Name of country:Canada

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The country of Canada feels that the issue of drug-related crime is a worldwide threat and should be treated so as to greatly reduce it. Crime in general has declined in Canada since 2000 with rates dropping by 30 percent or more. The country of Canada expresses the need to stop the illegal drug network and related crime whether big or small, national or international.

Drug-related crime is an important problem all over the world, including Canada who has taken this situation incredibly seriously via its National Anti Drug Strategy in 2007 and the Synthetic Drug Initiative of 2009. However Justin Trudeau’s Liberal government has taken a different, some say softer, approach to the drug problem, legalising marijuana and posession of small amounts of drugs. Canada still attempts to help raise awareness and stop illegal activities concerning drugs and crime.

Drug-related crime is a frightful and atrocious part of life, one reason being that it results in loss of innocent life. However there are substances which we need some amounts of, for medical purposes and saving lives, so we cannot simply destroy all drugs. Used wrongly, drugs may lead to addiction, self harm and/or even suicide. It is vital that we reduce illegal use. In order to do this, we must act fast. Preventing kids and young people from accessing drugs and reducing the quantities brought in is a start. Education about drugs when young is vital. So we need to train more educators. Also training more people to become policemen could result in crime rates decreasing.

A large percentage of worldwide crime is drug related and finding different ways to approach this issue is essential.