

Much of the profits amassed from the drug business is used to finance so called legitimate businesses. These legitimate businesses that are controlled by the Mafia are also used to facilitate their drug smuggling activities. Given the fact that organized crime is a business and an ever expanding one at that, it is constantly seeking new areas of investment to increase profits. Hence, more and more illegal profits are being channeled into legitimate businesses.

Partnerships between the Mafia and "reputable businessmen" are the order of the day. There is a direct relationship between legitimate and illegitimate capitalists.

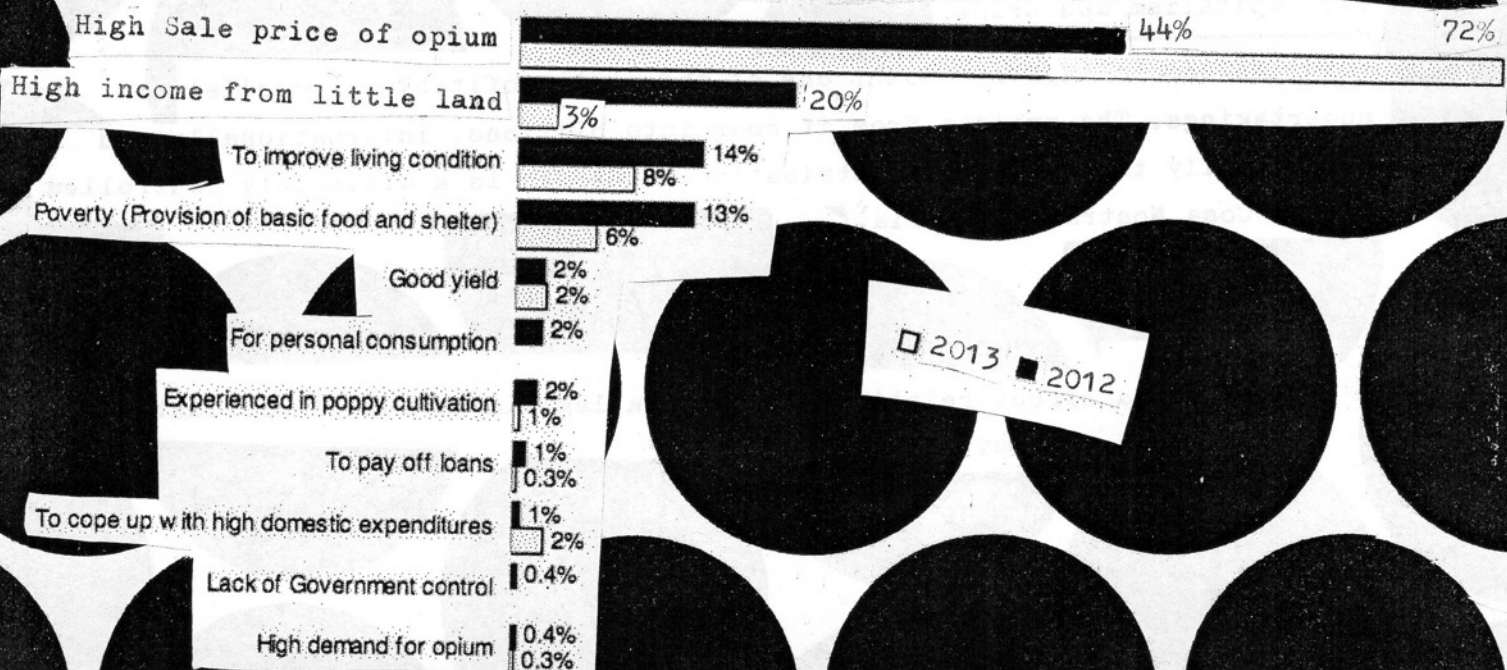
(...) (...)

Given the predatory and voracious nature of the capitalist, it should come as no surprise that so called legitimate businessmen are deeply involved in the drug trade.

