

The evidence produced by the array of data systems we use to measure progress makes it clear that our Nation is moving steadily in the right direction, both domestically and internationally, in the fight against illegal drugs. The past eight years of counterdrug efforts demonstrate that when we as a Nation work together to solve problems, those problems can be successfully confronted and made smaller. This progress is the cumulative result not just of the heroic efforts of law enforcement officers, parents, teachers, coaches, and other community leaders, but of the decisions of hundreds of thousands of individuals not to use drugs. This progress is real, but it cannot be sustained without the continued hard work of communities throughout America and our partners around the world.