

The phenomenon of drug abuse among adolescents and youth in the city of Nasiriyah and ways to treat it in 2020

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Abstract

The problem of combating drug crimes has become characterized by features that distinguish it from other matters that the contemporary international community is dealing with. The cultivation of narcotic plants, the manufacture of drugs, the installation and creation of new varieties of them, the transfer and promotion of them, the illegal trade in them, their abuse, addiction and misuse are all no longer free of them or one of them any country From countries of the world. For this reason, the spread of drugs is one of the most important contemporary problems facing developing and developed societies alike, whether it ultimately leads to leaving social, economic and psychological effects and the consequent serious repercussions on the criminal phenomenon. Availability of official statistics prepared for this purpose.

Keywords:Drugs, sources and types of drugs, industrial, synthetic, pathways, drug users, drug dealers, demographics, economic activity, educational level, causes and effects of drug users, solutions to treat drug abuse.

Introduction

Iraq is the cradle of civilizations, the last of which is the Islamic civilization that has absorbed all ethical and societal concepts and the spirit of cooperation and high ethics. Therefore, customs and traditions have not been affected by any deviations that have afflicted society for decades, but after political and social changes and many decades of time, some negative phenomena rose to the surface and took effect on the body Societies, including the Iraqi society, which is the phenomenon of drugs, as it began to erode the internal structure of the family and ended with its dangerous repercussions on society and the security aspects of the state alike, so this research came to shed light on the repercussions of this dangerous scourge in the community of Nasiriyah, according to official statistics issued by specialized authorities in this field.

Research problem

The research problem includes the following questions:

1. What are the sources and types of drugs and the regions of their production and cultivation in the Middle East?
2. What are the most important routes for drug smuggling to Iraq in general and the city of Nasiriyah in particular?
3. What are the demographic, economic and social characteristics of drug traffickers and users in Nasiriyah?
4. What are the causes and effects of drug abuse and addiction on families and the community of Nasiriyah?

Research hypothesis

1. Drugs are classified into several types (natural, industrial, synthetic), and countries (Thailand, Laos, Myanmar) and other countries (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran) are at the forefront of drug-producing countries in the Middle East.
2. There are several paths that drug gangs follow to enter Iraq, via Iran, and then to the rest of the countries neighboring Iraq.
3. Demographic, economic and social characteristics have increased the number of drug users and dealers in the city of Nasiriyah.
4. There are several reasons (political, social, economic, and cultural) behind the spread of drug crime in the city of Nasiriyah, and it has major implications for the individual user, his family, and societal security.

The purpose and sample of the research

The research aims through the available official statistics, as well as the field study represented in the distribution of the questionnaire form, by 100% to the total number of prisoners accused in the Nasiriyah Light Sentencing Prison by (144) prisoners, Appendix (1). Maximum accuracy sought from this research.

Limits of the search area

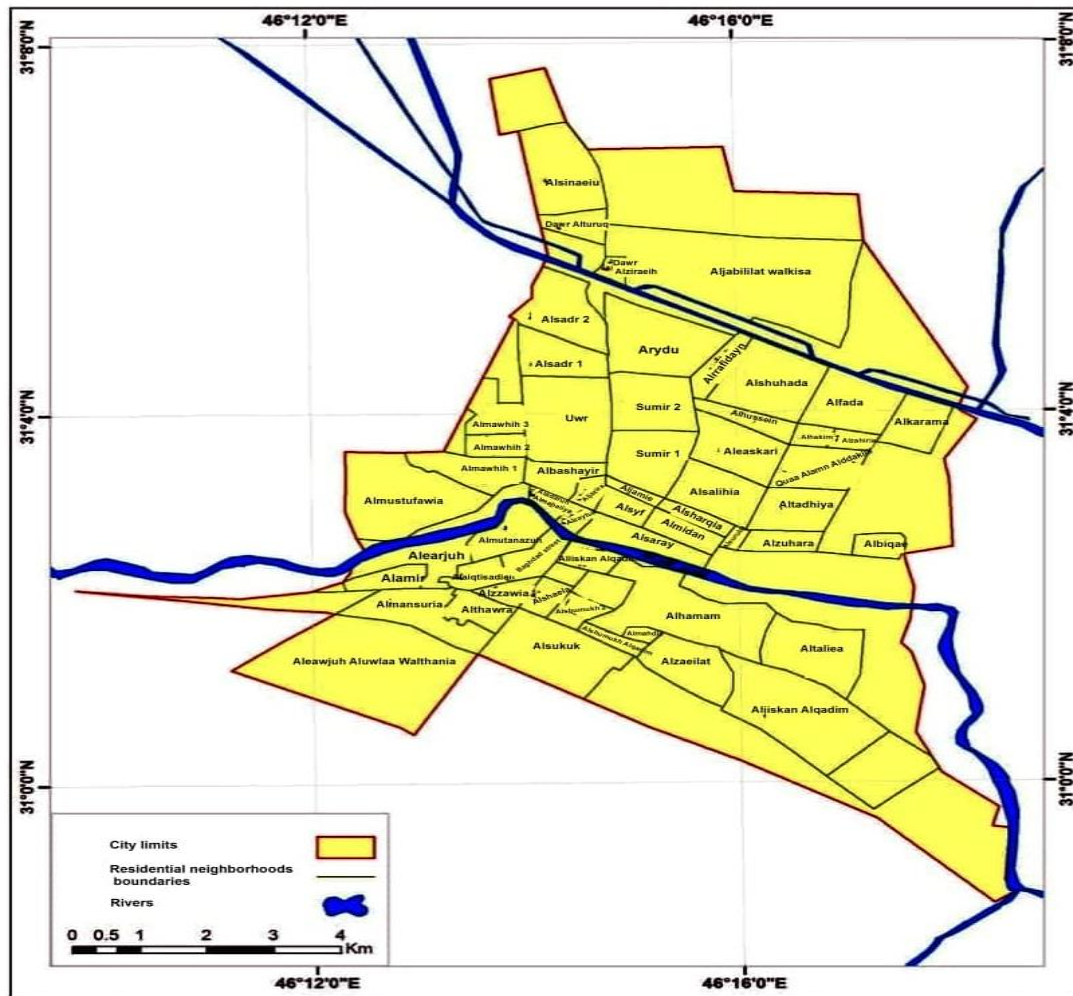
The city of Nasiriyah, which is the administrative center of Dhi Qar governorate, which is located astronomically between the circuits of latitude 99 30 - 10 and 31 north and longitudes 2046-2946. 55) A Residential Neighborhood, Map (1).

As for the temporal limits, they were represented for the year 2020.

Research Methodology

The research relied on the descriptive approach to the phenomenon, as well as the use of inductive and field survey methodologies to achieve the purpose of the research.

Map 1 Residential neighborhoods in Nasiriyah for the year 2020



Source: Nasiriyah Municipality Directorate, Geographic Information Systems Division, unpublished data, for the year 2019.

The concept of drugs, their types, and their geographical paths in the Middle East

The concept of drugs (language, convention, scientific, legal)

The concept of dope points in The language To the state of apathy or laziness resulting from numbness, while the concept of narcotic Idiomatically It is a stimulant or analgesic substance, either by definition Scientific He considers it a chemical substance that causes drowsiness and sleep or lack of awareness accompanied by analgesia, and from this perspective, this substance can enter as a painkiller described for some disease cases, but from a legal point of view, drugs of all kinds are substances that affect the human nervous system, and therefore the law warns dealing with them in terms of cultivation and sale. Depending on the severe harm it causes to the individual and society alike, The law Former Iraqi No. 68 of 1965 states that drugs are felonies, so criminal penalties were prescribed for them ⁽¹⁾ :

- Imposing the death penalty or life imprisonment with confiscation of movable and immovable property for anyone who committed without a permit from the competent authorities to import, export, produce, or manufacture drugs, as well as anyone who sold or delivered them to others or waived them in any deal with fines.

- Whoever cultivates or develops narcotic plants with the intention of trading them shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of (5-15) years, and the penalty shall be death for the accused and imposing financial fines, if he commits all the acts in the two mentioned paragraphs.
- Any accused of state employees, including customs employees, shall be punished by imprisonment or death. The same provisions apply to employees of the armed forces, with financial fines imposed in addition to the above punishment.
- Every suspect accused of using drugs or possessing them for personal use shall be sentenced to (15 years imprisonment) and a fine (500-1000) dinars.

Ecstasy, toot

The profits made from narcotic substances make their manufacturers and exporters have the ability to create new types so that it is difficult to enumerate and classify them. Some specialists classified them on the basis of their effect and others on the basis of their production methods, and in general it can be summarized. **Kinds** They are (according to their effect on humans - intoxicants, alcohol and benzene, drugs that cause euphoria - opium, narcotic drugs that cause hallucinations - hypnotics and their various types, according to the method of production - if they are natural, then they are plants such as poppy - hashish - cocaine, as for industrial laboratories, they are morphine - heroin) There are other types according to color, psychological impact ...etc. As for the most universally accepted classification, it is the WHO classification that is based on the chemical composition of the drug and not on its effects on people, namely (opiates - cannabis - coca - stimulants - amphetamines - barbiturates - khat - folates)⁽²⁾.

The most important drug-producing countries in the Middle East (*)

Many of the studies taken from the drug phenomenon as their title dealt with tracing the habitats of drug cultivation as well as tracing their paths, as the most famous countries that cultivate drugs were represented by the Golden Triangle (Thailand, Laos, Myanmar) and the other triangle represented by countries (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran), In addition to its cultivation in several other countries located in the Middle East⁽³⁾. It is worth mentioning that **Afghanistan** It is the largest supplier of opium drugs, as the areas cultivated in it increased from (14,300) hectares in 1990 to (131,000) hectares in 2011, which indicates an increase in the local and global demand for drugs. **Iran** It is ranked second in the promotion of drugs within the borders of its geographical area, as well as its smuggling to European countries, Turkey and Iraq, so it ranks first in the world for the production of heroin, so that (95%) of the Iranian heroin smuggled to Azerbaijan comes through Iranian drug gangs.⁽⁴⁾ Map (2).

