

# Pursuit of Happiness

ROUND 16

“Drug use is your birthright” | Dr. Carl Hart

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## 1. Vocabulary *Check the meaning of these words/expressions in the dictionary.*

💡 Today's Expression(오른쪽 링크 클릭) - [I got the short end of the stick](#)

- Definition
- Example

QR코드를 통해 'I got the short end of the stick'의 설명 영상을 보실 수 있습니다.



1. **Espouse** (verb) - to adopt or support a belief or cause

ex) She **espouses** the idea that everyone should have access to healthcare.

"In the Declaration of Independence, the major ideals that are **espoused** is that every human has at least three birth rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

2. **Alter** (verb) - to make a change to something

ex) He **altered** his plans for the weekend after hearing about the weather forecast.

"If we were consistent, we would allow Americans to **alter** their consciousness- but we're not doing that."

3. **Live up to** (phrasal verb) - to fulfill or achieve something that is expected or promised

ex) She always tries to **live up to** her parents' expectations.

"And they were asking the country to **live up to** its ideals."

4. **Come out of the closet** (phrase) - to reveal a personal secret or aspect of oneself that has been kept hidden, usually related to sexuality or gender identity

ex) She **came out of the closet** to her family last year.

"One way that we can engage in civil disobedience is that we can disobey that law. And we disobey that law by **coming out of the closet** about your drug use."

5. **Persecute** (verb) - to treat someone unfairly or cruelly because of their race, religion, or beliefs

ex) The government **persecuted** political dissidents during the dictatorship.

"For us Americans to stand up on behalf of people who have been **persecuted** merely for acknowledging that they use drugs."

6. **Prerogative** (noun) - a right or privilege exclusive to a particular individual or class

ex) It is the boss's **prerogative** to decide when employees take their vacation days.

"So the bottom line is that when I think of my drug use, I think about, "This is my **prerogative!** This is related to my liberty. I have the choice to put in my body as I see fit.

## 2. Listening Drill

The Declaration of Independence is the **founding document** of the country. It's not a law, it's the ideal which we are striving to get to.

The major ideals that are espoused in the Declaration is that every human has at least three birth rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

And then the Declaration also says that, 'Governments should be created in order to secure these rights not restrict these rights.' If we were consistent, we would allow Americans to alter their **consciousness**- but we're not doing that.

What we have today is that our government is restricting our rights to alter our consciousness, restricting our rights to put whatever we decide in our body. It's inconsistent with this promise of Americans being able to live their life as they see fit.

So when we look back on the civil rights movement, for example, many of the leaders look to the Declaration of Independence showing that many of the laws, particularly like Jim Crow laws, were inconsistent with this promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for its Black citizens.

And they were asking the country to **live up to** its ideals. Dr. Martin Luther King for example said that, 'We have an obligation as citizens to disobey **unjust laws**.' And **I'm arguing that our drug laws are unjust.**

One way that we can engage in civil disobedience is that we can disobey that law. And we disobey that law by **coming out of the closet** about your drug use.

It would show the country that its view of a drug user is wholly inaccurate. The typical drug user is a middle-class person who is well functioning, who contributes to their community.

And so, I wanted people to come out of the closet so people could see this. There are still potential consequences for me being out of the closet about my drug use, but it's far more important for us as Americans to **set the record straight**- and for us Americans to stand up on behalf of people who have been persecuted merely for acknowledging that they use drugs.

What parades as patriotism in the United States is not real patriotism.

"America First! America First!"

So these people who wave flags and claim to be patriots- that's not necessarily patriotism. Patriotism is fighting for other people's rights like life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The problem is many Americans don't even know they have those birthrights. So the bottom line is that when I think of my drug use, I think about, "This is my prerogative!"

This is related to my liberty. I have the choice to put in my body **as I see fit**, and what I see fit to put into my body, that's my choice. And I think of drug use in the same way. As long as I am not preventing other people from doing the same, there are no problems.

