

Jamie: I truly appreciate the 10 reasons you give for legalizing drugs though I've never tried any of them. If the drugs the corporations supply weren't "legal" and thus regulated what would we have? My guess would be a much more dangerous society.

I don't mind at all you asking about my family. I'm the oldest of 4. My mom passed away in 2009 but my dad is still living. We generally communicate by phone when he visits one of my siblings (visits are too hard for me). They do their best to hide how they really feel about me being locked up so as to not upset me. They attended my trial and saw first hand the injustice and corruption. They know I tend to bottle things my feelings up until I explode. So they try to keep certain things from me. My youngest brother, Tiny, understands me the best - knowing that I've matured over the years and have mellowed out. I'm much better at expressing myself.

I have 3 children, all grown now. My youngest 2 are by another woman who became addicted to drugs shortly after I was arrested. They ended up in the foster care system. We had as good of a relationship as we could until their mom regained custody and married. I haven't heard from them since they were in their teens. They are in their mid 20's now. My oldest son is in North Carolina with his mom and grandparents. It's been quite some time since I heard from him also. This is what prison usually does to a family.

Jamie, I'm sorry it took so long to reply. Between the lock-downs and all the other stuff that goes on here know that I'm always doing my best to answer as soon as possible. I have asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease which is getting worse. I've recently discovered that I and possibly thousands of other prisoners have been exposed to dangerous amounts of Radon (including staff). I'm currently researching this issue. I've been trying to see the doctor for well over a month now. This seems to be an indication of what they don't want to document.

People on the outside, whether they work in the system or not, generally have no clue as to the amount of pain a prisoner suffers. Many prisoners generally have no clue as to the amount of pain they cause their victims and society. This has to be fixed.

Rich.