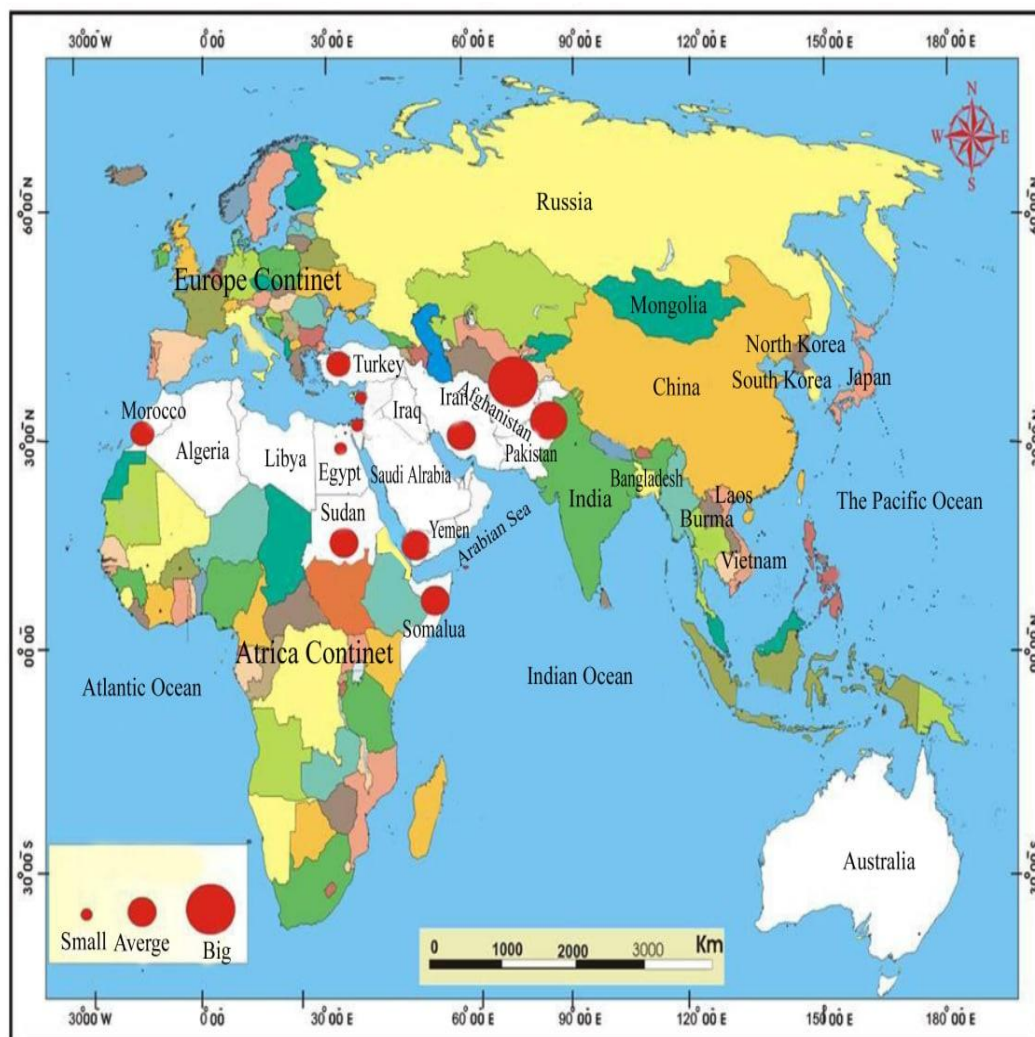
Geographical paths of drug trafficking in the Middle East and

*The Middle East includes many Arab countries and some neighboring countries, according to the French (La Ross) Encyclopedia, namely (Turkey, Syria, Egypt, The Zionist entity Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Sudan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India), and many definitions indicated that (Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan represent the heart of the Middle East and it is the focus of the global conflict. A century ago)

Iraq in particular

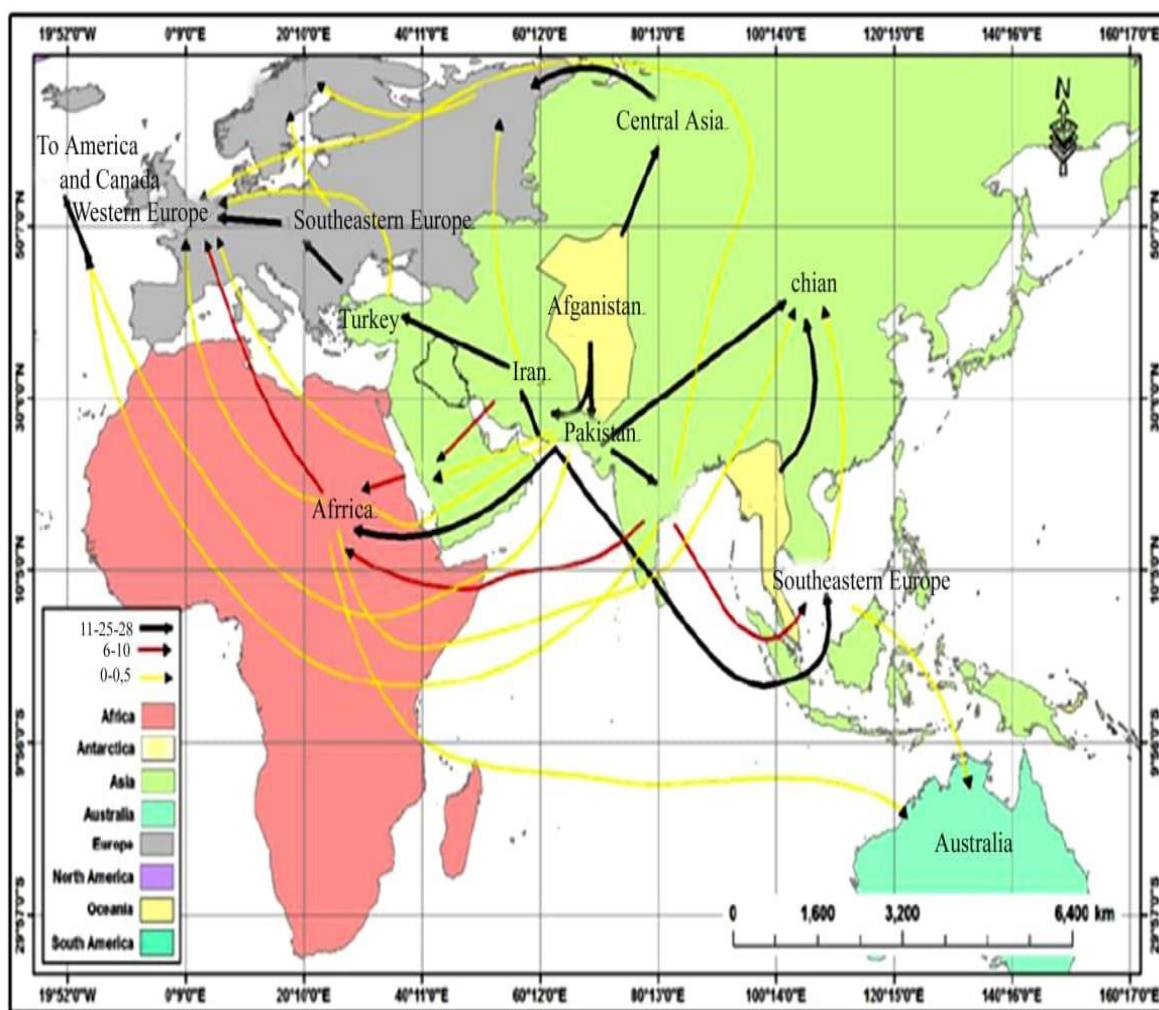
After identifying drug-producing countries, we will touch upon the most important paths followed by the gangs specialized in exporting them to countries in the Middle East in general and Iraq in particular. As we notice that there is a typical path carried out by gangs and mafias for the Mediterranean countries (Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan), as Lebanon acts as a station for collecting drugs and then takes a land route through Syria, Jordan and Palestine to the Sinai desert in Egypt, which is an ideal collection area. Another route goes from Pakistan through Iran and then to Iraq, Kuwait, Turkey and Syria⁽⁵⁾ It is worth mentioning that there are other routes for smuggling Turkish drugs (hashish, opium and heroin) through Syria to the Levant region, and then smuggled drugs through Egypt and the Persian Gulf.⁽⁶⁾ . We note that narcotic pills are smuggled into the Arab Gulf states and come from European countries through the oil markets and large ships, while the North African countries (Egypt, Tunisia, Libya) have witnessed political changes in recent times that have led to the loss of security and thus the spread of the drug phenomenon on a large scale as it follows the path Drugs from the continent of South America through the African continent and then enter the Arab countries⁽⁷⁾ , Seen Map (3).

Map (2) The volume of drug production in the Middle East for the year 2020



Source: Qasim Abd Ali Atheeb, The drug phenomenon in the Middle East and its impact on the national security of Iraq (a study in political geography), Al-Adab Magazine, Issue 124, 2018, p. 332.

Map (3) The most important drug smuggling routes to the Middle East and Iraq for 2020



Source: Hamid Yasser Al-Yasiri, The Phenomenon of Drugs and Transnational Organized Crime, Journal of Geographical Research, Issue 21, 2014, p. 272.

