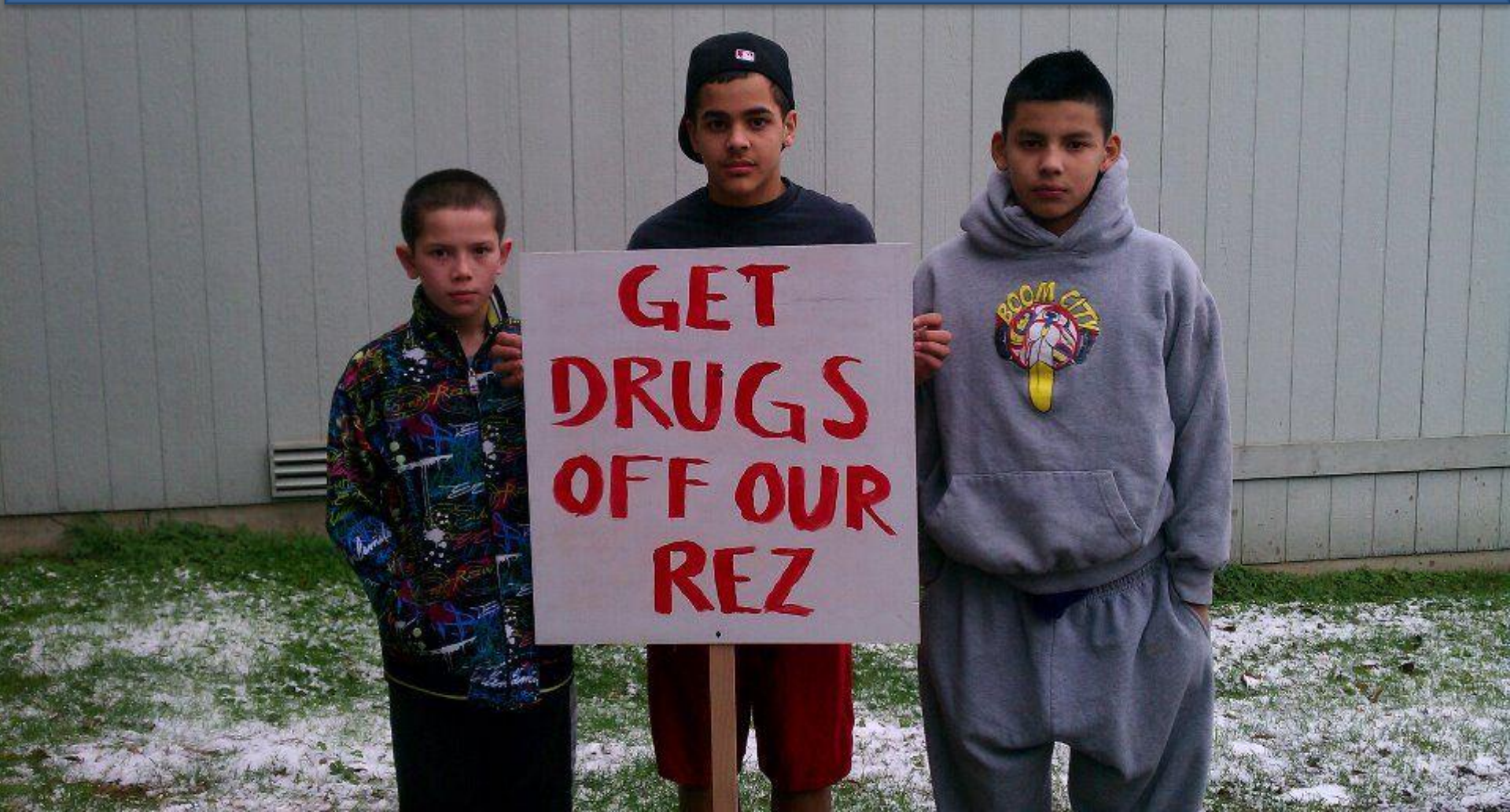
# Drugs in Tribal Communities: Collaborative Responses

*Partners in Action Conference*

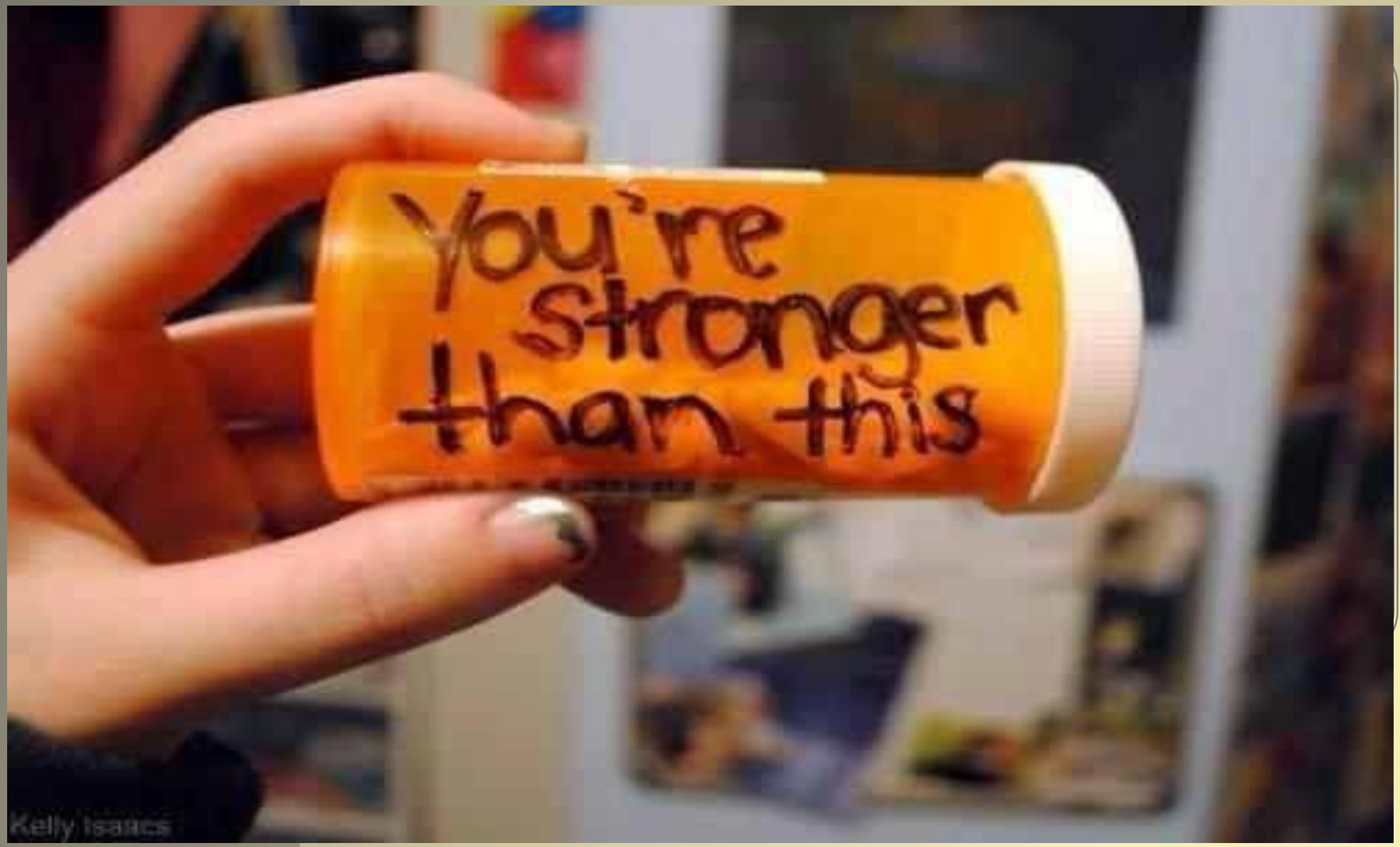
*July 19th-21st 2016*



# Agenda Outcomes

- **Understand** **Where** drugs are coming from?
- Identify how **Serious** is the problem?
- Recognize the **Impact?**
- Ascertain what can **WE** do?
- Develop next step **Strategies**

# The Impact of Drugs in Tribal Communities



# Community Approaches

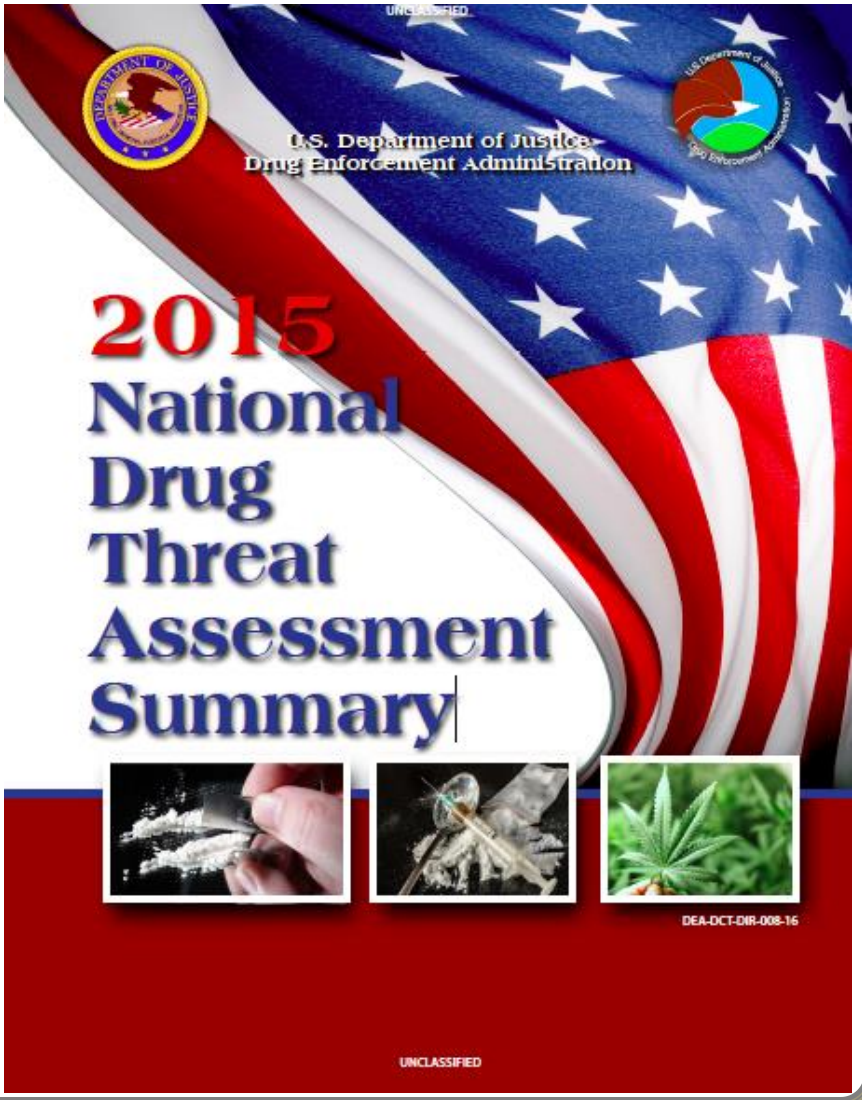
## What Drugs Pose the Biggest Threat to your Community?

