. of Justice National Institute of Justice & the Office of National Drug Control Policy, "Crack, Powder Cocaine, and Heroin: Drug Purchase and Use Patterns in Six U.S. Cities," December 1997, p.1, 16, and p. 15, Table 16.

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