The demographic, economic and social characteristics of drug users in Nasiriyah

Spatial distribution of drug abuse in the city of Nasiriyah

The city of Nasiriyah is considered one of the southern cities of Iraq, which was distinguished by its ability to preserve the original Arab customs and traditions. Thus, the phenomenon of drugs and their spread in the city is considered an exotic exacerbation after 2003, especially after the US occupation of Iraq and its creation of a state of war, chaos and insecurity, as well as cases of abuse and the spread of poverty And the unemployment and ignorance that the Iraqi citizen and the research area live in, especially the young, and therefore all these data have created suitable climates for drug trafficking and drug users, as it is clear from Table (1) and Figure (1) that the number of drug addicts in Dhi Qar governorate is (287) dealer / drug user. Of which (144) cases were in the city of Nasiriyah. The spatial distribution of drug abusers and drug traffickers in the city also varies, as they were distributed among (24) residential neighborhoods out of the total neighborhoods of the city of Nasiriyah, which amounted to (55) residential neighborhoods (Map 1), as the highest number was recorded in the Eridu district by (18 dealers / users) with a rate of (12) (5%), and the lowest number was recorded in the neighborhoods of (Al-Moallem, Al-Ghadeer, and Al-Iskan) by one crime and by (0.7%), Table (2) and Figure (2).

Table (1) Number of drug offenders according to its type in Dhi Qar Governorate and Nasiriyah City for the year 2020.

Type of offence	The city of Nasiriyah	%	Governorate Thi-Qar	%
drug dealer	89	61.8	161	56.1
Drug abuser	55	38.2	126	43.9
Total	144	100%	287	100%

Source: Republic of Iraq, Ministry of Justice, Iraqi Correctional Department, Nasiriyah Light Sentencing Prison, unpublished data, for 2020.

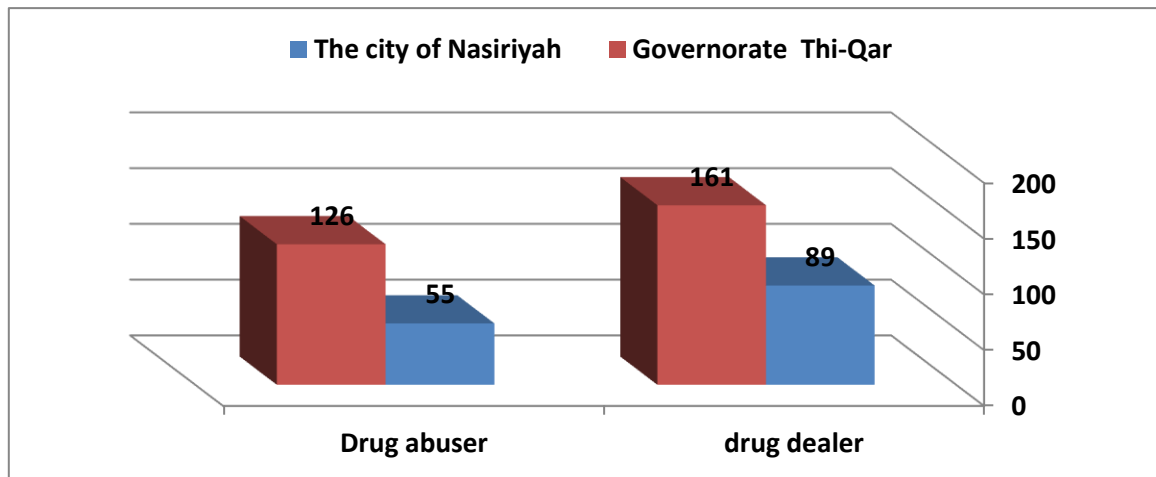


Figure (1) Number of drug offenders according to its type in Dhi Qar Governorate and Nasiriyah City, 2020

Source: Table (1)

Table (2) Number of drug offenders according to residential neighborhoods in Nasiriyah for the year 2020

Neighborhood	Number	%	Neighborhood	Number	%
Sumer	7	4.8	Alsharqia	7	4.8
Altadhiya	7	4.8	Eridu	18	12.5
Alsaray	6	4.2	Shuhada neighborhood	9	6.3
Alsalihia	6	4.2	Al-Iskan neighborhood	1	0.7
Aliiskan	12	8.3	Ur district	11	7.6
Alsinaeiu			Alshaela	6	4.2
Al Zahraa district	3	2.1	Almutanazih	1	0.7
Al-Mansouriya..	4	2.8	The rails	1	0.7
Alfda	9	6.3	Alshumukh	4	2.8
Teachers district	1	0.7	Althawra.	4	2.8
Al-Ghadeer district	1	0.7			
Sadr city	14	9.7	Albashayir	3	2.1
Military district	7	4.8	Al-Hussein neighborhood	2	1.4
			Total	144	%

Source: Republic of Iraq, Ministry of Justice, Iraqi Correctional Department, Nasiriyah Light

Sentencing Prison, unpublished data, for 2020.

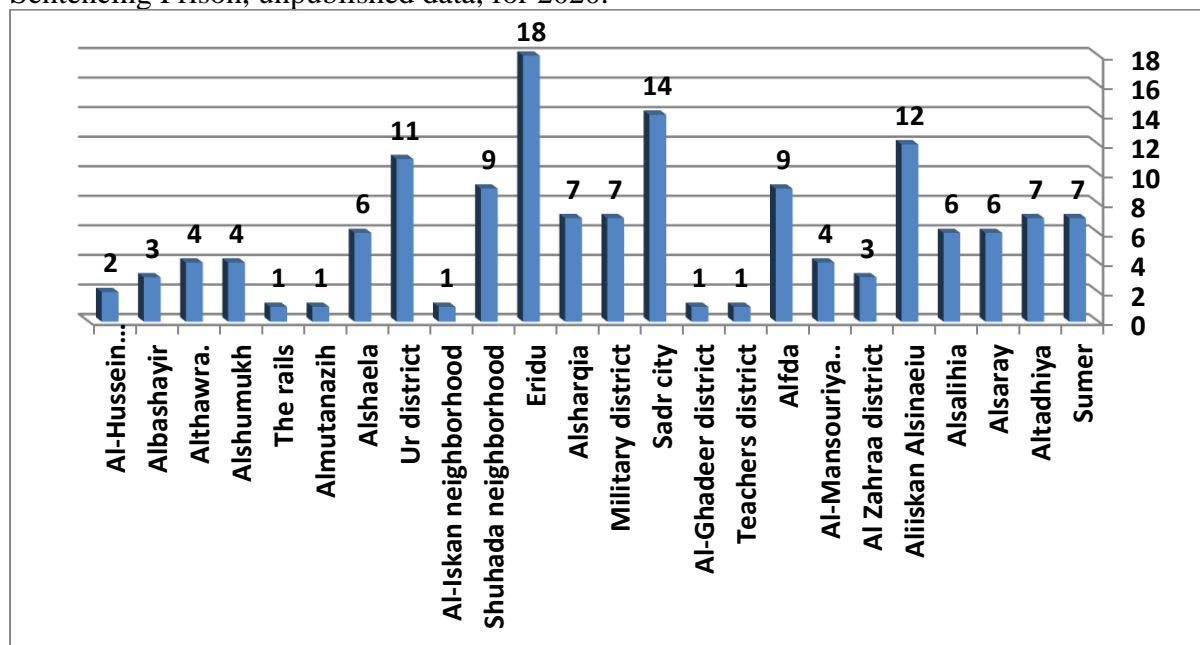


Figure (2) Number of drug offenders in Nasiriyah city, according to residential neighborhoods, 2020

Source: Table (2)

Some of the demographics of drug users in Nasiriyah

The demographic composition means the demographic characteristics that can be measured and each population group has movement and structure. As for the movement, it is represented in mortality, fertility and migration. As for the population structure, it includes several characteristics, including: age, gender, race, nationality, marital status, education, illiteracy, profession, income and religion. ⁽⁸⁾ .

Demographic characteristics

Demographic is a Greek word consisting of two syllables, Demo meaning (people) and Geography meaning population. For this reason, the concept of disparity in population distribution, age and gender composition, as well as a study of the social, educational and economic structure, falls under the concept of the impact of vital demographic processes, migration, age groups and gender ratios within any society, including urban societies. ⁽⁹⁾ . In our research, the conversation is limited to (the gender and age composition of the perpetrators of the crime in the city of Nasiriyah) because the specific and age structure of the population is one of the most important factors affecting demographic changes according to age and gender groups, and then determines the nature of their development and their effects. ⁽¹⁰⁾ And the reflection of that on the increase or decrease of drug users.

Qualitative composition

Table (3) shows that the percentage of male drug traffickers and drug users reached (140) users, at a rate of (97.2%) compared to the number of female users, which recorded (4) cases, a rate of (2.8%). It seems that the increase in the number of males is caused by Social, psychological and political pressures and the state of emptiness among the youth have left their traces seriously, prompting young people to evade the negative aspects of their lives and resort

to drug abuse.

Table (3) Sex ratio for drug offenders in Nasiriyah for the year 2020

Male		Females	
Number	%	Number	%
140	97,2	4	2.8

Source: Republic of Iraq, Ministry of Justice, Iraqi Correctional Department, Nasiriyah Light Sentencing Prison, unpublished data, for 2020.

Age composition

The study of the age structure of the population is one of the important topics that the countries of the world have taken care of, as it is a reflection of the social life that is related to human age, economic activities and political trends of the population. Hence, there is a clear disparity for age groups, especially drug users in the city of Nasiriyah, as we notice that more than half of drug users are in the age group (30 years and over) by (51.4%), with the highest percentage being recorded in (Sadr City) by 12,2% The lowest rate was in Almutanazih and The rails neighborhoods by 1.3%, respectively, while the lowest rate for the age groups was for the age group (14-19) years as it reached (4.2%), and the highest percentage was in the Aliiskan Alsinaeiu District (33, 6%) and the lowest percentage recorded in the neighborhoods of (Altadhiya, Alsalihia, Alsharqia, Eridu) by 16.6%, respectively, Table (4) and Figure (3).

