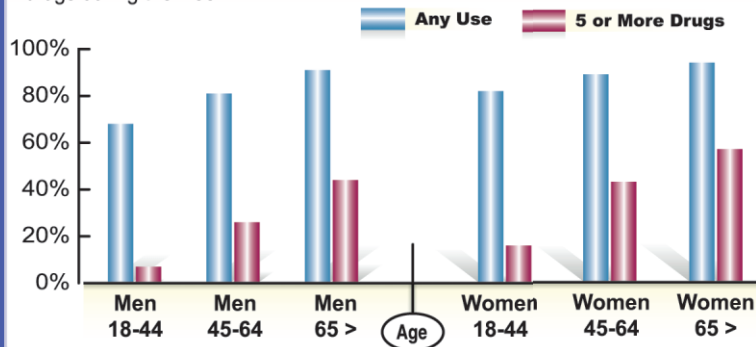


## America's Love Affair with Drugs

A recent study revealed the percentage of U.S. adults who took at least one medication ("prescription or OTC drug, vitamin/mineral, or herbal/supplement") over a given week. The researchers also identified those who took more than five drugs during the week.



If this doesn't wake people up to the fact that Americans have a serious drug problem, nothing will.

SOURCE: Recent patterns of medication use in the ambulatory adult population of the United States. Kaufman DW, Kelly JP, Rosenberg L, Anderson TE, Mitchell AA. *JAMA* 2002;287:337-344.