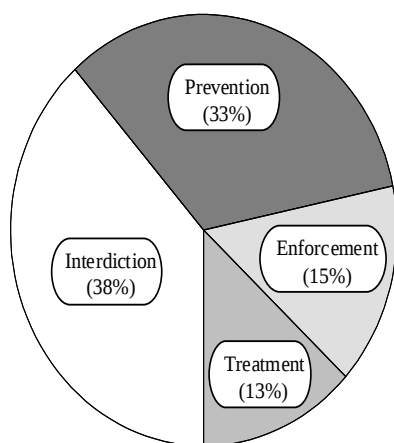


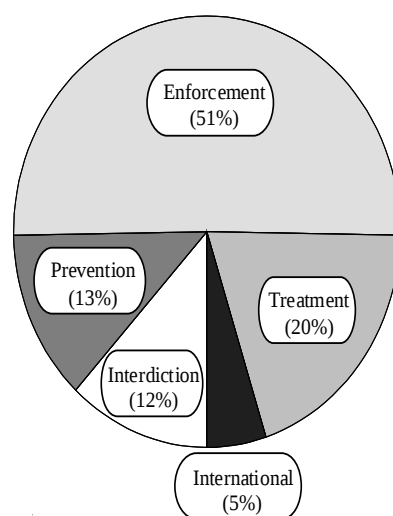
Maryland Residents' Drug Control Priorities Differ from Those of National Drug Budget

Maryland residents' opinions on what areas should receive the most money and effort in the drug war contrast sharply with the national drug control budget priorities. According to a recently released 1999 household opinion poll, Maryland residents believe reducing the drug flow into the U.S. (38%) and education and prevention (33%) should receive the most money and effort in the fight against drugs. These areas, however, receive the smallest proportion of the requested fiscal year 2001 national drug control budget (12% and 13%, respectively). While only 15% of Maryland residents believe that law enforcement should be a funding priority, just over one-half of the federal drug control budget is dedicated to domestic law enforcement (see CESAR FAX, Vol. 9, Issue 17 for more information about the federal drug control budget).

**Maryland Residents' Opinions on
Drug War Priority Areas, 1999**
(n=1,002 adult residents)



**National Drug Control Budget
Distribution of Monies**
(FY2001 Requested Amount)



NOTES: The Maryland poll did not include "international" as a survey response. One percent of Maryland residents responded "don't know" or refused to answer the question. The national drug control budget percentages do not sum to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCES: Yacoubian, George S., Jr. and Eric D. Wish, *What Maryland Residents Think About Drugs and Crime: Summer/Fall 1999 Maryland Household Opinion Poll*, Center for Substance Abuse Research, May 2000.

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