It is evident from the above that drug users have recorded the highest percentage of them among the age groups that exceed thirty years, which clearly indicates that these people resort to drug use in order to get rid of daily problems, or the existence of a family disorder resulting from poor communication between family members, or that the individual Unemployed, and it is worth mentioning that a research study confirmed that abusive youth emerging in an abnormal family environment Especially with a parent’s abuse of alcohol or drugs, they become more vulnerable to addiction. In addition to that, the stages of growth in young people As a result of the many chemical and physical changes that occur in the body during the growth stage, where young people at an early age take strong and frequent doses, and up to the third decade of his life, which makes the user addicted to drug use and as a result affects his behavior first and his society second.

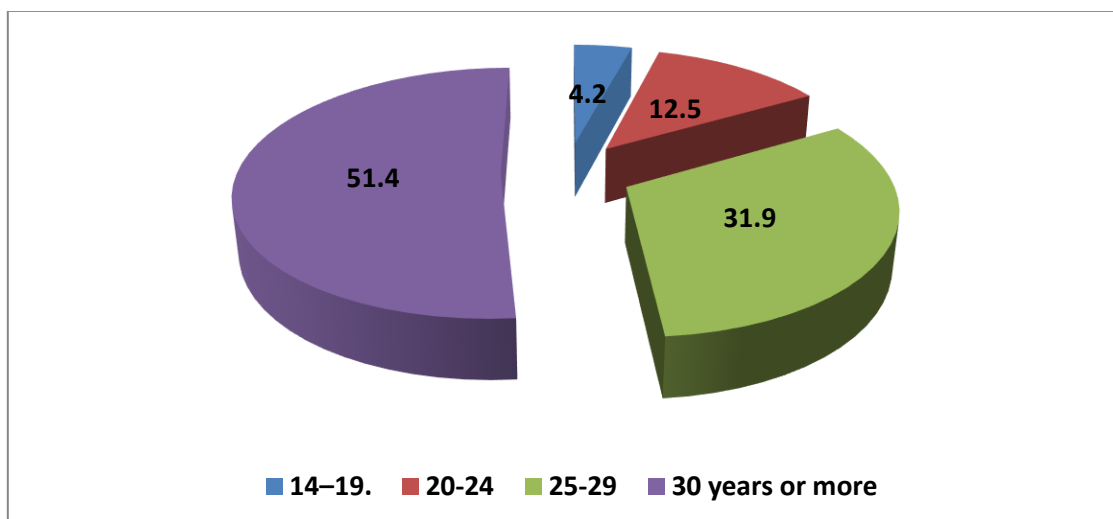


Figure (3) Age group rates for drug offenders in Nasiriyah for 2020

Source: Table (4)

Table (4) Age groups of drug offenders in Nasiriya for the year 2020

Quarter	The number of drug criminals	14-19.		20-24		25-29		30 years or more	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Sumer	7	0	0	2	11.2	1	2.2	4	5.4
Altadhiya	7	1	16.6	1	5.5	1	2.2	4	5.4
Alsaray	6	0	0	1	5.5	1	2.2	4	5.4
Alsalihia	6	1	16.6	0		2	4.3	3	4.1
Aliiskan Alsinaeiu	12	2	33.6	3	16.7	2	4.3	5	6.8
Al Zahraa district	3	0	0	0	0	1	2.2	2	2.7
Al-Mansouriya..	4	0	0	0	0	2	4.3	2	2.7
Alfda	9	0	0	2	11.2	5	10.8	2	2.7
Teachers district	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.2	0	0
Al-Ghadeer district	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.2	0	0
Sadr city	14	0	0	0	0	5	10.9	9	12.2
Military district	7	0	0	1	5.5	3	6.5	3	4
Alsharqia	7	1	16.6	1	5.5	1	2.2	4	5.4
Eridu	18	1	16.6	2	11.2	8	17.4	7	9.5
Shuhada neighborhood	9	0	0	0	0	1	2.2	8	10=8!
Al-Iskan neighborhood	1	0	0	1	5.5	0	0	0	0
Ur district	11	0	0	1	5.5	5	10.9	5	6.8
Alshaela	6	0	0	1	5.5	2	4.3	3	4
Almutanazih	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.3
The rails	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.3
Alshumukh	4	0	0	1	5.5	1	2.2	2	2.7
Althawra.	4	0	0	0	0	2	4.3	2	2.7
Albashayir	3	0	0	1	5.5	0	0	2	2.7
Al-Hussein neighborhood	2	0	0	0	0	1	2.2	1	{4}1.
Total	144	6	100	18	100	46	100	74	100
Average		4.2		12.5		31.9		51.4	

Source: Republic of Iraq, Ministry of Justice, Iraqi Correctional Department, Nasiriyah Light Sentencing Prison, unpublished data, for 2020.

Economic characteristics:

Economic characteristics are among the important elements when studying the composition of the population, due to their connection with the workforce, the volume of production, economic resources and the amount of income, as well as the study of the unemployed, i.e. those who are able to work and are looking for it.⁽¹¹⁾ . And within this concept falls the economic activity of the families of drug addicts, especially the profession of the user and the amount of the monthly income, as follows:

Economic activity of the families of drug abusers:

It is clear from Table (5) and Figure (4), according to the official statistics, that the profession of drug users in the city of Nasiriyah varies (earner, employee, student, housewife), as it recorded the highest rate within the earning category at (86.8%), and the lowest rate

recorded Within the student group by (0,7%), the percentages varied between the two groups mentioned, and it is worth noting that the high numbers of drug users within the earning category resulted from their low cultural level, as well as their weak social relations, and this explains the high number of drug users within this category. With regard to the decrease in the number of drug users within the student segment, it is due to their high cultural level, which is a safety valve that protects this segment from falling under the influence of drugs, as well as their full knowledge of the effects of drug abuse on their personal lives first, their families and society secondly.

Monthly Income:

Meaning the monthly income is the sum of what the individual and his family get from his work in which he works or from any other sources ⁽¹²⁾ , As it is evident through the study of the professional composition that an average of (86.8%) of drug offenders belong to the profession of earning, and therefore the amount of monthly income ranges between (300-600) thousand dinars depending on the work they practice, and it seems that the level of pension is low In addition to other factors (educational level, marital status, marital status), it exerted great pressures on drug users with the intention of escaping from their deteriorating reality, prompting some to take drugs under the pretext of forgetting these worries and problems, and this matter seriously contributed to the increase in the number of drug users among the youth who receive wages Very low monthly.

Table (5) The occupational composition of drug offenders in Nasiriyah for the year 2020

Quarter	The number of drug criminals		gainer		Employee		Student		House wife	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Sumer	7	7	5.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Altadhiya	7	6	4.8	0	0	0	0	0	1	25
Alsaray	6	5	4	1	7.1	0	0	0	0	0
Alsalihia	6	6	4.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aliiskan Alsinaeiu	12	10	8	2	14.5	0	0	0	0	0
Al Zahraa district	3	3	4.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Al-Mansouriya..	4	4	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alfda	9	6	4.8	1	7.1	0	0	2	50	
Teachers district	1	0	0	1	7.1	0	0	0	0	0
Al-Ghadeer district	1	0	0	1	7.1	0	0	0	0	0
Sadr city	14	14	11.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Military district	7	6	4.8	1	7.1	0	0	0	0	0
Alsharqia	7	5	4	2	14.5	0	0	0	0	0
Eridu	18	17	13.6	1	7.1	0	0	0	0	0
Shuhada neighborhood	9	9	7.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Al-Iskan neighborhood	1	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0
Ur district	11	10	8	1	7.1	0	0	0	0	0
Alshaela	6	4	3.2	1	7.1	0	0	1	25	
Almutanazih	1	0	0	1	7.1	0	0	0	0	0
The rails	1	1	0,8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alshumukh	4	4	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Althawra.	4	4	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Albashayir	3	3	4.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Al-Hussein neighborhood	2	1	0,8	1	7.1	0	0	0	0	0

Total	144	125	100	14	100	1	100	4	100
Average		86,8		9.7		0,7		2	8

Source: Republic of Iraq, Ministry of Justice, Iraqi Correctional Department, Nasiriyah Light Sentencing Prison, unpublished data, for 2020.

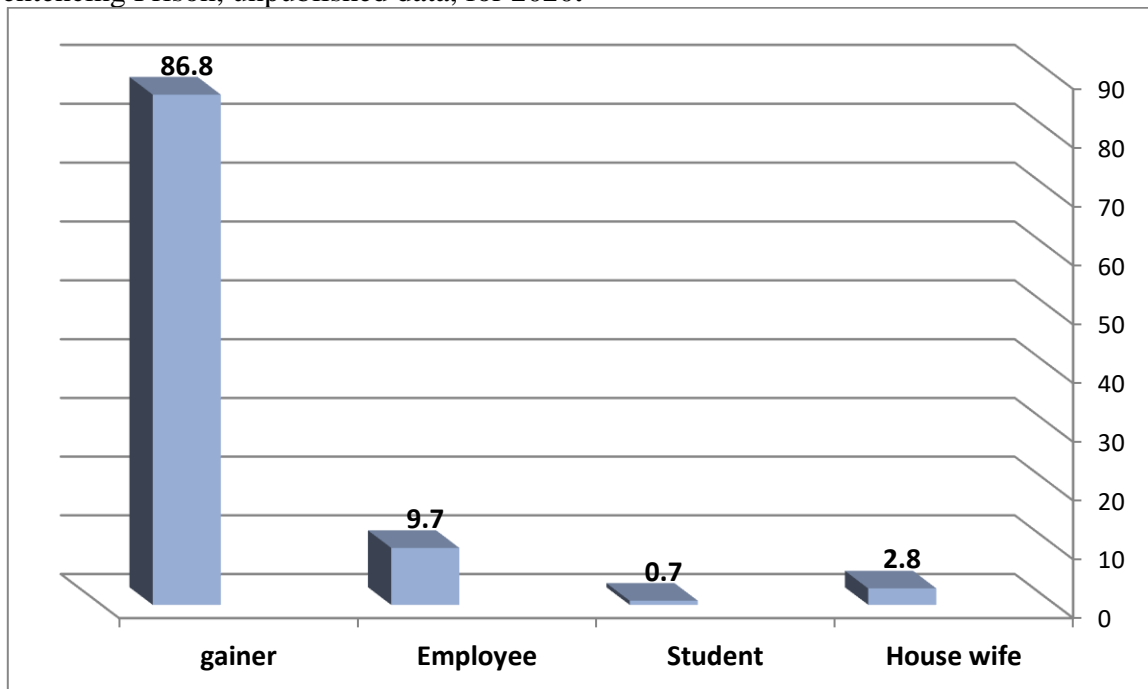


Figure (4) Occupational composition rates for drug offenders in Nasiriyah for 2020

