Illegal Drugs

1. How were the several surveys highlighted in these articles performed?

2. Can their results be trusted? Why or why not?

3. Having subjects self-report on their involvement in illegal activities can be unreliable, at best. How, if at all, did these studies try to get around this problem? Did they succeed?

4. Is there a direct connection between the use of illegal drugs and involvement in other illicit activities?

5. Is illegal drug use even a “problem” in the U.S.?

6. It has been claimed by some that the use of many illegal drugs should be legalized. Whether or not you agree with this position, how would you design a study to estimate the effect of legalizing the use of one or more illicit drugs?