### 3. Summary

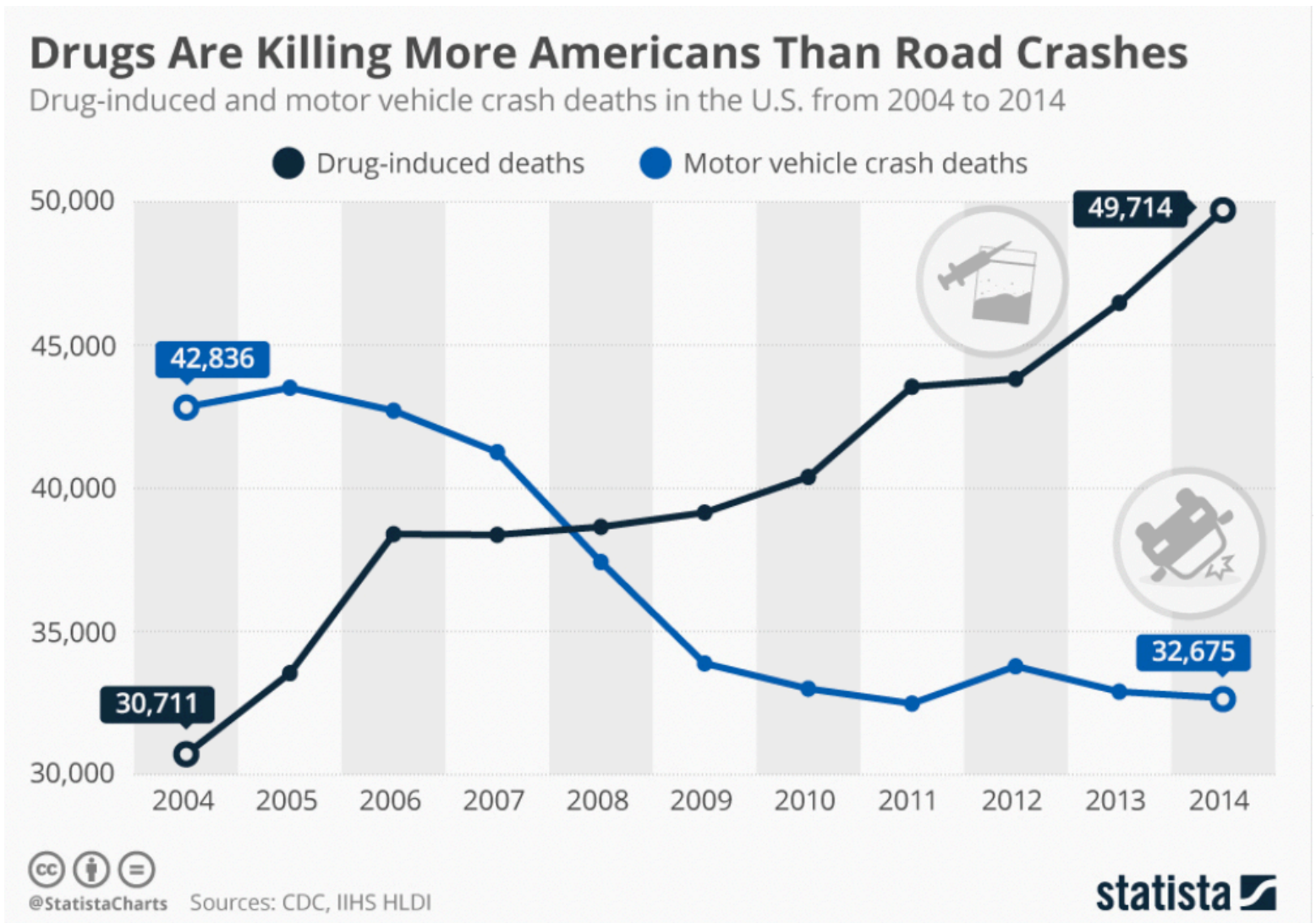
Summarize what you have seen/heard in two or three sentences

**Tip.**

Answer the questions using vocabularies that you learned in the vocabulary section.

### 4. Describing The Chart

Describe what is the general idea being expressed by the graph. Discuss it to your class. Try to interpret what you see in the chart.



# Drugs Are Killing More Americans Than Road Crashes

by Niall McCarthy, Nov 18, 2016

The United States has been [gripped by a heroin and opiate epidemic](#) with user numbers recently hitting a 20 year high. In 2014, the number of U.S. heroin users passed the million mark with deaths from overdoses rising steeply. Drugs are now killing substantially more Americans every year than car crashes. In 2004, 30,711 deaths were drug related compared to 42,836 in motor vehicle accidents.

A decade later, drug-induced deaths reached 49,714 while road crash deaths fell to 32,675. As well as the cheap supply of heroin, legislation aimed at eliminating prescription opioid abuse has actually added to the problem. It involved changing the texture of the pills to make them more difficult to crush and inject into the bloodstream. That move made people shift over to heroin in droves. New and deadlier drugs such as Fentanyl are also adding to the overdose epidemic. 50 times more potent than heroin, Fentanyl has created an overdose spike in several north-eastern states and has been named as the drug that killed pop singer Prince earlier this year.

## Questions

1. What 's the take away of the graph?
2. What extra information can help you understand the graph even better?
3. Do you have any interesting findings? What's your guess about it?

## 5. Discussion Questions

*Let's begin at the easy category. You are expected to have prepared your answers already before the class begins.*

### Easy

1. "I don't do drugs. I am drugs." - Salvador Dali
  - What do you think Salvador Dali meant by this statement?

2. Do you think that drugs are more prevalent in the art industry compared to other industries? Why or why not?

### Average

1. In some countries, drug addiction is treated as a public health issue rather than a criminal issue. Do you think this is a better approach, and why

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### Average

2. Carl Hart encourages people to come out of the closet about their drug use to show that typical drug users are not what the country thinks they are. Do you think this is a good idea? Why or why not?

### Difficult

1. Do you think the Korean government should adopt a more lenient approach to drug use and addiction, or should it continue to pursue a strict anti-drug policy?

## # Note1

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Topic \_\_\_\_\_

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### Expression of the Day

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*Write Down idioms/ phrasal verbs that you learned in the sessions*

**Have you used today?**

Week 1.

Yes

No

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Week 2.

Yes

No

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### Words of the Day

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*Please write down vocabularies and idioms that you have learned at Talksharp and try to practice them in your own sentences today. Once you use any of them today? Please cross them out.*

### Useful Sentences

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*Video Script is a good source to enhance your verbal sentences. Put a note of sentences that you want to learn*

### Today's Correction

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*Write down today's correction.*



## # Note 2

**Please write down Korean sentences difficult for you to convey in English**

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Sentence2

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Sentence3

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**Please write sentences above in English so that you could never fail again**

Sentence1

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Sentence2

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Sentence3

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**Put a note of vocabularies or idioms that you want to learn**