# National Drug Threat Summary

120 people die daily due to drug overdose

Prescription drugs result in more overdoses than heroin and cocaine combined

Meth distribution and abuse contributes to violent and property crime rates



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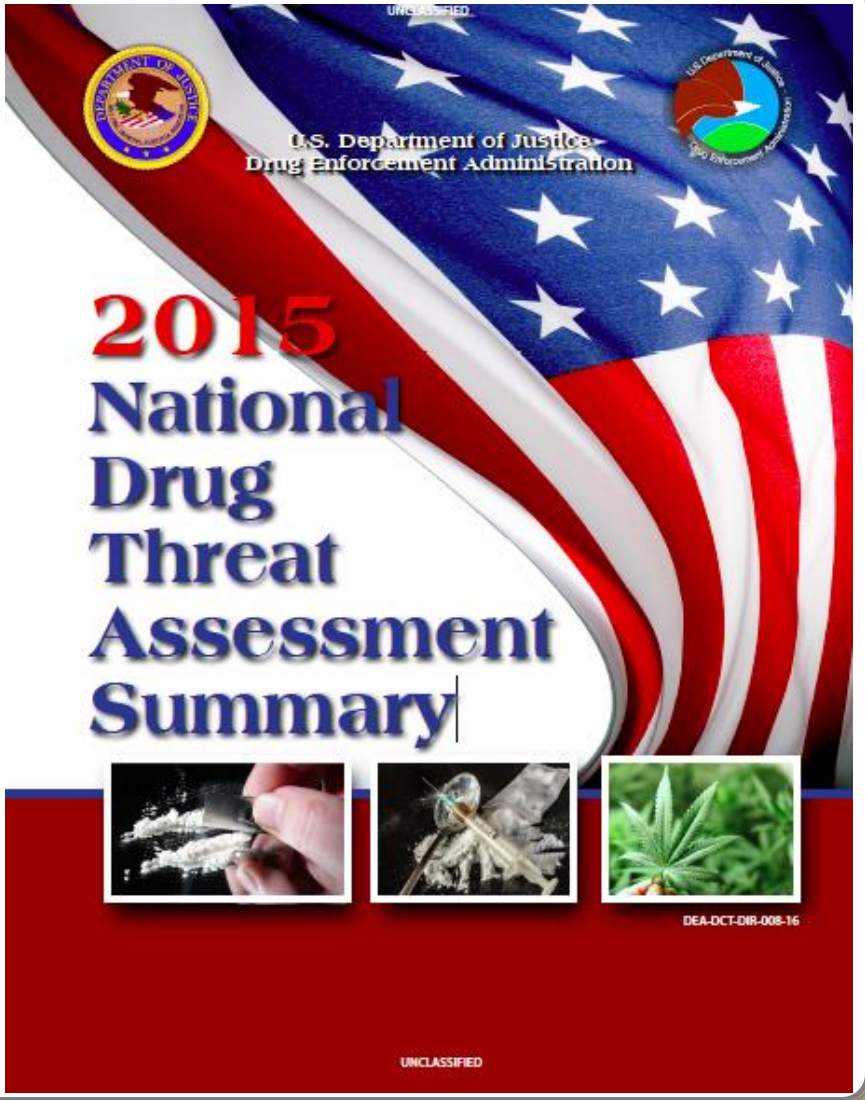
Cocaine distributors seek out meth users as alternative drug

Marijuana concentrates far exceed leaf MJ

Synthetic designer drug threat impacts many areas of the country



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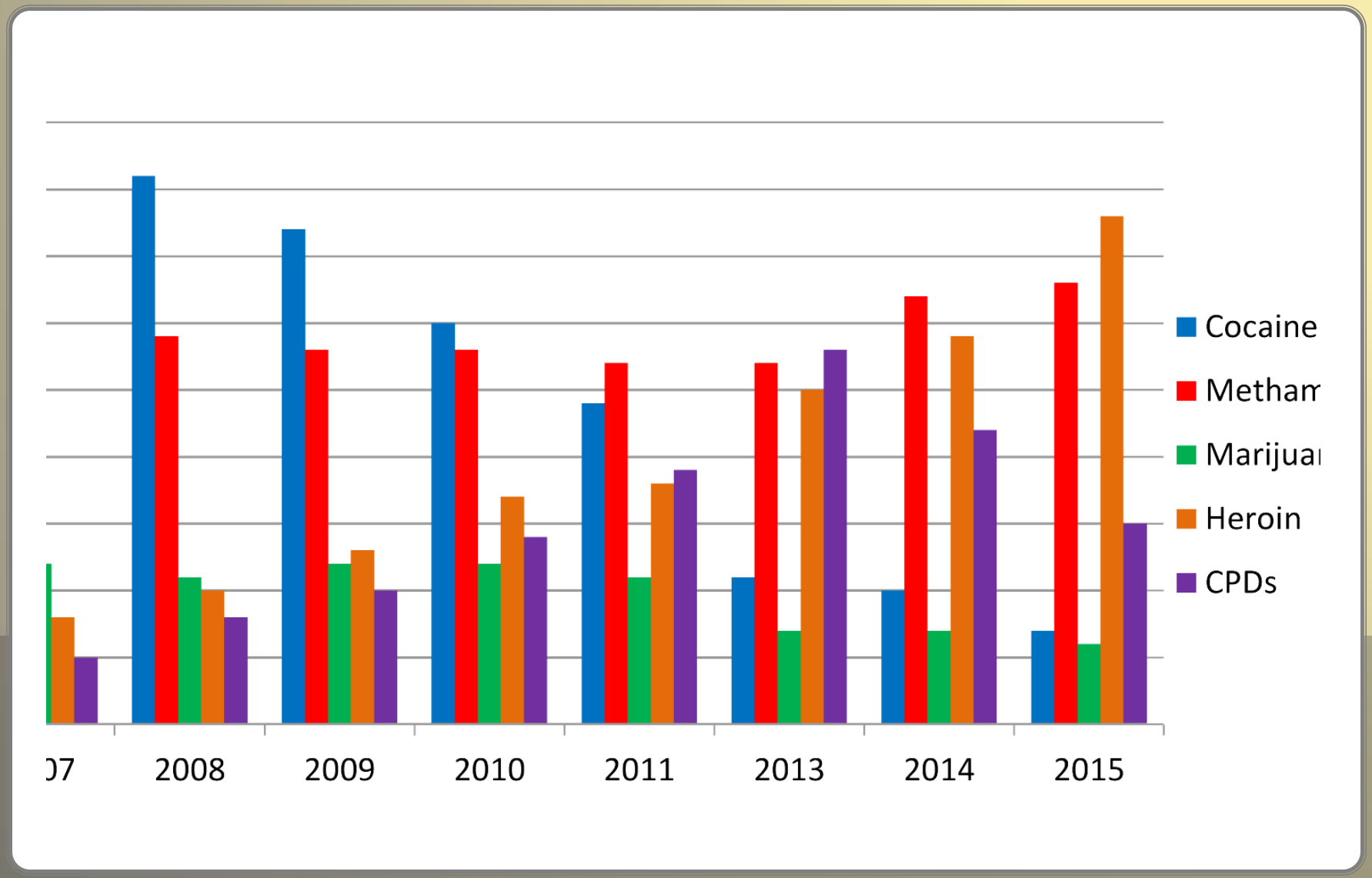
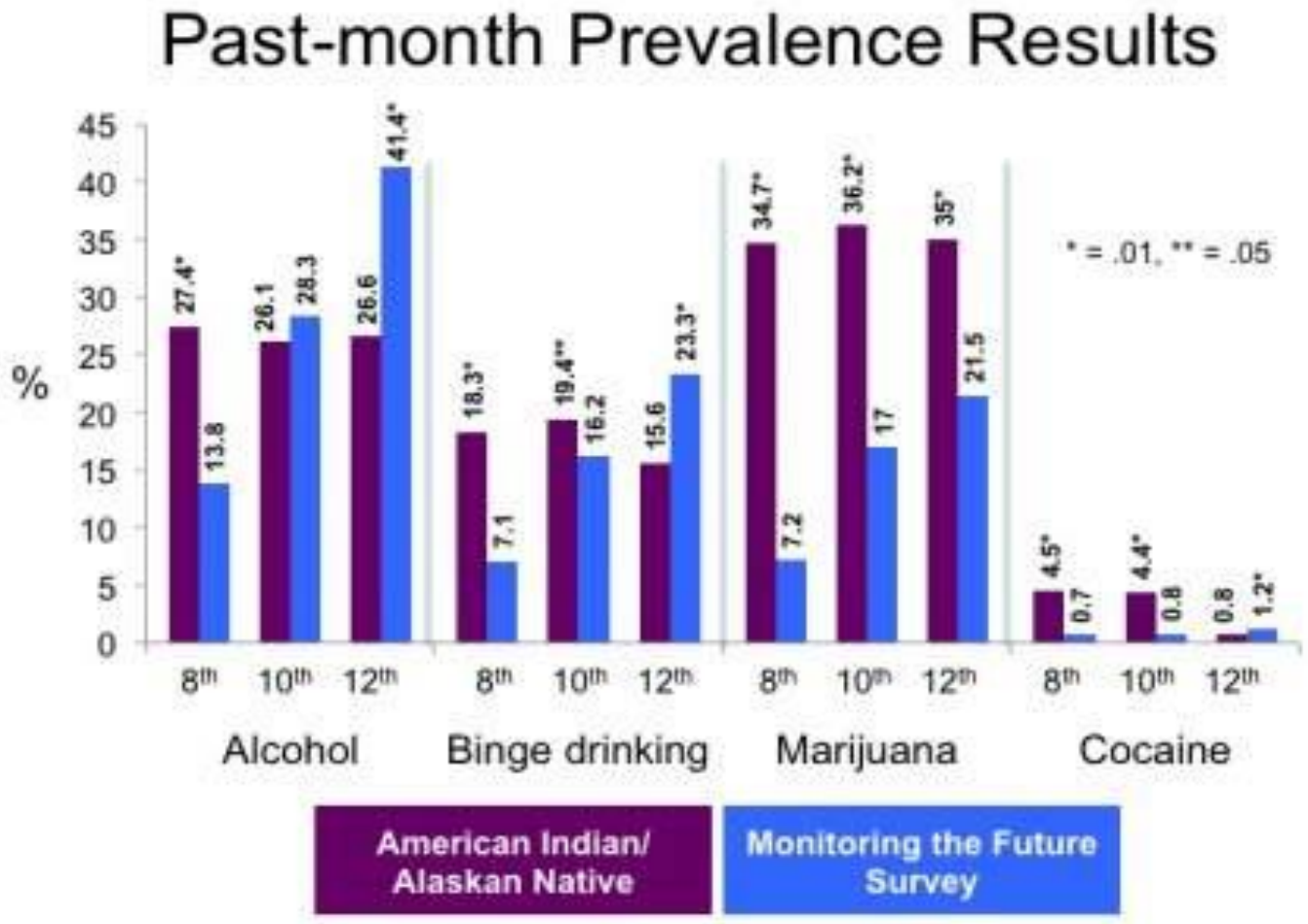