Source: Table (5)

Social characteristics

This concept falls under the (educational level of abusers, marital composition, and the number of years of unemployment) as follows:

Educational level of drug users

The increase in the educational level aims to increase the population’s awareness, and in contrast to it in the case of lower educational levels of the population, as there is no doubt that people who have not received a degree of education do not realize the harms resulting from drug or intoxicant abuse, so they may run behind drug dealers to obtain Batches of it, although that does not mean that there are some educated people who have fallen prey to drug abuse. As it is clear from Table (6) and Figure (5) that the rate (93%) of drug users in the city of Nasiriyah fall within the low educational levels (illiterate, read and write, elementary) and relatively low rates (7%) are among the other educational levels. It seems that the decline in the cultural levels of the drug users’ families was the direct reason behind the low educational levels of the users. And for this, the concerned authorities should conduct awareness and educational campaigns in various audiovisual media aimed at increasing the educational achievement of children and youth to avoid falling into drug crimes in the future.

Marital makeup for drug abusers

There is a close correlation between the increase in the number of drug users or their decrease with their marital status, as it is usual for the rates of drug use to increase among singles and decrease among married people, and this is due to the social status that the abuser has in front of his family of children and wife on the one hand, and the marital status of the

married It was compared with singles on the other hand, as the data in Table (7) indicate that the highest cases of drug abuse were recorded in the singles category, with (78) drug abuse cases and (54.2%), while the lowest number of drug abuse cases was recorded in the city of Nasiriyah within The married category by (66) abuse cases, or (45.8%).

Table (6) Academic achievement of drug offenders in Nasiriyah for the year 2020

Quarter	The number of drug criminals	To My Mother		Can read and write		Elementary school		Secondary		Institute, institution		Bachelor's Degree	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Sumer	7	3	5.8	3	10.4	1	1.9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Altadhiya	7	4	7.7	1	3.4	2	3.8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alsaray	6	1	1.9	0	0	4	7.5	0	0	1	100	0	0
Alsalihia	6	2	3.8	0	0	4	7.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aliiskan	12	3	5.8	1	3.4	7	13.2	1	11.1	0	0	0	0
Alsinaeiu	12	3	5.8	1	3.4	7	13.2	1	11.1	0	0	0	0
Al Zahraa district	3	3	5.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Al-Mansouriya..	4	3	5.8	1	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alfda	9	4	7.7	2	7	3	5.7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teachers district	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Al-Ghadeer district	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11.1	0	0	0	0
Sadr city	14	6	11.5	3	10.4	5	9.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Military district	7	2	3.8	1	3.4	4	7.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alsharqia	7	0	0	2	7	4	11.3	1	11.1	0	0	0	0
Eridu	18	5	9.6	5	17.3	6	11.3	2	22.3	0	0	0	0
Shuhada neighborhood	9	4	7.7	1	3.4	3	5.7	1	11.1	0	0	0	0
Al-Iskan neighborhood	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11.1	0	0	0	0
Ur district	11	3	5.8	5	17.3	2	3.8	1	11.1	0	0	0	0
Alshaela	6	3	5.8	1	3.4	1	1.9	1	11.1	0	0	0	0
Almutanazih	1	0	0	1	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The rails	1	0	0	1	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alshumukh	4	2	3.8	0	0	2	3.8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alhawra.	4	3	5.8	0	0	1	1.9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Albashayir	3	1	1.9	0	0	2	3.8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Al-Hussein neighborhood	2	0	0	1	3.4	1	1.9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	144	52	100	29	100	53	100	9	100	1	100	0	0
Average		36.1		20.1		36.8		6.3		0.7			

Source: Republic of Iraq, Ministry of Justice, Iraqi Correctional Department, Nasiriyah Light Sentencing Prison, unpublished data, for 2020.

Table (7) Marital status of drug offenders, according to residential neighborhoods in Nasiriyah, 2020

Quarter	Number	Single		Married		Quarter	Number	Single		Married	
		Number	%	Number	%			Number	%	Number	%
Sumer	7	5	6.4	2	3.1	Alsharqia	7	3	3.8	4	6.1
Altadhiya	7	4	5.1	3	4.5	Eridu	18	10	12.8	8	12.1
Alsaray	6	3	3.8	3	4.5	Shuhada neighborhood	9	2	2.6	7	10.6
Alsalihia	6	5	6.4	1	1.5	Al-Iskan neighborhood	1	1	1.3	0	0
Aliiskan	12	7	8.9	5	7.6	Ur district	11	6	7.7	5	7.6
Alsinaeiu	12	7	8.9	5	7.6	Alshaela	6	3	3.8	3	4.5
Al Zahraa district	3	1	1.3	2	3.1	Almutanazih	1	0	0	1	1.5
Al-Mansouriya	4	3	3.9	1	1.5	The rails	1	0	0	1	1.5
Alfda	9	7	9	2	3	Alshumukh	4	2	2.6	2	3.1
Teachers district	1	1	1.3	0	0	Alhawra.	4	3	3.8	1	1.5
Al-Ghadeer district	1	0	0	1	1.5						

Sadr city	14	7	9	7	10.6	Albashayir	3	2	2.6	1	1.5
Military district	7	2	2.6	5	7.6	Al-Husseini neighborhood	2	1	1.3	1	1.5
Total							144	78	100	66	100
Average								54,2		45,8	

Source: Republic of Iraq, Ministry of Justice, Iraqi Correctional Department, Nasiriyah Light Sentencing Prison, unpublished data, for 2020.

The causes leading to drug abuse and addiction in the city of Nasiriyah and the consequences thereof

Drug abuse and trafficking did not come purely arbitrary, but behind them are reasons that contributed to its spread among the youth group, and therefore it leaves dangerous effects on the abusive youth on one side, society and the state in general on the other side, so the most important causes can be highlighted according to the answers of the research sample, especially Drug dealers and users as follows:

The causes of drug abuse and addiction

The complexity of human life due to technological development, as well as the increased consumption of various commodities for the Iraqi citizen, especially after the political change of 2003, this resulted in great pressures on the family and children alike, as the Iraqi individual in general and the research area in particular proceeded to seek Pleasures and the acquisition of luxury goods, and all of this requires huge sums of money to buy them, for this we find that many heads of families find and work for the purpose of providing for the needs of the family, and from here purely human factors led to an increase in drug abuse in the city of Nasiriyah, and it can be summed up as shown in Table (8):

Weak religious faith

There is no doubt that the Islamic religion is a safety valve for all Muslims and this is exemplified by adherence to the divine laws that encourage good behavior and discipline the souls, so the position of Islam on the prohibition of alcohol and drugs is very clear and clear in keeping Muslims away from harming their physical and psychological health and considers it a major taboo, as the Almighty said (And do not throw your hands to destruction)⁽¹³⁾ On the other hand, extraneous customs emerged after 2003, which found the Iraqi society and the community of Nasiriyah a fertile environment for its propagation, as extremist groups took to spreading alien ideas with an Islamic overtones that had nothing to do with Islam from near or far, and thus contributed to the weakness of the belief structure of the population, Accordingly, many of the adolescent youth fell under these flashy and deceitful names, leading to drug abuse and the abundance of vice and perversion, as it is evident through the respondents' answers that the weakness of religious faith and the pursuit of pleasures and desires is the main reason for their deviations at a rate of (66.6%), in When an average of (12.6%) they did not agree with the importance of this factor.

The political factor

It seems that the political factor has played a direct role in increasing the number of drug users in Iraq and the research area, as the deterrent laws enacted by previous governments have greatly affected the reduction of the effects of this phenomenon, especially since the laws stipulated life imprisonment for the abuser and death for those who trade or grow them⁽¹⁴⁾ This is a direct reason for its scarcity at the time. But after the political change of 2003, those laws were put on the shelves to protect influential people and big drug traffickers who trade narcotic substances without control or account, and therefore they are free to smuggle them from Iran

to Iraq and then the rest of the neighboring countries, as for the current sanctions, they require payment Drug dealers pay bribes to the decision-makers, but drug users are arrested for a period of one year according to the law and pay a fine (5,000,000) dinars, and then he is released without exposing him to treatment gradually until he gets rid of the dangerous scourge that he was addicted to. It became clear through the respondents' answers that they agree that the political factor (the absence of the rule of law, the country's policy and political confusion) has a great impact on the spread and abuse of drugs at a rate of (92.3%) and the lowest rate recorded for non-approval of this factor at (3.3%).

