

Table 2.46

Attitudes toward effectiveness of anti-drug measures

United States, 1996

Question: "I am going to read you a list of things that could be done to reduce the illegal drug problem in the United States. After I read all of the options to you, please tell me which one you think is the most effective in terms of where money should be spent to fight the war on drugs."

	Most effective	Most and second most effective
Stopping drugs from coming into the United States	31%	50%
Having more programs to educate both youth and adults about the dangers of drugs	28	47
More efforts, including police action and criminal prosecution, to stop the drug dealers	22	46
Putting more drug treatment programs in communities and neighborhoods	9	24
More efforts, including police actions and criminal prosecution, to stop the people who buy drugs	6	17
Building more jails and prisons for drug offenders	2	7

Note: See Note, table 2.41. The "all equally effective," "don't know," and "refused" categories have been omitted; therefore percents do not sum to 100.

Source: Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, *Consult with America: A Look at How Americans View the Country's Drug Problem* (Washington, DC: Office of National Drug Control Policy, 1996), p. 37. Table adapted by SOURCE-BOOK staff.