

Double Entry Journal  
(Abbreviated Sample: First two paragraphs only)

Becker, G. S. (September 17, 2001). It's time to give up the war on drugs. *Business Week*, issue 3747, p, 32.

Author's Critical Points	My Responses
The war on drugs should be abandoned as we legalize marijuana and some hard drugs.	Although this proposition initially struck me as a radical stance, the article is fairly convincing. The drug wars have gotten completely out of control, particularly in Mexico, in the almost ten years since this article was written.
Defenders of the war on drugs argue that because suppliers face enormous risks, drug prices remain high, beyond the reach of many potential users.	This appeared to be a sound argument until I realized that once "hooked," addicts will pay any price for their "fixes."
Drugs are still popular and readily available.	True! (I guess!)
Even if some people never experiment with drugs because of their cost, the US is still spending almost 40 billion annually to fight a losing war.	Amen! I am certain the price tag is even higher now. You can't put a price tag on the innocent people killed by these ruthless drug cartels. Even if the targeted people are involved, they and their families don't deserve to die, particularly if they turned to crime out of economic desperation.