

The Ballpark podcast Episode 2.8 Where did the opioid epidemic come from?

With the skyrocketing rates of opioid abuse and overdose deaths in the US, John Collins and Alex Soderholm of the International Drugs Policy Unit join us to dissect the key questions behind this epidemic: what's at the root of this opioid crisis? Where are these drugs coming from? And what can the US do about it?

This episode features Dr John Collins Executive Director of the International Drug Policy Unit (IDPU) within the LSE US Centre and Alexander Soderholm, Policy Coordinator of the IDPU.

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Further reading:

- [Trump's return to 'drug war' rhetoric is unlikely to succeed in a region that has largely rejected its effectiveness](#) – 20 September 2017, LSE USAPP Blog
- [Donald Trump's interim Opioid Commission report did not mention drug courts. Here's why that's a positive step.](#) – 31 October 2017, LSE USAPP Blog

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