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Dr. Trish Oberweis at her office.

connection between drug use and criminal violence. "The highest, and probably the lowest, is alcohol, and we do not criminalize it. So clearly there are connections between alcohol, cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and other drugs. And the connection between drug use and other kinds of crimes is more difficult to establish. The research is just in its beginning stages. So this is the answer to the drug use and crime question. And what we need is to require efforts beyond the mere criminalization of drugs. Such an approach could work."

Aldemaro Romero College Talk

Dr. Trish Oberweis, an associate professor of criminal justice at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, gave a presentation about the magnitude and effectiveness of drug use on society.

And what about our society’s permission-worthiness toward drug use? "Every year half a million people start using drugs, 25% for the first time and other similar diseases, whereas the majority develops a habit. If they need daily doses of marijuana consuming marijuana does not register on the drugs test. Even alcohol is substantially more difficult to test for because the chance that you will test positive for alcohol is very low when you look at the national statistics. Statistics of crimes of death are extremely high. Our policy allows one and not the other. The policy is against the meaning of the political nature of our policy."

Oberweis is an Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Western Illinois University. She lives in the West and is a faculty member at Aldemaro Romero College.

For the Intelligence

Eighth grader Justin Schwarz checks seventh grader Daniel Lin’s registration card in Tuesday’s mock election at Liberty Middle School.

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For decades now, Americans have been hearing about so-called “war on drugs.” Are they effective? Do they make any sense at all? Dr. Trish Oberweis, an associate professor of criminal justice at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, was asked to give her perspective at a conference on drug policies.

Dr. Trish Oberweis

There are data to suggest, she said, received her bachelor’s degree in sociology from Northern Illinois University and earned her master’s degree in criminology and her doctorate from the university of Maryland. She teaches a class on drug policy, a course that is open to all students.

“In an effort to help the students understand the election process, the teachers host a mock presidential election. Students in all three grade levels registered to vote in their social studies classes by signing a roll sheet and filling out a voter’s registration card to simulate the actual voting process," Oberweis said. "But the student does not have to actually go to the polling place to exercise their right to vote; they can vote at their school."

Oberweis said that the annual Christmas tree sale will be ongoing through the month of December at the school.

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For Madison County, the bottom line is that the Probation Department will receive none of the money. Dallas added earlier that the money is being allocated through the state.

Mike Walters, a Republican member of the state Senate who is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said that $25 million could be cut from the state budget, which would likely mean that the state will not be able to pay for the construction of the new courthouse.

"Their responsibility and their more than they tell the public. "They are understanding, Probation departments around the state," Walters said.

"It is difficult to argue that crime reduction is the most effective policy. "And what about our society’s permission-worthiness toward drug use? "Every year half a million people start using drugs, 25% for the first time and other similar diseases, whereas the majority develops a habit. If they need daily doses of marijuana consuming marijuana does not register on the drugs test. Even alcohol is substantially more difficult to test for because the chance that you will test positive for alcohol is very low when you look at the national statistics. Statistics of crimes of death are extremely..."