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The United States government has been involved in the war on drugs for several years now. As a result, they have used methods such as campaigns to implement drug prohibition. A surprising aspect of the story is how President George H.W. Bush's speech of 1989 got planned and organized (Revealnews, 2019). Although it was designed to pass the message of crack cocaine use in society, it was astonishing how the seller was coerced and sell the drug at Lafayette Park, which was a few distances from the white house. The president used the crack during the speech and showed people how it was dangerous to the people's neighborhoods.

Moreover, the message intended to be passed to people is how drug dealings have increased and were required to make individuals aware. Nevertheless, the information presented by President Bush was not correct because the white house planned the speech. No one was selling crack cocaine in Lafayette park because there was law enforcement in uniform and the only tourist were there to take a picture. Hence drug dealing was not that rampant, as stated by the president. This resulted in increased fear among people considering that great basketball players such as Len Bias died and noted that the cause of the death was crack cocaine.

The anti-drug abuse act was developed in 1989 and is focused on increasing the drug policies. Like President Bush stated, America needs to be tough on drug dealers and implement rigid federal laws and sentences. The stringent guidelines have affected society because it has increased racial segregation (Revealnews, 2019). Crack cocaine was mostly utilized and traded in low-income regions which the majority were African Americans. As a result, the majority of people in prison are black. Also, increased incarceration affects the relationship between individuals as the majority of them are in jail. This disrupts individuals' lives at a younger age hence expanding the gap between the white and black.

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