# How Does your Jurisdiction Deal with Juvenile Drug and Alcohol Abuse?

# Indian Youth at Risk



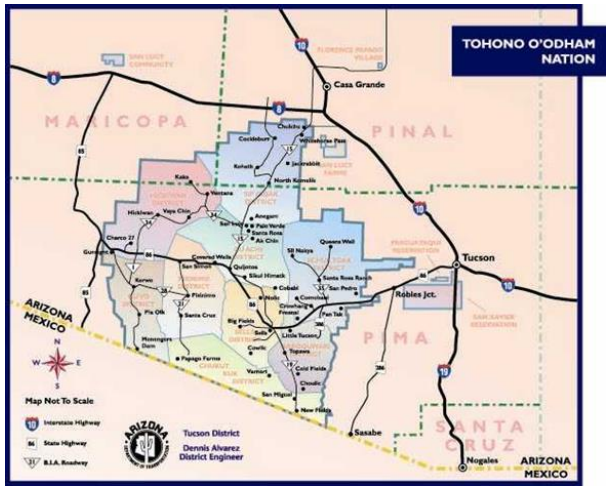

Source: Substance Use in American Indian Use, NIDA report September 11, 2014

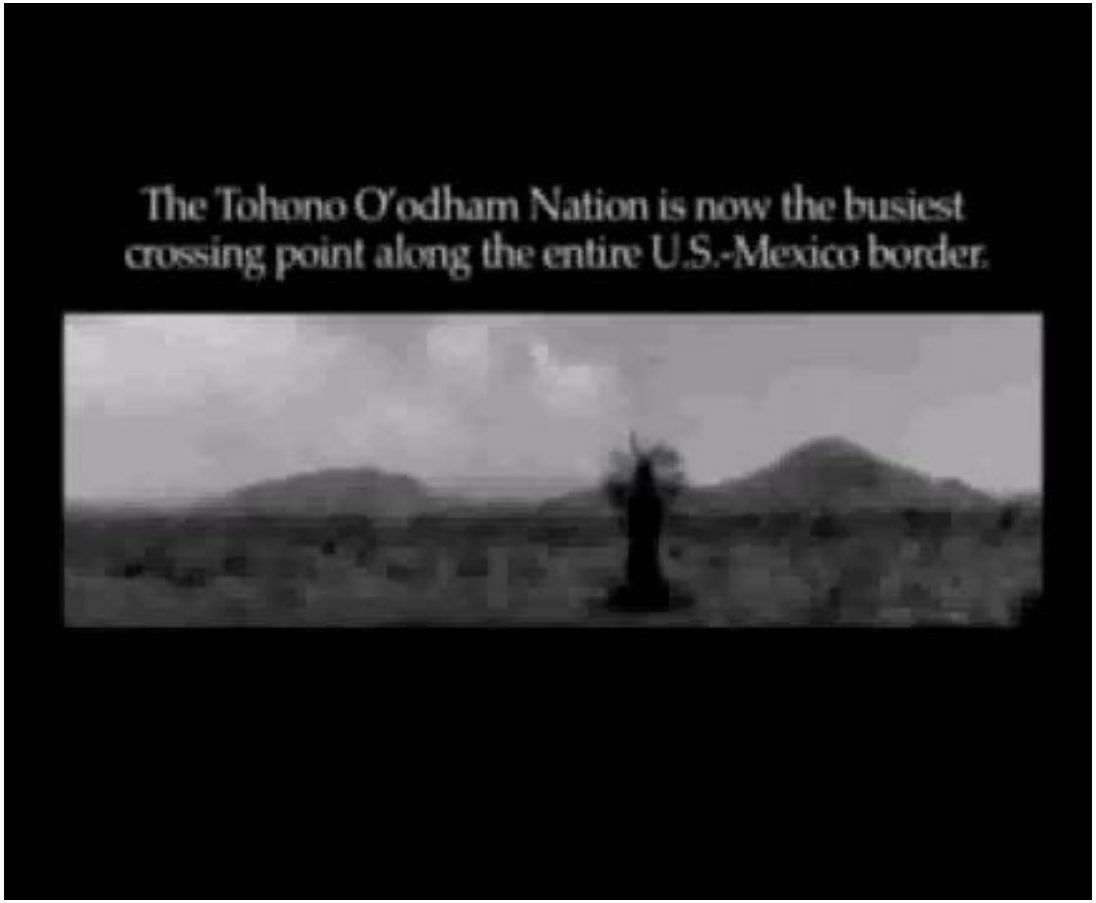
# Synthetic Drugs

# How Do Drugs Get to Your Community?

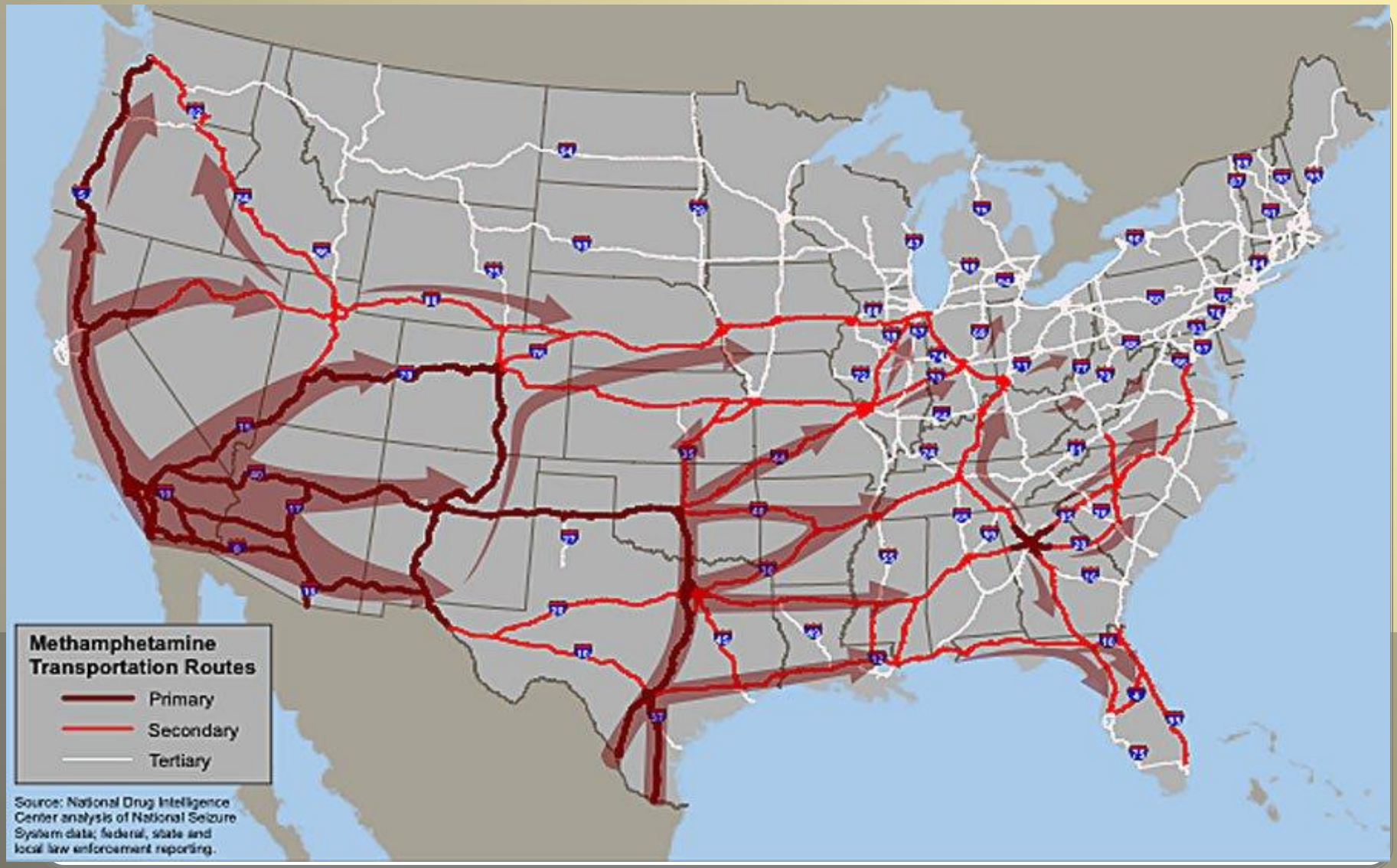
# Community Approaches to Fighting Drug Use and Abuse

