

# Argentina Must Reject Soros's Dope, Genocide

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A proposal to decriminalize drug possession for “personal consumption,” inspired by dope pusher and unrepentant servant of the Nazis George Soros, is tearing apart the Cabinet of Argentine President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, and alienating many of her supporters among provincial governors. At the urging of some of her close advisors, the President backs the proposal; but she is sitting on a powder keg which could blow up at any moment, destroying everything she claims to defend, should she insist on moving forward with Soros's nation-wrecking agenda.

The tension that has been simmering inside the Cabinet for some time, came to the surface publicly and in a very ugly way on Dec. 16, putting a spotlight on the brawl between Justice and Human Rights Minister Aníbal Fernández, the Cabinet's most vocal supporter of the decriminalization proposal, and José Ramón Granero, director of the government's own anti-drug agency Sedronar, and an outspoken opponent of any form of drug legalization.

News media reported that a vehicle belonging to Sedronar had been found with eight kilos of cocaine in it, and implied that the agency and Granero were implicated in drug-related corruption. In response, Granero charged that the Justice Minister and his top aide had probably set him up, and added that “Aníbal wants to hand my head on a platter to the President” so he can then take over and emasculate Sedronar.

While the back-and-forth between the two men provided plenty of grist for the media mill, this fight isn't about Granero or Fernández. It's about Soros, who spent his adolescence in World War II Budapest working for the Nazis against his fellow Jews. Today, the billionaire speculator takes his orders from Argentina's historic enemy, the City of London.

Does Cristina Fernández have the guts to repudiate this gangster Soros, whose financial as well as drug policies are directed against sovereign nation-states? Or

will she, like former Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo did recently, say that Soros's pro-Nazi mentality is “irrelevant” to the issue of drug policy?

This is *the* crucial issue, not just for the Argentine President, but for every other Ibero-American leader who has swallowed the Soros “harm reduction” fraud, premised on the lie that drug consumption is really an issue of public health, and must be decriminalized in order to “help” the addict.

In reality, this argument is a foot in the door for the full-scale drug legalization which the British Empire seeks to impose as part of its new Opium War against the Americas.

## The Soros ‘Elephant’

Soros is the elephant in the room that no Argentine government official dares even mention. But there is no escaping his presence.

Every utterance from Justice Minister Fernández's mouth promoting drug decriminalization comes directly from Soros's “harm reduction” script. But Fernández is a loose cannon of sorts, running off at the mouth whenever the opportunity arises to push Soros's pro-drug propaganda.

More insidious is unofficial Presidential advisor Horacio Verbitsky, editor of the daily *Página 12*, whose chief benefactor is Soros himself.

Verbitsky's public face is as a human rights advocate and director of the CELS NGO. In 1998, Human Rights Watch/Americas, which Soros has generously financed for years, picked up Verbitsky as one of its assets, awarding him one of its “prestigious” Hellman/Hammett grants. A year later, Verbitsky was named to HRW's International Advisory Board, where he still sits today, alongside Soros and a number of other luminaries from the U.S. political and financial establishment, many of them with close ties to Wall Street.

This is an odd place for Verbitsky, who served as intelligence chief for the terrorist Montoneros in the 1970s, and still claims to be an “enemy of capitalism.” What is this self-proclaimed revolutionary doing in bed with Soros, who fondly recalls his time working for the Nazis, and proudly states that he feels “no remorse” about that period of his life?

Perhaps it's because Verbitsky takes his orders from the same British masters that pull Soros's strings. That would also explain his repeated slanders of Lyndon LaRouche, a well-known figure in Argentina. Ver-

bitsky lifts his lies about LaRouche from scribbler Dennis King, the professional “Get LaRouche” operative on the payroll of that most right-wing of U.S. intelligence-connected outfits, the Smith Richardson Foundation.

Verbitsky writes extensively in support of drug legalization through *Página 12*. In June 2003, he was one of two speakers at the official presentation of the book published by the Soros-financed Argentine Harm Reduction Association, entitled *Drugs: Between the Failure and Harm of Prohibition. New Perspectives in the Debate on Decriminalization-Legalization*. The other speaker was then-judge and now Supreme Court magistrate Eugenio Raúl Zaffaroni, a drug-legalization advocate who was one of the first judges to declare unconstitutional the article in the national drug law that criminalizes drug possession.

Shortly, the Supreme Court will rule on the constitutionality of that article. If declared unconstitutional, as expected, this will be the green light for the government to formally introduce its own decriminalization bill into Congress.

### Whose ‘Human Right’?

Like Verbitsky, Zaffaroni argues that prohibiting drug consumption is “inquisitorial” and “authoritarian,” bordering on fascism. Verbitsky equates prohibition of drug consumption with the human rights violations committed by the 1976-83 military dictatorship.

Justice Minister Fernández also focusses on human rights. In his March 2008 speech before the UN Drug Commission meeting in Vienna, he ranted against “repressive” anti-drug policies, such as those applied in Colombia, which he called “a total failure.” Argentina, he said, would be advocating policies which included “decriminalization of the consumer, in the framework of what we call the second generation of human rights.”

Fernández repeated the same argument in his keynote speech before this year’s National Conference on Drug Policy, sponsored by several international NGOs which Soros finances—the Open Society Institute, the Tides Foundation, and the Transnational Institute, to name a few. Held on Aug. 25-26 in the National Congress, and declared to be a “matter of interest” by that body, these annual conferences meet for no other purpose than to promote the Soros

agenda of drug legalization and “harm reduction.”

But, despite the effort and money the Soros crowd is putting into Argentina, they still have a problem. The majority of the population doesn’t support drug legalization or think it is a fundamental human right.

And why should they?

Look at the meteoric rise in the consumption of *paco*, a highly addictive crack cocaine-like drug that is sweeping through Argentina’s urban slums, taking a particularly huge toll on youth. Young addicts will sell or barter their clothes, shoes, or anything they can steal, to obtain the drug.

You want “harm reduction”? Then “eliminate poverty,” says Isabel Vásquez, who founded Mothers Against Paco in the late 1990s to protest the government’s inaction against the spread of this lethal drug. Paco is a “drug of the poor,” she told the publication *Brindarse* in late November. If youth are to resist this scourge, then government must act to provide “health care, education, economic development, and social justice.” Anything else is worthless.

Those directly involved in treating addicts speak bluntly. José Marí Rshaid, director of the Casa del Sur treatment center, warns that the proposed decriminalization law is a “dangerous trap, which means letting [youth] commit suicide. The State cannot allow these kids to choose freely” about consuming drugs. Claudio Izaguirre, president of the Argentine Anti-Drug Association, calls it “genocide,” warning that drugs like *paco* turn human beings “into animals.”

Speaking to the daily *Ciudadano* of Mendoza in late November, Izaguirre cautions that he uses the term *genocide* very precisely. Combine the Justice Minister’s campaign, with the fact that Sedronar’s budget has been halved, the availability of drugs is at an all-time high, and prevention and free treatment programs are practically non-existent: “The result of that equation is genocide. There is no prevention; there is no help; they just put the joint in your mouth.

“Always understanding genocide to mean the extermination of the human species,” Izaguirre explained, look at the fact that seven out of ten adolescent suicides are the result of drug consumption. In the absence of prevention programs, “we consider that the government is allowing the marketing of drugs to promote consumption.” In the capital of Buenos Aires, he said, “there are more sites that sell drugs than there are taxi stands.”