

Stimulant Drug Use in Latin America and Asia

Users, markets and harm reduction approaches



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Crack / paco production process

Coca leaf

acullicu / coqueo (chewing)- tea / flour- religious uses

+ alkaline (lime / sodium bicarbonate / cement)
+ kerosene
+ sulphuric acid

Cocaine base paste (PBC)

paco / bazuco / pitillo - smoked / smoked with tobacco

+ potassium permanganate
+ sulphuric / hydrochloric acid
+ ammonia

+ sodium bicarbonate
+ acid / acetone / ether / ethanol

Crack / merla

Smoked / inhaled

Cocaine base - 'washed paste'

paco / bazuco / pitillo - smoked / smoked with tobacco

+ acetone / ether
+ hydrochloric acid
+ potassium permanganate

Residue

paco / smoked

Cocaine hydrochloride

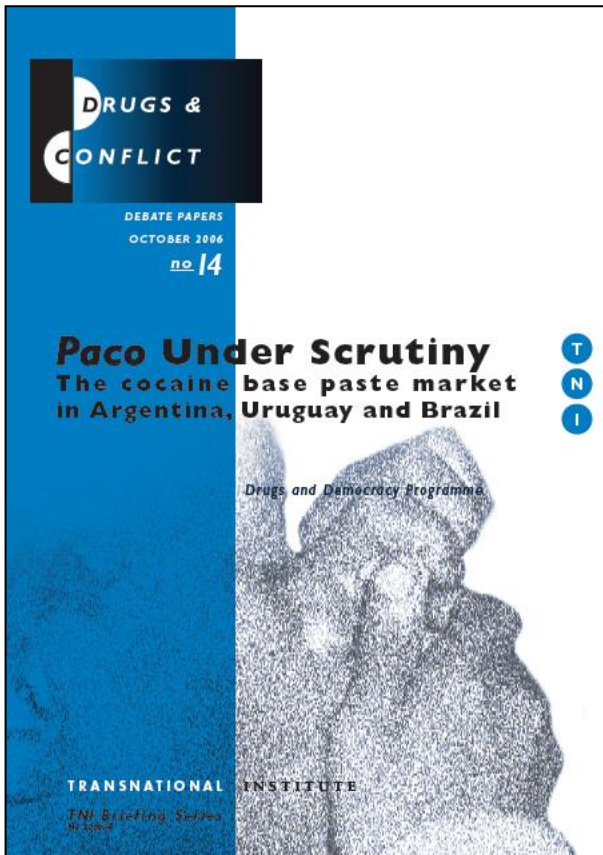
snorted / injected

+ ammonia / sodium bicarbonate

Crack

smoked / inhaled

Lack of Research



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Comprando Miedo: Personas usuarias de crack en Costa Rica

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EL PROCESO DE FUMADO

Se introduce la alambrita metálica en un tubo. Se monta la piedra encima de la alambrita



Con una llama, se derrite la piedra (5 a 10 segundos de calor)



El tubo se lleva a la boca y se aplica calor nuevamente. Se inhala una sola vez



Paraphernalia



Low Threshold Services



Cannabis Substitution

Crack Heads and Roots Daughters: The Therapeutic Use of Cannabis in Jamaica

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SUMMARY. An ethnographic study of women and drug use in inner city neighborhoods in Kingston, Jamaica, revealed that cannabis is commonly used in conjunction with crack cocaine to minimize the undesirable effects of crack pipe smoking, specifically paranoia and weight loss. According to 33 current or former crack using women, who were followed for a period of nine months, cannabis cigarettes (“spliffs”) constitute the cheapest, most effective and readily available therapy for discontinuing crack consumption. The findings of this research suggest the need to reframe “multiple drug use” within the cultural meanings that attend cannabis in Jamaica as a medicine and a sacrament. *[Article copies available for a fee from The Haworth Document Delivery Service: 1-800-HAWORTH. E-mail address: <getinfo@haworthpressinc.com> Website: <<http://www.HaworthPress.com>> 2002 by The Haworth Press, Inc. All rights reserved.]*

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THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS BY CRACK ADDICTS IN BRAZIL

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Abstract—This study ensued from clinical observations based on spontaneous accounts by crack abusers undergoing their first psychiatric assessment, where they reported using cannabis in an attempt to ease their own withdrawal symptoms. Throughout a period of nine months, the researchers followed up on 25 male patients aged 16 to 28 who were strongly addicted to crack, as diagnosed through the Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI), according to CID-10 and DSM-IV diagnostic criteria. Most of the subjects (68%, or 17 individuals) ceased to use crack and reported that the use of cannabis had reduced their craving symptoms, and produced subjective and concrete changes in their behavior, helping them to overcome crack addiction. The authors discuss some psychological, pharmacological and cultural aspects of these findings.

Keywords—cannabis, crack, dependence, harm reduction

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