Table (8) The numerical and relative distribution of the main causes of drug use in Nasiriyah By sample for 2020

Causes	Section	Answers percentages						
		Yes		Sometimes		No		
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Religious	Worker	Do you think that the weakness of religious faith contributed to an increase in drug users?	93	64.3	36	25	15	10.7
		Do you think that the weakness of religious faith is a direct cause of individuals' pursuit of pleasures and desires, including drug abuse?	99	68.8	24	16.7	21	14.5
		Average		66.6		20.8		12.6
Political factor	Political	Do you think that the absence of the rule of law is an encouraging and essential factor for your drug use?	127	88.1	8	5.4	9	6.5
		Did the country's politics and the state of chaos and political confusion after 2003 affect the spread of drugs in Iraq in general and the city of Nasiriyah in particular?	139	96.5	5	3.5	0	0
		Average		92.3		4.4		3.3
Economic factor	Economic	Do you think that a person's good financial situation drives him to abuse drugs?	48	33.3	58	40	38	26.7
		Do you think that the economic openness of Iraq after 2003 is a factor encouraging drug smuggling and drug abuse?	105	73.1	32	22.3	7	4.6
		Do you think that unemployment, poverty, deprivation and misuse of time for unemployed youth are a real reason for committing the crime of drug abuse?	137	95.5	4	2.9	3	1.6
		Do you think that the alleged current state of political austerity and the lack of work is a reason for the behavior of individuals trading in the sale and abuse of drugs?	76	52.9	54	37.7	14	9.4
		Average		63.7		25.7		10.6
Social reasons And psyche	Social reasons	Do you think that the family disintegration and the many problems between parents within the family circle cause children to abuse drugs?	66	45.4	15	10.2	63	55.6
		Do you think that family neglect and lack of care for family members and their follow-up by their families is a cause of delinquency and drug abuse?	101	70.4	36	25	7	4.6
		Do you think that the mysterious future of young people causes psychological pressures that push them to take drugs?	92	63.8	32	22.2	20	14
		Do you think that traveling outside Iraq with the availability of seduction methods and places of entertainment contributes to the increase in the number of drug users?	62	43	58	40.3	24	16.7
		Do you think that feeling emptiness and going to clubs and parks with bad friends and other reasons that led to drug abuse?	127	88.3	15	10.1	2	1.6
		Average		62.1		21.6		16.3
Cultural and scientific reasons	Cultural and scientific	Do you complicate the fact that the media has a great relationship in increasing the number of drug users due to the state of constant promotion of it by showing films that permit drug use?	74	51.5	34	23.8	36	24.7
		Is the decrease in the educational level associated with the increase in the number of drug users?	134	93.2	10	6.8	0	0
		Do you think that the teaching staff in schools did not educate students to follow the lofty Islamic values and to stay away from vices, including drugs?	96	66.7	47	33	1	0.3
		Do you think that the use of narcotic drugs and leaving them without control in the Iraqi market is a reason for the increase in drug users?	128	89	14	10.2	2	0.8
	Average		75.1		18.4		6.5	

Source: Questionnaire form.

The economic factor

Economic variables are the cornerstone of the aggravation of drug abuse not only at the level of youth, but of all ages, including the category of juveniles, as we note that poverty, deprivation, and unemployment resulting from the wars that occurred in Iraq and the frequent political changes, resulted in youth absenteeism and fear of the unknown future, as well as a feeling The individual is permanently emptied, resulting in a state of drug abuse and addiction. It is worth noting, according to the respondents' answers, that there is a discrepancy between their answers regarding this factor, as we note that the good financial condition of the abuser is no longer of great importance, so that the answer is sometimes recorded at the highest rate (40%), while the respondents suggested that the factor of economic openness in Iraq is an influential factor to be recorded The answers are yes (73.1%), and the answers rose to reach their maximum limit for the factor of poverty and unemployment by (95.5%). As for the country's policy towards austerity, the respondents did not care about the increase in drug abuse cases, so the answers were recorded with yes (52.9%). Because austerity and material want in Iraq is limited to the poor citizens, and this matter is well known among Iraqis. Nevertheless, austerity does not include politicians who enjoy the highest levels of well-being and control of Iraq's financial and political capabilities alike.

Social and psychological causes

The family is the main pillar in controlling the behavior of individuals within the same family, especially adopting its internal policy towards its children according to the principles of reward and punishment - and accordingly children must abide by the principles enacted by the parents, as they indicate their keenness to prepare a religious and social upbringing in accordance with Islamic controls and thus produce our individuals Moderate natural behavior and vice versa, because the family relations between children and parents have a great impact on the behavior of the juvenile, negatively and positively. The young individual needs love and tenderness in order to feel reassured. As for families that practice cruelty and punishment methods, the behavior of their children tends towards deviation, delinquency and psychological problems, including abuse On the one hand, drugs on the one hand, and on the other hand, that individuals' behavior stems mainly from the psychological formation, which means that their emotional disturbances contribute to their criminal behavior, and this explains that drug use often comes for psychological reasons that the individual suffers from and resort to using it as a need. According to his belief, it is urgent to achieve a kind of stability and psychological comfort⁽¹⁵⁾ For this reason, the respondents have varied their answers according to these factors, and we notice that a percentage (45.4%) believed that family disintegration and the many problems between children and parents lead to delinquency and drug abuse as a result, as specialized studies confirmed that families suffering from instability in relationships Family, including marriage, and the high rate of abandonment and divorce are among the distinctive models of families in which drug users increase. In addition, the abuser father contributes to the involvement of the children of the family to abuse or trade in drugs.⁽¹⁶⁾ While others asserted that this factor is not important (55.6%). As for the factor of family neglect of children and its repercussions on the behavior of children, the respondents preferred the importance of this factor by (70.4%), in addition to that, the individual's feeling of frustration with the mysterious future that awaits caused them psychological pressures and thus forced them to use drugs for the purpose of forgetting Their answers are in agreement (63.8%) and disagree (14%), which means the importance of this factor. As for the importance of the factor of the large number of young people traveling outside Iraq and their going to immoral places, most of the respondents did not recommend the importance of this factor, so that (43%) answered yes and

(16) (7%) not agreeing. As for the feeling of emptiness and going to clubs and parks with bad friends, it occupied the first place among the factors that encourage drug use, so the answer was recorded with yes (88.3%), and the importance of this factor and its effect on delinquency and drugs is attributed to the fact that collective action (Among friends) leaves clear imprints on the behavior of individuals, as friends are a mirror of their morals, so if friends have virtuous morals, then this means that the behavior of the individual has decent morals and vice versa. In general, the conflict and permanent quarrels in family life ultimately turn into a conflict that threatens the family unit, destabilizes its functions, and undermines the bonds on which its cohesion and solidarity are based. ⁽¹⁷⁾ .

Cultural and scientific reasons

Under this concept falls the role of the media and the cultural level of the abuser, in addition to that there is a clear link between the teaching staff and the sale of narcotic substances in the markets, and thus an increase or decrease by addicts. We note that the educational institutions, in their various specializations, do not report or not report the effects of drugs on the population. Which contributes to pushing students to commit the crime of drug abuse, as the teaching staff is the cornerstone of the students 'imitation and they comply with their advice and directives, and thus protect the segment of students in drug abuse ⁽¹⁸⁾ Also, the media have a great impact on increasing drug abuse and trafficking because young men and teenagers imitate the behavior of foreign film heroes by using intoxicants or drugs when they are exposed to a tragic situation that was losing a dear person, for example, and therefore satellite channels gave an incentive for young people to use drugs in an artistic way What you are promoting is that drugs call for joy and psychological happiness, and this is appropriate for civilized societies, unaware that these cultures have nothing to do with Islamic societies, and among us the community of the city of Nasiriyah, as we find that more than half of the respondents who are drug users have responded by agreeing to the importance of this factor by (51, 5%), and with regard to the increase in the number of drug users with the decrease in their educational levels, it has already been clear that (93%) of drug traffickers and users are from a group who reads, writes, and has a primary certificate, which clearly indicates that there is an inverse relationship between the decrease in the educational level and the increase in the number of drug users. Regarding the role of educational cadres and urging them to follow noble Islamic values, we note that the educational institution has a great role that can be invested as required for the purpose of encouraging youth Towards progress, prosperity, and adherence to Islamic teachings and original social values. That is why we find that 66% have weighed the importance of this factor and its role in reducing the involvement of other youth in drug abuse.

As for the factor of availability of narcotic drugs within the pharmacies of the city of Nasiriyah, the members of the surveyed sample have favored the importance of this factor in increasing drug abuse by (89%). The sample members indicated that the presence of narcotic substances within pharmacies distributed within the city's neighborhoods has contributed significantly to the increase in the number of drug users. During the purchase of hallucinogenic and hypnotic drugs and other drugs that have a direct impact on the mindset and thoughts of the user, the competent authorities must intensify their efforts by periodically monitoring the types of drugs that are circulating in city pharmacies.

Effects of drug abuse and addiction

It is certain that drug use has negative effects that are reflected mainly on the individual

user and on his family, and then its negative effects extend to society, not to mention its psychological, economic and security effects, and from this standpoint its effects will be clarified as follows:

The psychological and health effects of the abuser

The addiction gives the abuser a temporary psychological ecstasy that lasts only for specific hours, and then its effect quickly ends, which necessitates the need for other doses at specific times, and it is worth noting that the biological clock of the abuser calculates the time when the body needs other doses, and this means depletion A lot of time, thinking and spending money for the purpose of continuing to abuse because he has become addicted to it, and as a result, psychological and physical effects occur, loss of control over his feelings and lack of control of the faculties of the mind ⁽¹⁹⁾ Not to mention its health damages, especially the brain cells that damage and collapse, and sometimes lead to mental damage, especially his anxiety and depression on the one hand, and high blood pressure, especially hardening of the arteries and kidney and stomach disease on the other hand ⁽²⁰⁾ . In general, drugs of any kind contribute directly to the entire body of the user in terms of strength, activity and functional performance of the various body parts, and it is self-evident that these diseases are subjected to the different narcotic substances in terms of the type of substance, degree of concentration and method of use by the user, it weakens the personality and takes away morals Virtuousness, which leads as a result to the decay of morality and the disappearance of customs, traditions and cultural background on which the individual abuser was raised. In view of the great diversity of drugs, we can highlight the most important types and their effects on the health and psychological state of drug users through Table (9).

Table 9 Types of drugs found in the city of Nasiriyah and their personal and organic Effects 2020

Subject	Their effects
Opium	Temporarily feeling of euphoria and imaginative relief, as well as the presence of states of anxiety, distress, dizziness and hypothermia
MRS JONES: See why you have to tell us before you leave?	Lack of memory and blurred vision for cannabis users, as well as a lack of sense of time, impotence and hearing
Cocaine	Frequent delirium of cocaine abusers, lack of feeling tired and exhausted, as well as excessive hostility to interacting with others as a result of the collapse of the mental state as well as the emergence of muscle spasms

Source: Dhi Qar Teaching Hospital, hospital archive records, unpublished data, for the year 2020.