# Trafficking through Tribal Jurisdictions



# Methamphetamine



# Cocaine


Cocaine
Transportation Routes
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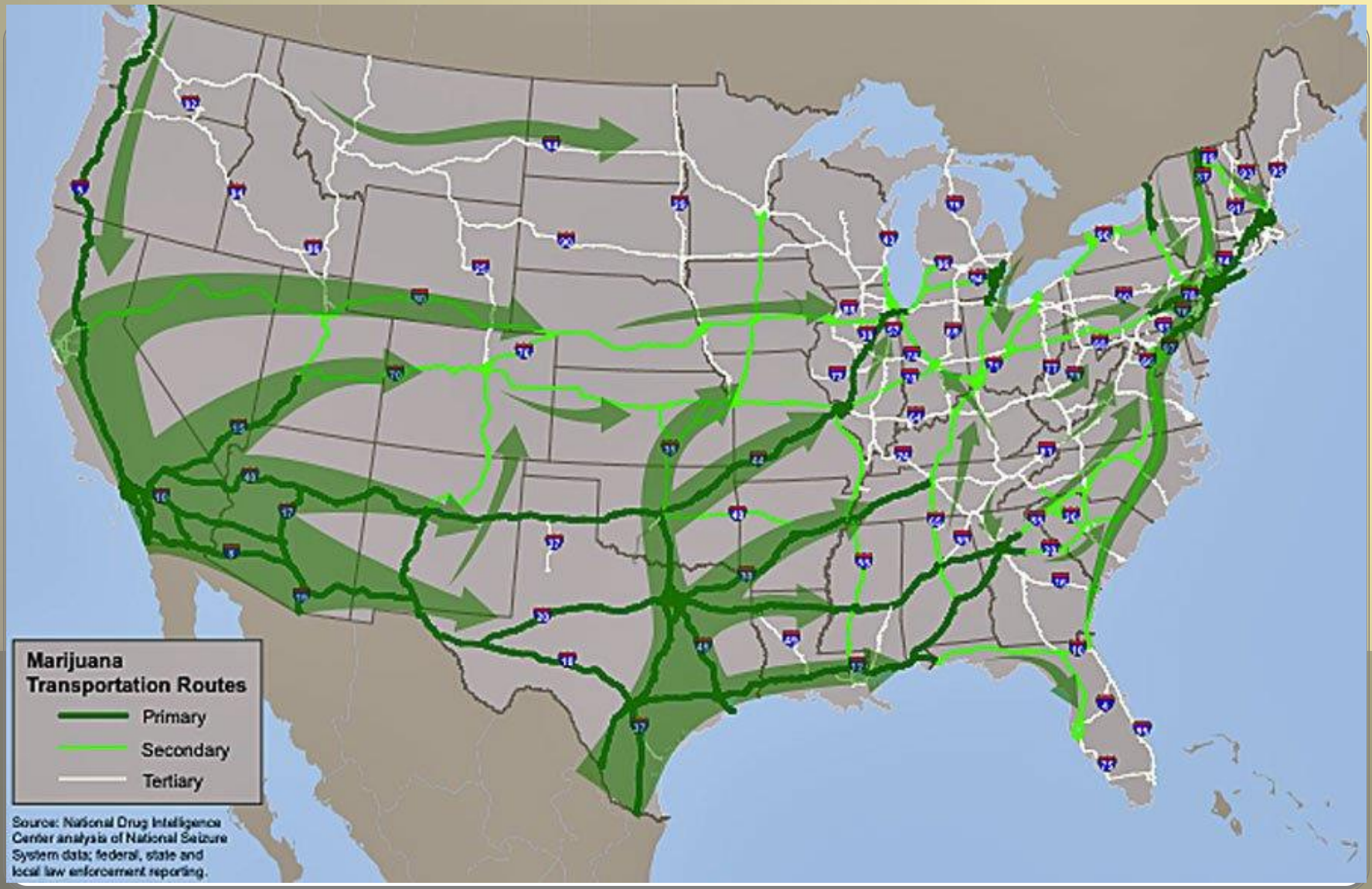
Source: National Drug Intelligence Center analysis of National Seizure System data; federal, state and local law enforcement reporting.

