LEGALIZATION OF DRUGS

The American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry maintains the position that any new legislation supporting recreational drug legalization and taxable sales must concurrently provide robust research and development of public health safety policies to prevent substance-related harms and substance use disorders and must also provide adequate funding for prevention of such harms and treatment of substance use disorder that may expand with greater legal access.

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