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First, consider giving law enforcement the authority to search any person, place or thing for illegal drugs based on a level of suspicion less than probable cause, and with full exemption from liability, but limit that authority to seizing the illegal substance without compensation, and without charging anyone with a crime unless the seizure meets current 4th Amendment standards. Second, spend the obscene amounts of money we are throwing at the problem to conduct a propaganda program at least as effective as the existing brainwashing programs carried on by Hollywood on all media outlets to sell beer and other products. We know we are being seduced to buy products but we succumb to it anyway because the campaigns are so insidious. If the state and nation employed the same motivational geniuses used by commercial advertising and entertainment to govern our behaviour, but direct them to delude young people into believing that they will be unpopular and shunned if they ingest dangerous drugs, and if we adopt the first measure, the whole problem will vanish in less than a decade. These are draconian measures, but they should be on the table due to the devastating effects of this threat.