# Marijuana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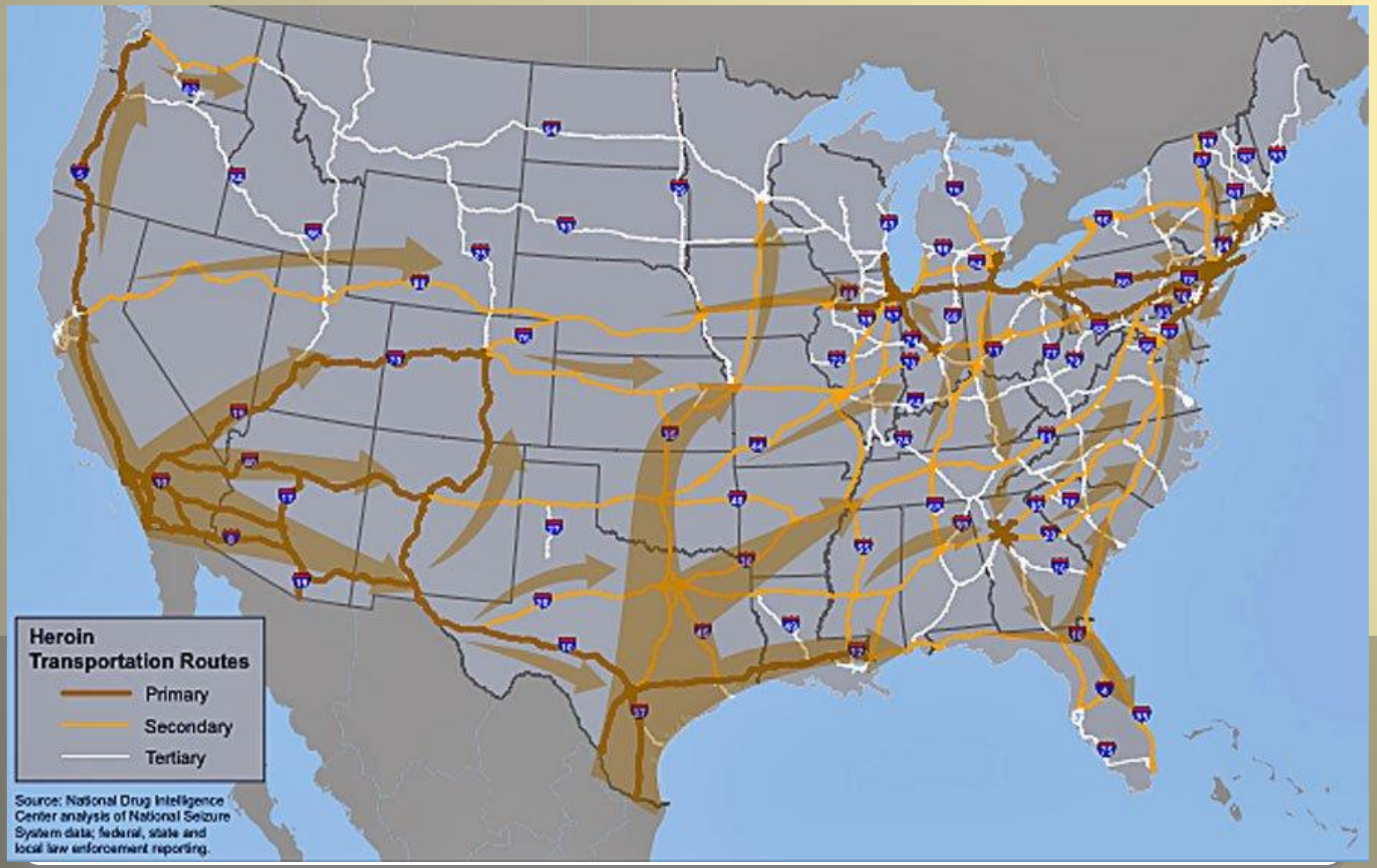
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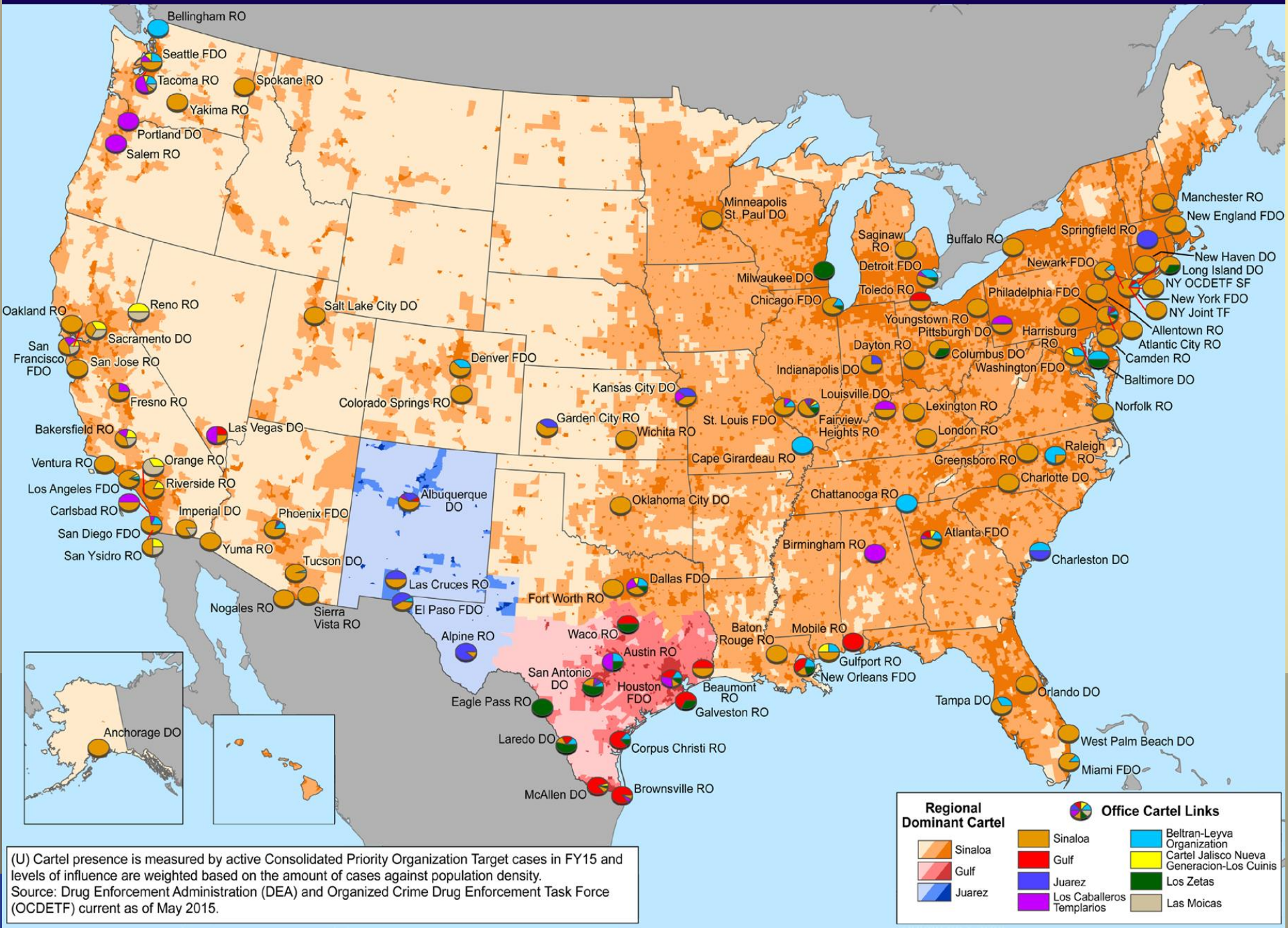
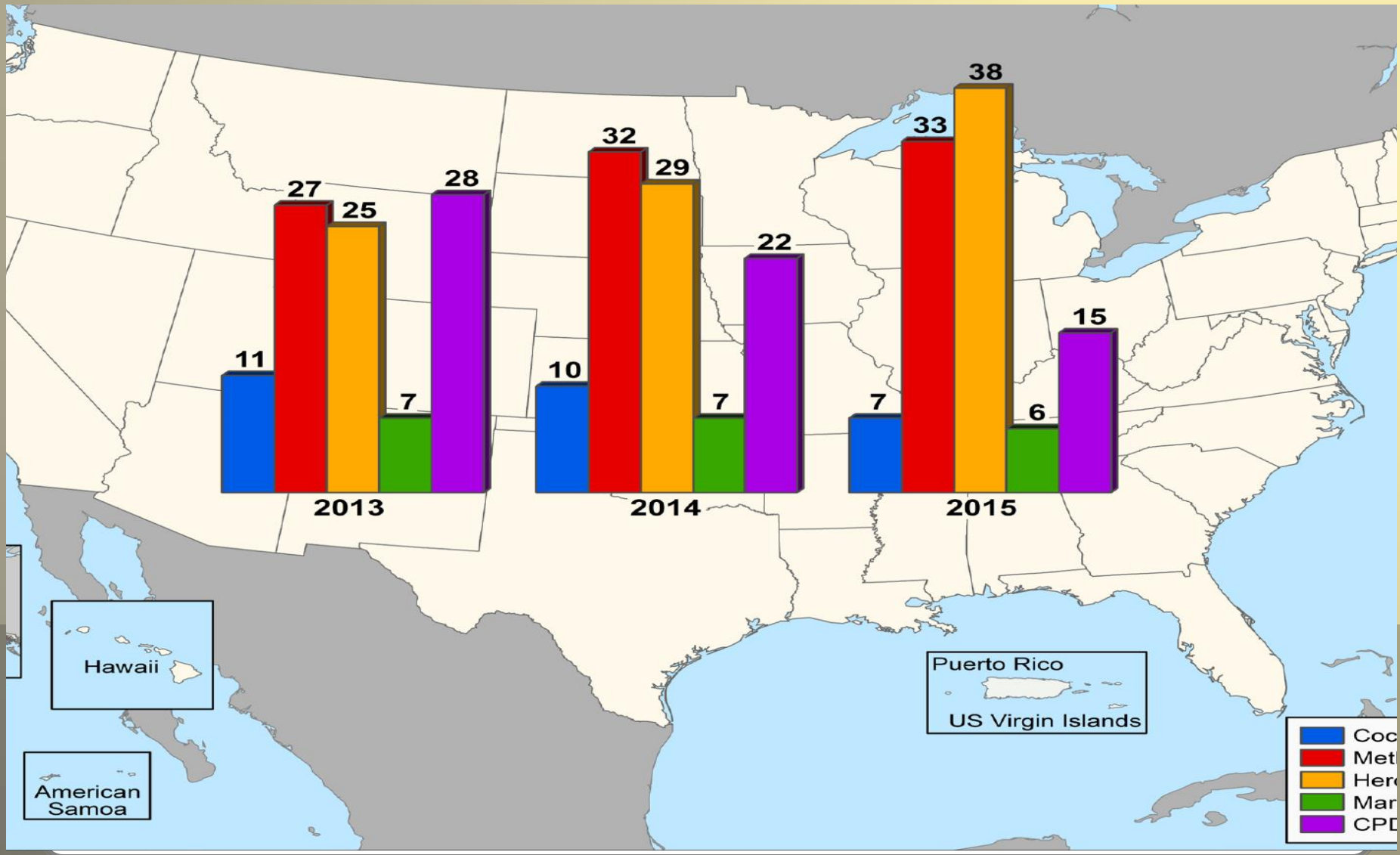
# Remember this Map?

# FDO - Field Division | DO - District Office | RO - Resident Office




(U) Cartel presence is measured by active Consolidated Priority Organization Target cases in FY15 and levels of influence are weighted based on the amount of cases against population density.
Source: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) current as of May 2015.

# Greatest Drug Threat Nationally 2013-2015



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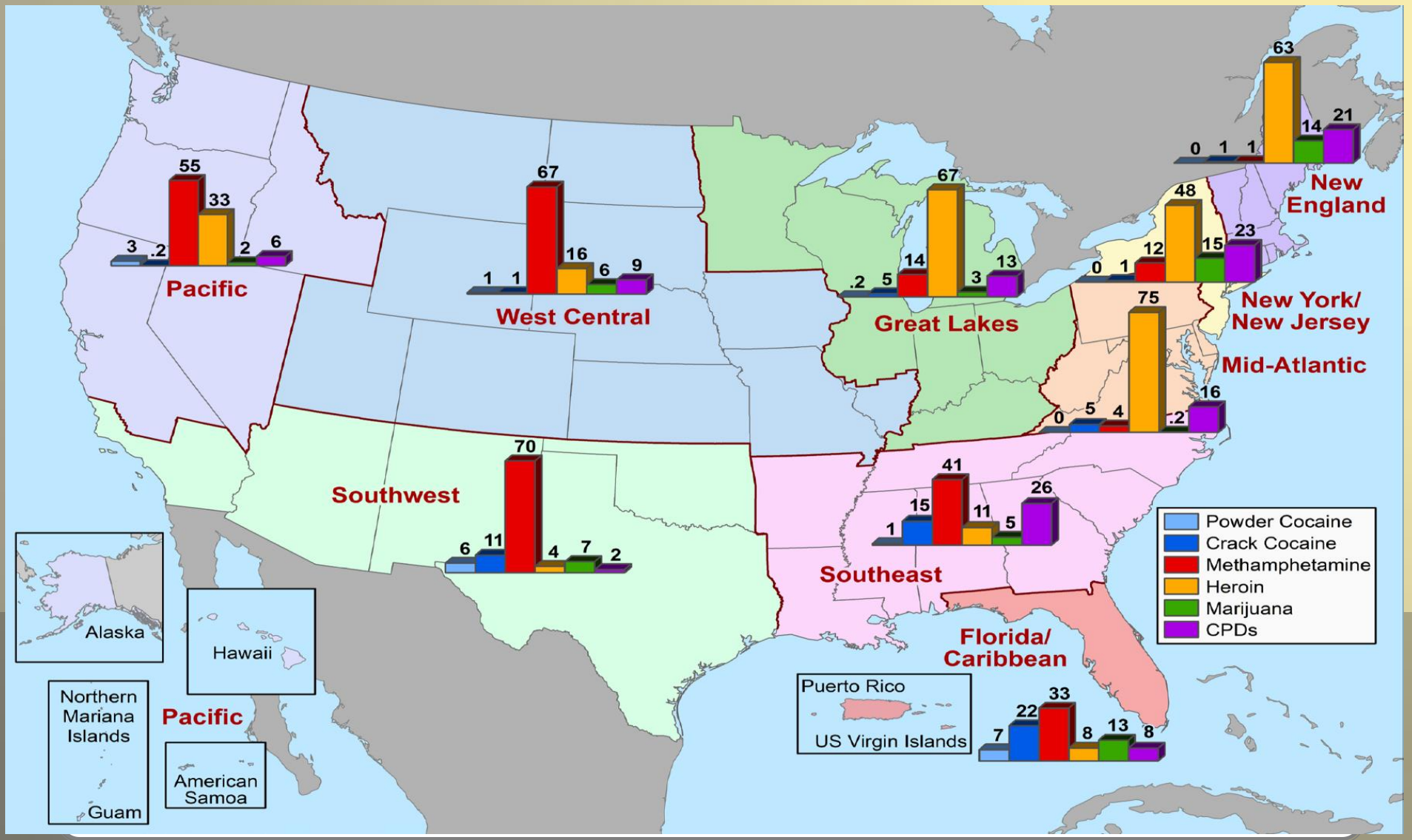