The effects of drugs on the family

The problem of drug abuse and addiction is one of the most dangerous problems facing societies, especially the individual and his family, as their problems cast a shadow over life in general, starting from the harm done to the individual user, through his family, and extending to his society. Here, we notice the emergence of indicators that appear on the abuser in terms of introversion and hostility and lack of adaptation to the family on the one hand and society on the other hand, and this has serious repercussions, including the disintegration of the family

as the head of the family no longer occupies the prestigious position of his wife and members of his family, which is reflected in the behavior of the whole family because the father is The abuser has become an unreliable person with a clear increase in the financial indebtedness, as well as a bad marital relationship, which leads to the increase in the possibility of divorce or the spread of adultery and marital infidelity, as well as the delinquency of children and the increase in the number of street children because if the head of the family is the user, this will contribute to spending on Drug abuse, which reduces the actual income of the family, and it is worth mentioning that there is another thing that the head of the family will have a number of users in his house and stay up until the end of the night, which generates among family members the desire to use drugs as a result of the imitation of the user and the constant contact with them, which makes them lose their morals, and this What many studies have covered in this regard. ⁽²¹⁾

The effects of drugs on community safety

Drugs are a dangerous scourge that devours everything around them and completely destroys them. Therefore, drugs are a real contribution to the person who abuses first, his family secondly and society third, as the effects they leave on the person who abusers or traffickers extend to family disintegration, as the family surroundings have a great impact on individuals The family, as it learns the general principles and values that govern his behavior and how he interacts with society, and this is what official statistics indicated to him that many addicts (40%) belong to families whose ties have been broken and marital ties have disappeared in them, which led to addiction to drugs on the part of their children They are in the prime of life ⁽²²⁾ Consequently, the abuser or one of his family members is linked as a result of the state of family loss to organized criminal gangs, which in turn embrace the new individuals and meet all their basic protests in order to implement their agenda, especially to do drug trafficking or win new members of the youth. Cases of robbery, murder, theft and drug trafficking because the crimes are clearly linked to the effect of drugs on their abusers, which cause states of nervousness and constant agitation, which leads them to undertake criminal behavior given the urgent need for money to buy these drugs, on the one hand, and on the other hand, a clear absence of the governmental role in controlling These gangs, and as a result of weak legal penalties, we find that these reasons affect the result of the society in which these gangs live, as well as its impact on other neighboring communities and thus the society becomes in a state of constant anxiety because their areas have become uninhabitable, which leads to the migration of the population To other areas safer and more comfortable.

It became clear through the field study that 98% of drug users and traffickers in the city of Nasiriyah might belong to the world of criminal gangs, as a result of the absence of an effective government role in monitoring and punishing criminals, and the one-year prison term had a great impact on the spread of drugs in the city, so the researchers urge the need to increase The term of imprisonment in accordance with the provisions of the law for drug abusers and traders in order to limit the phenomenon that has decayed the body of society in the city of Nasiriyah

The economic effects of drugs

The drug trade is subject to the law of supply and demand, and because it is an active trade that generates huge profits and in a short time, especially for traders, and a large material loss for drug users as a result of the increase in the amount of money spent on buying it at the expense of their families, which leads to an increase in the consumption expenditure of the users at the expense of saving for their families. Farmers, merchants and promoters to devise

the best means of changing the shape and color of the drug in order to transport and trade it from production areas to areas of consumption and thus we find that the drug trade has become an annihilation of all countries of the world without exception, because it is a trade that does not respect international borders and thus drug became one of the easiest ways to gain money when The traffickers, as we note that all airports and border crossings in the countries of the world recruit hundreds of their employees in the follow-up and combating drug crime. Nevertheless, governments are obligated to spend huge sums in order to pay salaries for workers in monitoring and following up this dangerous phenomenon that is increasing day by day. Big sums to build many prisons and clinics for treating drug users. It is worth noting that increasing the quantity and diversity of drug production They are so low in prices / Hence, many drug users proceed to buy them to achieve the desired euphoria and happiness (according to the belief of the users). Individual drug abuse is reflected in the low productivity of the individual and thus the low productivity of society and the retardation of civilization, as well as the unjust waste of money because the money is part of the national money, so when smuggled into another country will lead to a lack of the state's financial resources.⁽²³⁾ On the one hand, this causes poverty and the disintegration of the family and community entity, and on the other hand, the increase in drug abuse is burdening the state and its institutions because they spend huge sums in the field of control, treatment and the creation of curative hospitals that can be spent for the benefit of society in services⁽²⁴⁾.

The religious effects of drugs

The drug trade and abuse reflect many negative effects on the reality of the society of the city of Nasiriyah, the most important of which is the religious impact, as the person who has religious constants can be trusted and dealt with, unlike the person who does not have a religious pride, because religious belief is the basis for dealing and commitment with others. His belief structure contributes to the emergence of deviant behavior in him, and this is contrary to the religious values, customs and traditions on which he was brought up, which tends to lead to drug abuse or trafficking. Moreover, the Holy Qur'an has indicated in many verses of the Qur'an the need to protect oneself and avoid deviant behavior, including drug abuse and addiction, as the Almighty says (Corruption appeared on land and sea with what people gained, so that some of those who worked might give them pleasure, so that they might return)⁽²⁵⁾.

Effective solutions to deal with trafficking and drug abuse in the city of Nasiriyah in particular and Iraq in general

Offering solutions to the phenomenon of drug abuse and addiction for the city of Nasiriyah in particular and Iraq in general is one of the important topics envisaged by the research concerned with the study of this type of research that is worthy of attention, as it is constantly increasing day by day, and is consuming the bodies of drug users and their families as well as the societies in which they live. Pose a realistic threat that includes all segments of society equally. Many countries have taken great security measures and precautions in fighting this dangerous scourge, but on the other hand, drug traffickers and abusers are constantly trying to develop their methods to keep pace with these precautions and get out of them, so the concerned authorities must develop strategies that are commensurate with the reality and speed of drug spread in the community of Nasiriyah and Iraq in general.

Precautionary measures are taken to prevent drug abuse and spread in Iraq, to submit to a set of laws and legislations, as well as to develop a set of strategies, all of which aim to limit the entry of drugs into the governorates of Iraq, especially through border crossings, and for the purpose of avoiding their danger and reducing the circle of traffickers and users, which

are as follows:

Border ports

The border outlets play a very important role in containing the import or export of any material from Iraq or vice versa, hence the development of advanced technological devices, as well as the presence of an efficient and trained intelligence service with the help of trained dogs, as well as equipping the border ports with modern cameras and modern sensors that have resonated since Years in multiple airports such as Dubai Airport and international airports from Heathrow Airport ...Etc., and this cannot be achieved without allocating large sums for the purchase of equipment, sonar devices, etc., and all these equipment work as a unified system aimed at monitoring and containing drugs and arresting promoters, dealers and transporters of them, and with the application of this strategy, this will optimally limit the entry of drugs through Iran into Iraq Or its exit to the neighboring countries of Iraq.

Punishment for drug felonies

Those who follow the Iraqi laws find that there is a clear decline (so to speak) in the reduction of penalties for users, promoters and drug trafficking, and this is in harmony with the cases of global development of crime and ease of use and drug abuse in view of the increase in its types and forms, as the Iraqi Drug Law No. (68) of 1965 was prohibited. Drug trafficking and manufacture of any kind. The perpetrator is punished according to Article 14 with death or life imprisonment and confiscation of his movable and immovable money. Whoever commits a drug crime without permission from the Iraqi authorities, in 1994, the Penal Code stipulated that the drug crime is damage to the national economy and therefore the perpetrators are punished by death. Or life imprisonment or imprisonment for a period of five years and a fine and confiscation of his movable and immovable property⁽²⁶⁾. The perpetrator should not be released on bail as it is a serious crime punishable by death in Iraqi law, and the arrestee is referred to the Special Criminal Court. Hence, it was not included in General Amnesty Law No. 19 of 2008 as it is among the organized and dangerous crimes, but in 2017 the Iraqi legislator was punished for The crime of drug abuse in accordance with Article (32) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law No. 50 of 2017, which stipulates that (He shall be punished with imprisonment for a period of no less than one year and not exceeding three years and a fine of not less than five million dinars and not exceeding ten million dinars. Whoever imported, produced, manufactured, possessed, acquired, or bought narcotic substances, psychotropic substances, or chemicals, or cultivated a plant from plants that produced narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances, or bought them for the purpose of consumption and personal use). Likewise, Article 33 of the law punishes with imprisonment for a period of not less than six months and not exceeding two years and a fine of not less than three million dinars and not more than five million dinars for anyone who allows others to use narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances in any place of his return, even if it is without compensation, as well. Article 28 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law stipulates a life or temporary prison sentence and a fine of not less than ten million dinars and not exceeding thirty million whoever manages, prepares or builds a place for the use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and who seduces a juvenile or encourages his spouse or one of his relatives up to the fourth degree For the abuse of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances, and the court instead of imposing a punishment if it obligates the person who consumes narcotic substances to visit a psychiatric clinic established for this purpose to help him get rid of the habit of drug abuse⁽²⁷⁾.