Capitalists are motivated by an insatiable lust for profits. They will do anything for money. The activities of organized crime and the "legitimate capitalists" are so inextricably tied up, so thoroughly interwoven, that from our vantage point any distinction between them is purely academic.

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UNODC Afghanistan Opium Survey 2013 Summary Findings
(excerpt) Reasons for Cultivating Opium:



Opium Production in Afghanistan

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(Excerpt)

"Afghanistan has been the greatest

illicit opium producer in the entire world.

Opium production in Afghanistan has been on the rise since U.S. occupation started in 2001.

(...)

Based on UNODC data, there has been more opium poppy cultivation in each of the past four growing seasons than in any one year during Taliban rule. (2004-2007)

This amounts to an export value of about 4 billion dollars,

with a quarter

being earned by opium farmers,

and the rest going to district officials, insurgents, warlords, and drug traffickers.

Also, more land is now used for opium in Afghanistan than for Cocoa cultivation in Latin America. In 2007, 92% of the "non-pharmaceutical-grade" opiates on the world market originated in Afghanistan."

Imperialism is an indispensable tool for capitalist expansion. (++)
Vanity feeds both.

Envy by Helmut Schoeck (Excerpt)
"Envy is a drive which lies at the core of man's life as a social being, and which occurs as soon as two individuals become capable of mutual comparison."

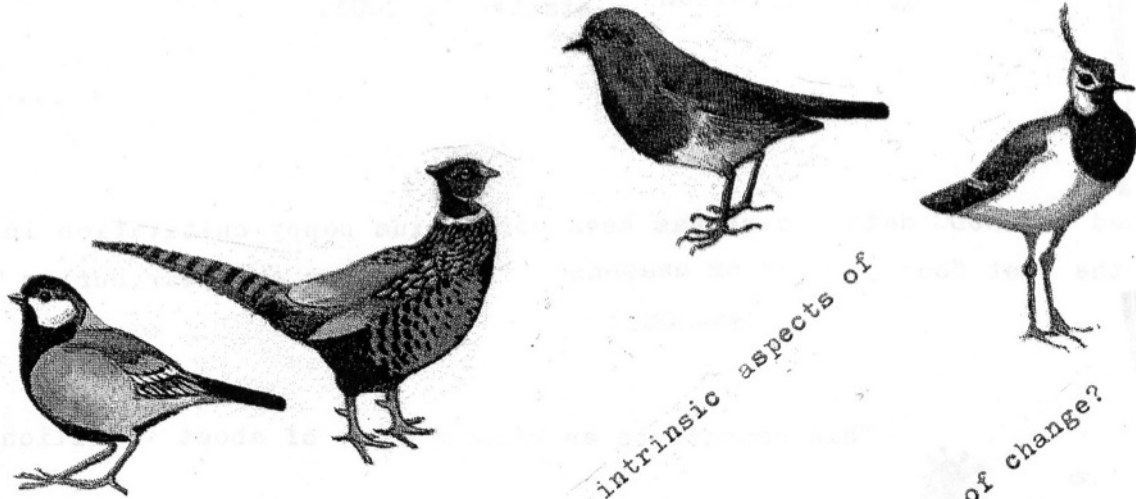
(Exerpt)

Vanity Economics by Simon Fan

"Vanity by Possession" ... "It should be emphasized that possession is a feeling, rather than ownership itself. (...)

People obtain vanity by possessing a spouse and children.

In fact, for most people, the vanity from this source is much more important than the vanity obtained from possessing material goods such as cars and houses." When there are fewer interactions between two individuals, this phenomena still takes place in form of -'vanity by affiliation-' (Paraphrasing)



Does it matter whether or not envy and vanity are intrinsic aspects of human nature?
Even if reality is not a social construct, isn't it still capable of change?
Vanity doesn't have to be our source of self-esteem.
Let's end the "system within the -'anti-system-!'"
Fight vanity and envy internally.



Fight capitalism and imperialism externally.

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