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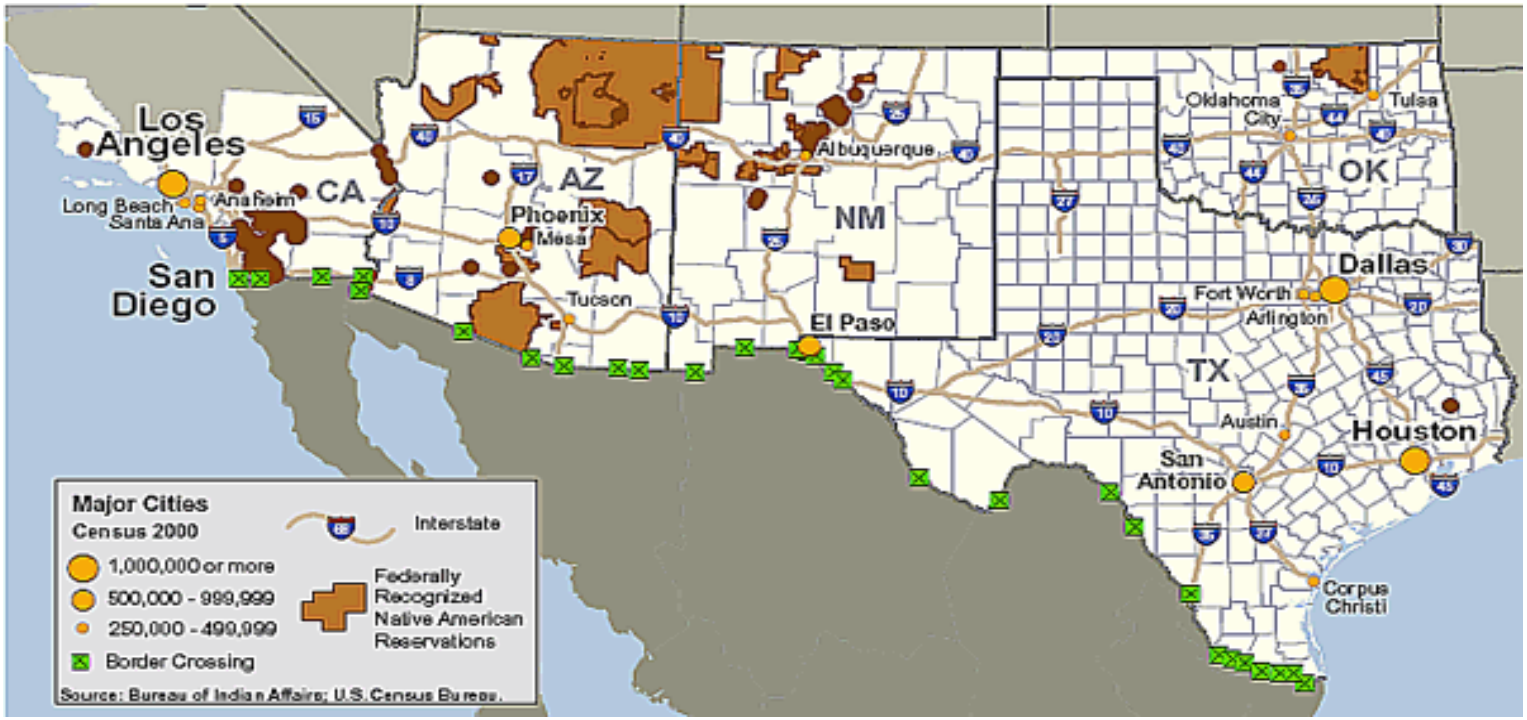


- Mexican DTOs control transportation and marijuana, cocaine, and powder and ice methamphetamine to criminal groups, gang members, and independent traffickers within and outside Native American communities in the Southwest Region..

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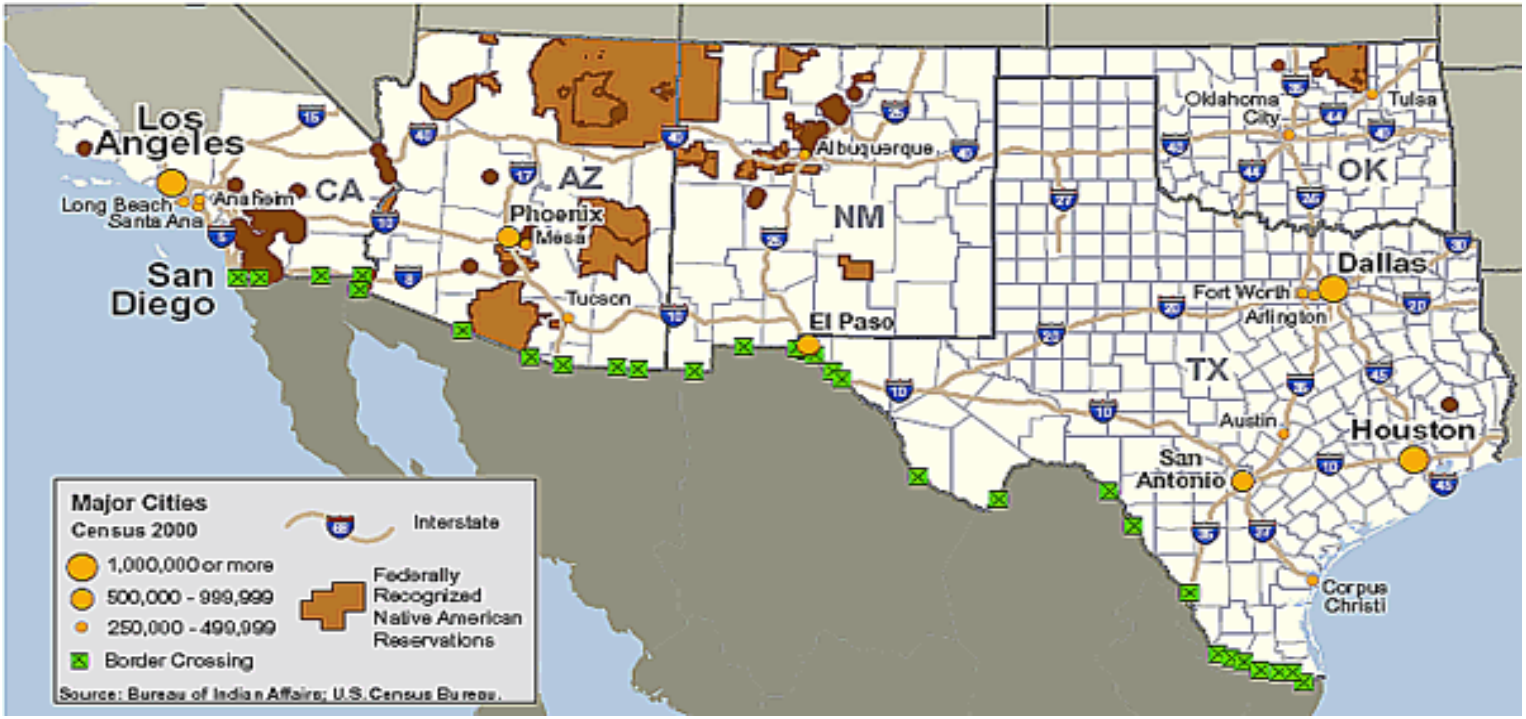


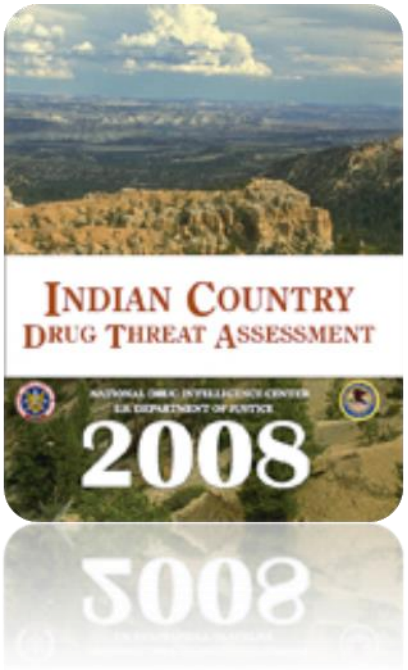

- Mexican traffickers routinely smuggle drugs through reservation border areas en route to U.S. drug markets.
- Methamphetamine and marijuana are the most widely abused drugs on reservations throughout the region.

# Who's Responsible?

# Drug Trafficking Organizations…

Meth is trafficked primarily from Mexico into the United States by Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs)

**Mexican DTOs** and **Native American DTOs** target Indian Reservations and also utilize them as drug hubs and trafficking routes.




