

Let me say that the medical experts agree that these drugs do help a small percentage of children who need them. But there is also strong evidence that the drugs have been greatly over prescribed in some parts of the country as a panacea for behavior problems. These drugs have been over-promoted, over-marketed and over-sold, resulting in profits of some \$450 million annually. This constitutes a potential health threat too many children and has also created a new source of drug abuse and illicit traffic.....There's a legitimate place for these drugs, but we have become the only country in the world where children are prescribed such a vast quantity of stimulants that share virtually the same properties as cocaine. We must turn down the flow that is rapidly becoming a flood.

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