

Answer on Question #37504 – Economics - Microeconomics

The economic issue of this article is that analysts and policy makers agree that a crackdown on Caribbean narco-routes has driven the business through Mexico, though it hasn't reduced U.S. drug use. The economist I talked to argued further that if cocaine moved more easily through the Caribbean as it once did and the Mexican border were more porous, it would be harder for a big cartel to monopolize the traffic, even through violence. It's an interesting theory and of course runs totally counter to the direction of U.S. policy. But if that policy is proven wrong, it wouldn't be the first time in the long history of the drug war.