Last report by NDIC but 2009-2011 National Reports by NDIC show similar data

Source: http://www.justice.gov/archive/ndic/pubs28/29239/29239p.pdf

# Native Gangs Also?



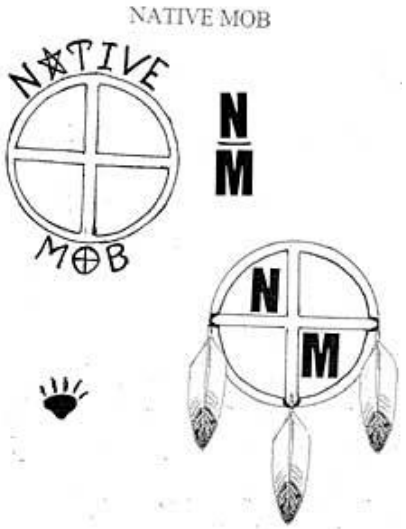

# Indian Youth Gangs

Indian Youth Gangs continues to increase on Reservations and in Federal and State prison


Often emulate

- –Hispanic Gangs(Barrio Aztecas, Nortenos, Surenyos)
- –African American Gangs (Crips and Bloods)
- –Caucasian Gangs (Juggalos)

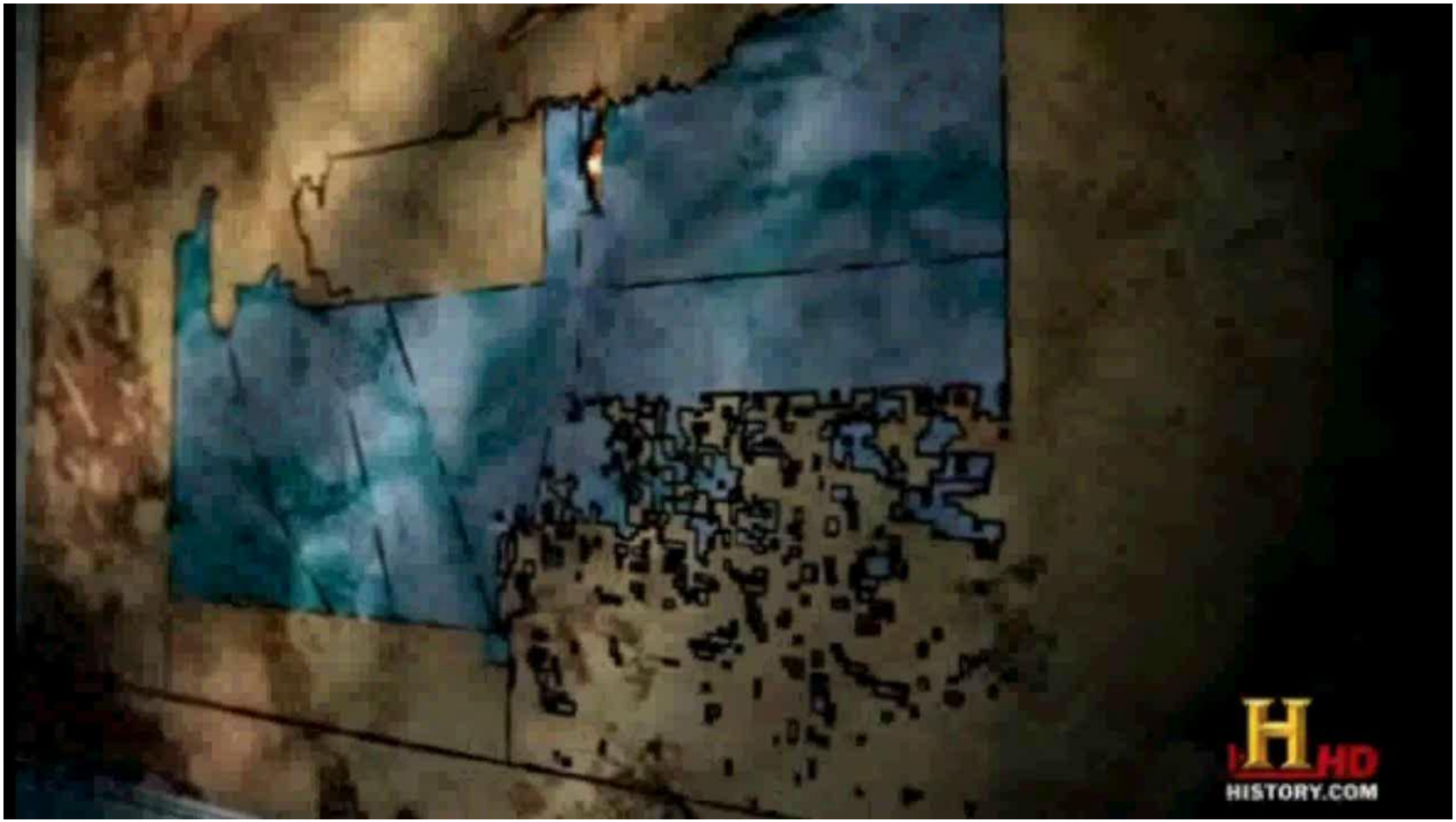
Indian Youth Gang names include, Native Mob and Native Pride which primarily operate in North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin





Graffiti on Ft. Apache San Carlos Reservation

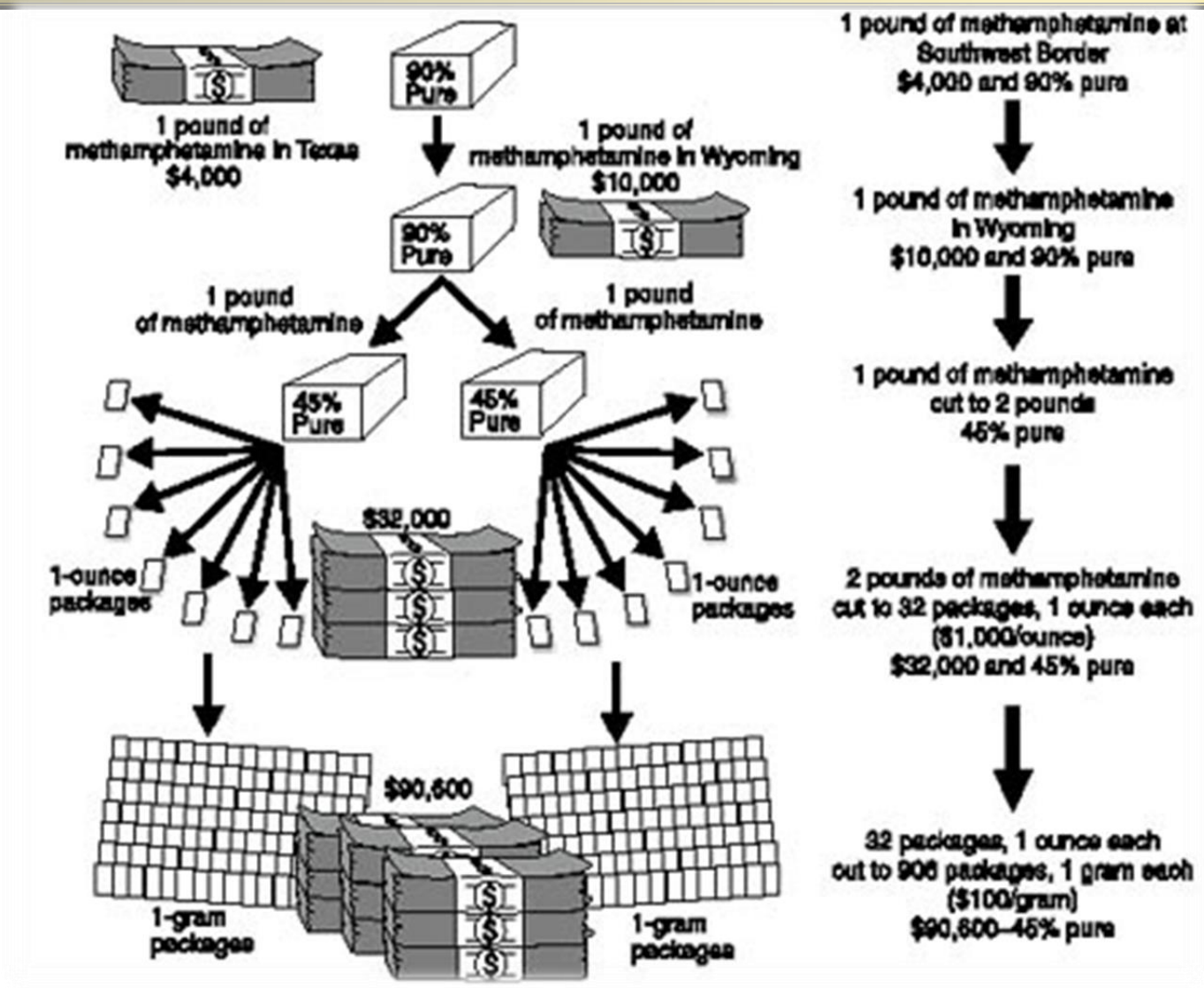
# WILD BOYZ



# What Drugs Pose the Biggest Threat to Your Community?

# Youth Gang Attraction

# Show me the Money!!!



# How Serious is the Problem?

# Drug's Impact on Tribal Communities

# Health

- Pharmaceutical- Diversion
- Emergency Room Care
- Rehabilitation
- Behavioral Health
- STD's
- Dental
- Staff resources
- Staff Safety

