TABLE 15.1 Arguments for and Against Drug Legalization

FOR LEGALIZATION	AGAINST LEGALIZATION
• Drug use is a right. • Drug laws are biased. • The war on drugs costs too much. • Government can tax drugs. • The war on drugs creates crime. • Legalization would make drugs safer.	• Drug use is wrong and immoral. • Drug use is harmful to users. • Drug use harms the social fabric. • Drug use would increase among juveniles. • Drug use is tied to crime.

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