It is worth noting, according to the description of the specialized Iraqi judges, that the anti-drug law that was approved by the House of Representatives and was finally approved for the year 2017 was weak, as it came with minor and very light penalties for drug crimes and some of them were converted into minor misdemeanors after they were all according to Law No. 58 of 1965 which It is considered drug crimes, which are felonies for which the maximum penalties were imposed, which resulted in an increase in the number of drug users and promoters in all governorates of Iraq, based on the principle (from the safety of the punishment mischief), because drugs have spread in all joints and regions of the Iraqi state because criminal gangs can turn around This law is simple penalties in their view to some extent, therefore, according to the records of the Iraqi criminal courts, drug abuse and trafficking has spread in (schools, sports clubs, cafes, bars, girls who engage in prostitution ...And for that, the two researchers recommend the need to tighten the punishment according to Law No. 68 of 1965 with the need to review some of its paragraphs, because it is one of the strict Iraqi laws that greatly limited the crime of drug use and promotion in Iraq for five (5) centuries, and here we can compare With the law (tribal bench), which classifies its perpetrators under Article 4 terrorism, and therefore this law contributed to a sharp decrease in the cases of tribal pitfall throughout Iraq, being a very strict law, since before the enactment of this law there were dozens of cases occurring under the name of the tribal bench, However, after the enactment of this law, the tribal strengths decreased in the face of the strength and severity of the new law.

Establishing drug rehabilitation centers

In light of the scandal and increasing numbers of drug users throughout Iraq, the Iraqi government enacted new laws to address this dangerous phenomenon, and this was in accordance with Article (7) which stipulates that the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs establish rehabilitation centers for drug addicts or psychotropic substances whose release is decided upon by a judicial decision. Or release them from the Iraqi Correctional Department or the Juvenile Correction Department upon the end of their sentence, their removal from the hospital, or the cessation of their attendance at the psychosocial clinic, and the concerned committees decide on their matter to subject them to a rehabilitation program in coordination with the Ministry of Health and to open other centers in the governorates as needed. In addition, the center stipulated in Clause (First) of this article shall develop an appropriate program to qualify those wishing to learn a specific profession that is compatible with their qualifications and employ them in a way that secures them a suitable source of income and follows up the implementation of the aftercare programs established for them.⁽²⁸⁾ . It is worth mentioning that this legislation is one of the important laws that must be seriously enforced in view of the increase in the number of users who increase day after day due to conditions of poverty, unemployment, crises and wars.Etc., and therefore, this law is a glimmer of hope at the end of the tunnel, as it is biased towards the preventive and remedial side more than the punitive deterrent side, and it is a correct trend that needs social activation and a supportive system of work to achieve the goals of this law and reduce drug crimes⁽²⁹⁾ .

Mass media

The media, in its various visual, audio and readable means, plays the best role in educating young people about the dangers of drug abuse and trafficking, as it represents a crime against young abusers first and its effects on his family and society secondly and national security third, so the leadership role of Iraqi satellite channels must be activated in this vital role and a systematic policy aimed at Highlighting the dangers of drugs on the one hand, and the strict penalties imposed on drug abusers and traffickers on the other side, and as a result the media give the general community a clear idea of drugs, and in return, penalties emerge

according to the principle of (intimidation and incitement), which would reduce to a certain extent the risks of drugs and their spread throughout Iraqi society and the community of Nasiriyah is one of them.

Activating regulatory agencies

Developed countries and some developing countries take several aspects in combating the spread of drugs in their countries, and among these aspects is the existence of a specialized agency for combating crime with a wide administrative structure equipped with the highest technical equipment, efficiency and human expertise whose mission is to follow up and monitor the movements of drug traffickers, drug users and major drug mafias and then deliver them to the competent authorities For the purpose of obtaining their rewarding punishments, and for that, the Iraqi government should adopt the establishment of an integrated intelligence apparatus with technical expertise and equip it with the latest technologies applied globally in combating drug crime and enter its cadres in specialized courses supervised by specialists from international countries that have a long history in combating drug crimes and thus to keep pace with the increase The large and rampant rampant in our Iraqi society, especially drug crimes of all forms and types. We note here that all government institutions' efforts must be combined to work with the new intelligence apparatus, including harnessing satellite data, especially making use of satellite images to monitor the paths taken by drug traffickers on the one hand, and forming emergency teams whose task is to periodically inspect, especially in areas with increased drug abuse such as (Cafes, bars, cinemas, schools ...etc.)

Activating and strengthening religious faith

Religion is the basis of work, and there are no people who lived on earth without having specific religious rituals that they practice. Nevertheless, God Almighty has blessed Islamic countries, including Iraq, with the grace of true Islam. Therefore, the supreme religious authorities should instruct the clergy, especially the agents of them, to take Their important role in spreading religious awareness and compliance with rational Islamic values through religious sermons, especially religious forums. Indeed, there should be religious conferences and forums or satellite channels, based on the Almighty saying ((And say, Work, and God will see your deeds, His Messenger and the believers, and you will return to the world of the unseen and testimony, and He will inform you of what you have been doing))⁽³⁰⁾ In order to emphasize the importance of spreading religious awareness and give a broad idea of the principle of forbidden and permissible, including avoiding all forbidden evils, including drug abuse, and thus avoiding them for the benefit of society, and to rid drug users and their families of the dangerous scourge and to avoid its dire effects in order to reach a safe Islamic society dominated by love and harmony.

Results

1. The research found that the city of Nasiriyah is one of the Iraqi cities that has not been spared the spread of drugs in it as a result of the US occupation of Iraq after 2003, which coincided with the weakness of the security apparatus, as well as the state of judicial confusion, especially facilitating deterrent penalties for drug criminals, as the number of traffickers and drug users in the city reached Al-Nasiriyah (144) abusers / traffickers, at a rate of (50.2%) out of (287) abusers / merchants in Dhi Qar governorate for the year 2020
2. The research showed that the existence of drug-producing countries called the Golden Triangle (Thailand, Laos, Myanmar) and the other triangle are represented in countries

- ((Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran), as well as other countries in the Middle East. Many criminal gangs are active in smuggling drugs to most countries of the world through certain routes that are protected by political agendas that benefit from the large sums of money obtained from this trade.
3. The research indicated that drug users and traffickers are a profession according to the gender composition of males par excellence without females, to record (97.2%) males compared to (2.8%) for females, in addition to that more than 50% of them fall within the age groups of 30 years And some more, or (31.9%) within the age group 20-25 years.
 4. The research found that the economic characteristics, especially economic activity and monthly income, are relatively different, as two-thirds of drug traffickers and drug users belong to the earning category with a rate of (86.8%) and the lowest rate recorded for a student group at (0.7%) in the city of Nasiriyah. This indicates that the total monthly income of the abuser is between (300-600) thousand dinars, which is a very small amount that has pushed many to trade drugs or promote them due to the large financial gain they receive from this work.
 5. The research has proven that an average of 93% of all drug traffickers and users carry educational attainment (illiterate - read and write - elementary), which indicates a lack of cultural reality for them, which facilitates their exploitation in criminal enterprises, the most important of which is trafficking and drug abuse. Also, more than half of the drug users and dealers are from the category of unmarried singles who do not have a watchdog or any responsibility and this is a direct reason for their involvement in drug abuse and trafficking.
 6. The research found that the prevalence of drug abuse and trafficking stands behind many reasons, namely (weak religious belief, political factor, economic factor, social and psychological reasons, cultural and scientific reasons), and for these reasons many effects of drug abuse and addiction emerged, which are (psychological and health effects, effects The user's family, effects on society, economic effects, religious effects)
 7. The research concluded by proposing several solutions to combat the phenomenon of drug spread in the city of Nasiriyah in particular and Iraq in general, and that is represented by treating the security system, especially (protecting border crossings, amending the Penal Code of 2017 in line with Law 68 of 1965, establishing centers for the rehabilitation of addicts, and the role of the media in the border. From the spread of drug crimes, activating regulatory agencies, strengthening religious preaching.

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Appendix (1) of the questionnaire form

The current search tagged (Spatial features of the drug phenomenon in the city of Nasiriyah, its effects, and ways to address it for 2018 Clarifying the role of drugs, their spread and abuse in Iraqi societies, including the community of the city of Nasiriyah, with the aim of finding out their causes and effects in order to reach the development of treatments that suit this phenomenon. Therefore, prisoners (convicted of drug abuse crime) are requested to answer the following questions from a realistic perspective in the service of scientific research many thanks.

Researcher

There is no need to mention the name on the form. Please tick (✓) In the appropriate field

Causes	Section	Yes	Sometimes	No
Worker Religious	Do you think that the weakness of religious faith contributed to an increase in drug users?			
	Do you think that the weakness of religious faith is a direct cause of individuals' pursuit of pleasures and desires, including drug abuse?			
Political factor	Average Do you think that the absence of the rule of law is an encouraging and essential factor for your drug use?			
	Did the country's politics and the state of chaos and political confusion after 2003 affect the spread of drugs in Iraq in general and the city of Nasiriyah in particular?			
Economic factor	Average Do you think that a person's good financial situation drives him to abuse drugs?			
	Do you think that the economic openness of Iraq after 2003 is a factor encouraging drug smuggling and drug abuse?			
	Do you think that unemployment, poverty, deprivation and misuse of time for unemployed youth are a real reason for committing the crime of drug abuse?			
	Do you think that the alleged current state of political austerity and the lack of work is a reason for the behavior of individuals trading in the sale and abuse of drugs?			
Social reasons And psyche	Average Do you think that the family disintegration and the many problems between parents within the family circle cause children to abuse drugs?			
	Do you think that family neglect and lack of care for family members and their follow-up by their families is a cause of delinquency and drug abuse?			

Do you think that the mysterious future of young people causes psychological pressures that push them to take drugs?

Do you think that traveling outside Iraq with the availability of seduction methods and places of entertainment contributes to the increase in the number of drug users?

Do you think that feeling emptiness and going to clubs and parks with bad friends and other reasons that led to drug abuse?

Average

Do you complicate the fact that the media has a great relationship in increasing the number of drug users due to the state of constant promotion of it by showing films that permit drug use?

Cultural and scientific reasons Is the decrease in the educational level associated with the increase in the number of drug users?

Do you think that the teaching staff in schools did not educate students to follow the lofty Islamic values and to stay away from vices, including drugs?

Do you think that the use of narcotic drugs and leaving them without control in the Iraqi market is a reason for the increase in drug users?

Average