# Behavioral/Social Problems

Substance abusers with chronic mental illness

Child neglect and abuse

Pre-natal exposure

Drug-exposed children

THE
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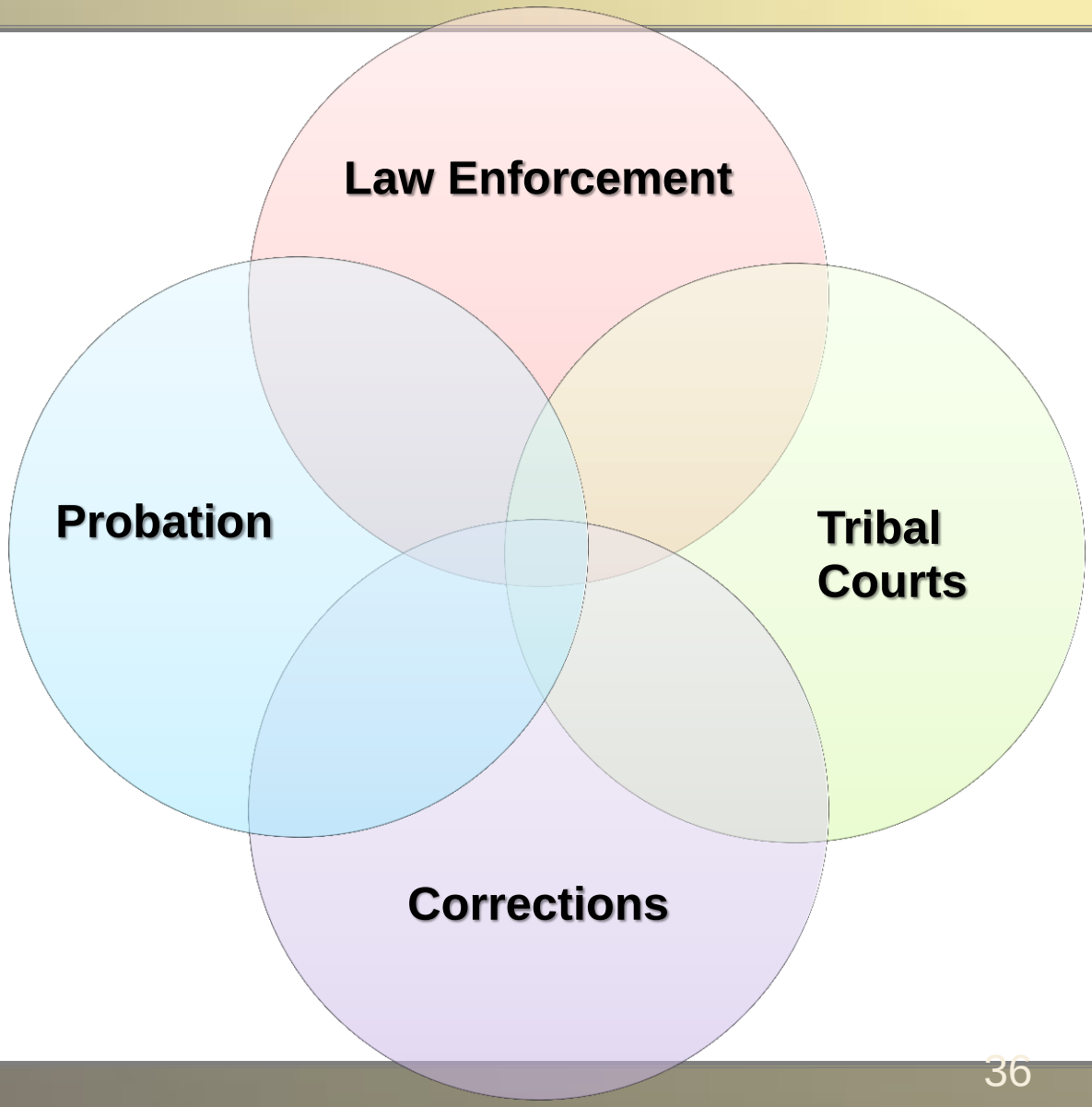
CHILDREN
TASK FORCE

# Criminal Justice in Indian Country

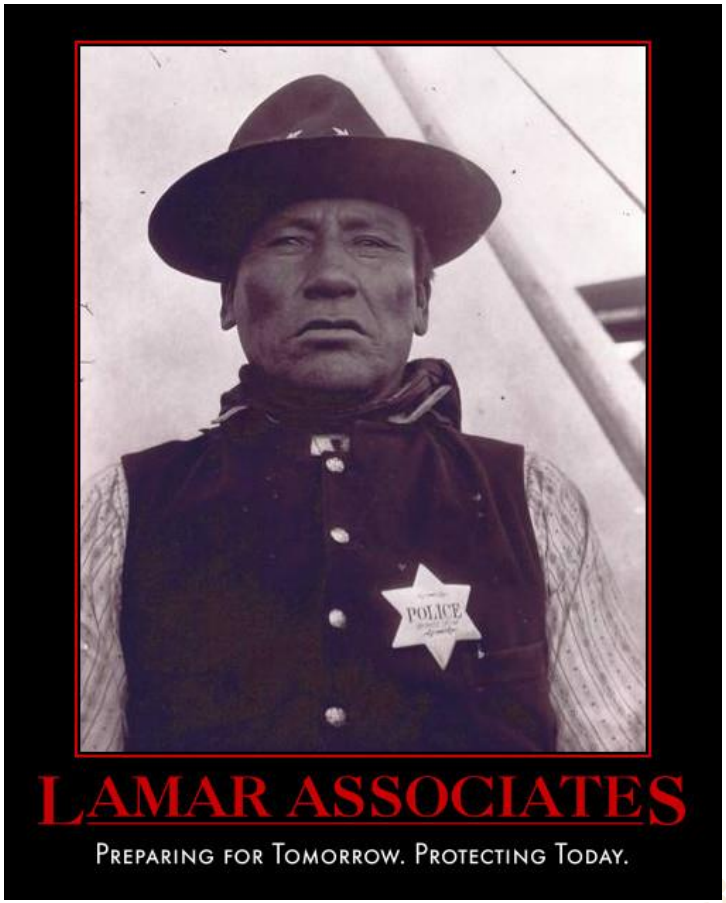


# Law Enforcement

74% of law enforcement identified meth as the greatest drug threat

90% need drug investigation training

LE Staffing currently at 44%




Source:

BIA- Office of Justice

Meth Survey

# Tribal Court

Overwhelming case loads

Program resources

Reoccurring “clients”

Drug Codes

Jurisdiction

# Youth Impact

## What's on the mind of Tribal Youth? (2008, OJJDP)

10 to 14-year-old youth responses to questions about their community and school

| | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| Do you feel safe in your community? | **50%** | **50%** |
| Are your peers using alcohol and drugs? | **100%** | **0%** |
| Are there gangs in your school? | **42%** | **58%** |
| Do you feel safe in school? | **25%** | **75%** |

# Additional Problems

Impaired cognitive functioning and short-term memory loss, notably abstract thinking and judgment

A person's ability to perceive risks while tweaking is diminished (person may engage in high risk sexual behavior, linked to HIV infection and syphilis)

Mixing drugs when crashing: Vicadin, Hydrocodone, Oxycodone and Methadone

Margaret Washington holds a portrait of her granddaughter, Ohetica Win Elyxis Gardner, 13 who died of a prescription overdose.

# Economic Impacts

30% San Carlos Tribal employees tested positive for meth.

The highest proportion of meth users- Age groups.

# Tribal Housing Impact

Violence

Thefts

Fear

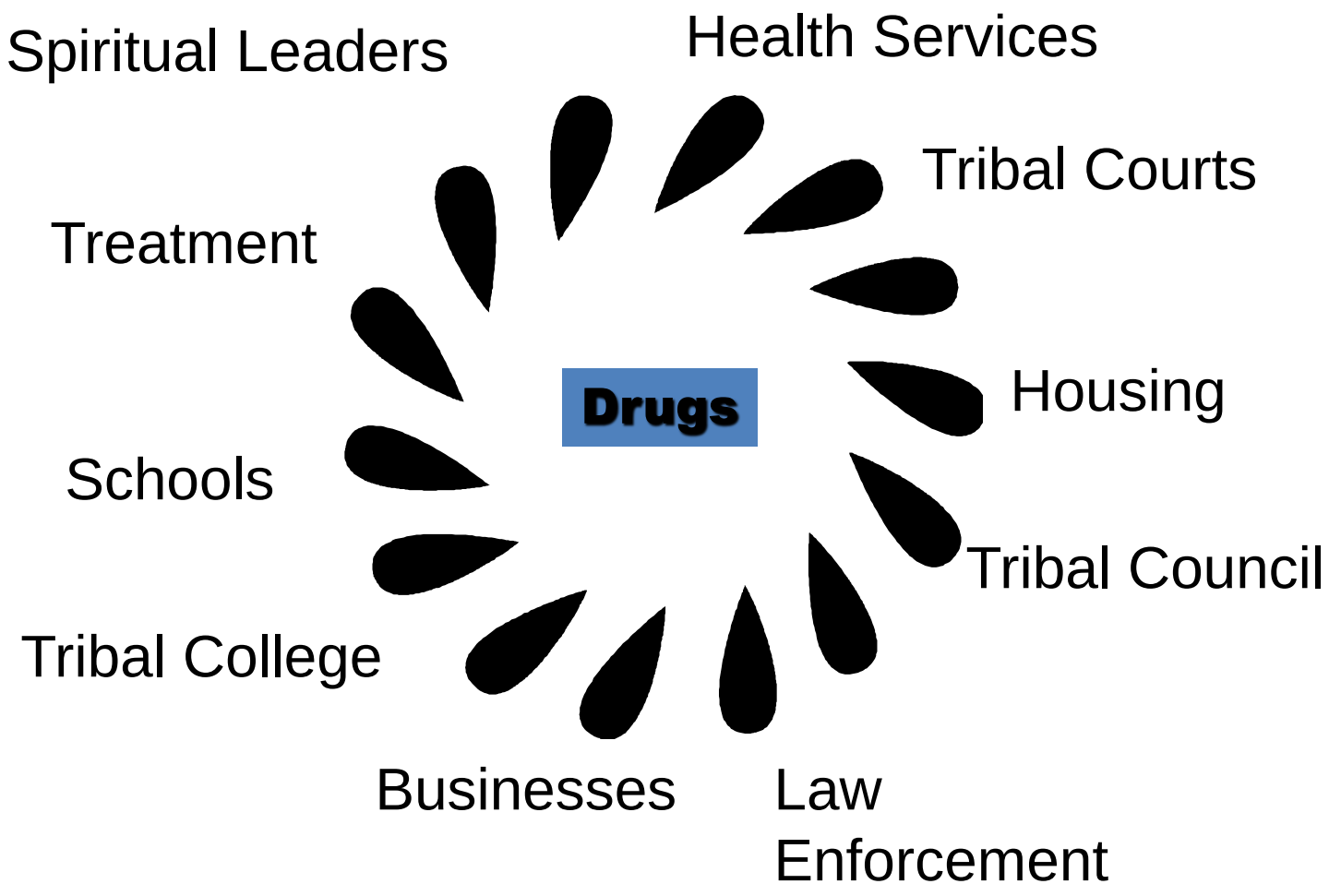
Danger to security

Dangers to Children

# Best Medicine for an Ailing Community!


“Collaboration is
the glue that holds
communities
together”

# Collaborative Partnerships



# PREVENTION

- **Early Intervention:** reduce risk factors: drug abusing peers, aggressive behavior, poor self-control
- **Community Education:** PSA's, billboards, videos, pamphlets, Anti-drug events
- **Family Based Programs:** parenting skills, family policies, enhanced family bonding
- **School Based Programs:** Grammar, Middle and High School specific
- **Drug Court Program:** actively handled adult and juvenile drug cases as coordinated with child custody by social services

# PENASI WALK FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS