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What are the costs of the "War on Drugs?" During President Richard Nixon's term in office, the United States of America declared a "War on Drugs." The "war" began in 1973 and continues to this day. It is one of America's longest and most costly wars to date. What is the total cost of this "War on Drugs?" Who pays the real price of this war? What are the successes and failures of this war? This paper examines the evidence in order to find an answer to these questions. In addition, alternative approaches to solving the "drug problem" are explored. The categories of race, gender, and class will be used to study all of the above issues.