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## Summary of NIH Grants (“List of Horribles”)

### Part 3 -- Weed, Pay-to-Play Condoms, and Sex Diaries

The National Institutes of Health isn’t all just white lab coats, you know. Marijuana studies, asking 16 year olds to keep sex diaries, and assisting a proud member of the Sandinista movement with the research of heroin addicts all seem to meet the rigorous standards of the National Institutes of Health these days.

Most Americans are unaware their government spent nearly \$1 million allowing marijuana users to get high under their auspices, much less the amount spent on tracking the sexual habits of Filipinos or the keen interests in turning teenage sex diaries into “web based sex diaries” in order to make it easier to collect data.

#### MARIJUANA'S ACUTE EFFECTS ON RISK TAKING, SEXUAL/HIV RISK, AND IMPULSIVITY

NIH Grant #: 5R01DA021403-03  
[http://projectreporter.nih.gov/pr\\_Pri\\_info\\_desc\\_dtls.cfm?aid=7603127&icde=9167310&print=yes](http://projectreporter.nih.gov/pr_Pri_info_desc_dtls.cfm?aid=7603127&icde=9167310&print=yes)

2009: \$311,640  
2008: \$311,640  
2007: \$317,750

Principle Investigator: **Jane Metrik** | Study Section: **Adult Psychopathology and Disorders of Aging Study Section (APDA)** | NIH Program Official: **Minda Lynch**

Pass the Cheetos... this NIH grant buys **pot for potheads** “to understand why people take more risks such as drug driving or involvement in unsafe sex when using marijuana.” Close to \$1 million has been spent on this topic. One of the requirements for free pot is that the participants must have “no history of substance abuse treatment and **no intention to quit** or receive treatment for cannabis abuse” during the course of the study. Instructions to participants were as follows:

*“A standardized paced puffing procedure was used with recorded instructions to “light the cigarette” (30 s), “get ready” (5 s), “inhale” (5 s), “hold smoke in lungs” (10 s), and “exhale.”*

This research grant is approved through 2012.

#### CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFERS TO PREVENT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS IN MEXICO

NIH Grant #: 5K01TW008016-03  
[http://projectreporter.nih.gov/pr\\_Pri\\_info\\_desc\\_dtls.cfm?aid=7744648&icde=9166214&print=yes](http://projectreporter.nih.gov/pr_Pri_info_desc_dtls.cfm?aid=7744648&icde=9166214&print=yes)

2010: \$55,822  
\$53,413  
2009: \$119,241  
2008: \$119,241

Principle Investigator: **Omar Galarraga** | Study Section: **Special Emphasis Panel (ZRG1)** | NIH Program Official: **Yvonne Njage**

Free condoms aren’t the panacea we thought they were after all, especially in Mexico, where this grant intends to offer “economic incentives” to those who remain free from sexually transmitted diseases (STIs) for a period of time. The grant does not specifically mention how much was

offered per contraceptive, nor does it mention how many young men and women took Galarraga and the NIH up on their generous offer.

This grant specifically mentions funding the career development of Galarraga, allowing him to pursue “an independent research career in international public health.”

**THE LOGICS FOR HIV RISK AMONG STREET-BASED HEROIN INJECTORS**

<i>NIH Grant #:</i> 5R01DA010164-14 <a href="http://projectreporter.nih.gov/pr_Pri_info_desc_dtls.cfm?aid=8016034&amp;icde=9177792&amp;print=yes">http://projectreporter.nih.gov/pr_Pri_info_desc_dtls.cfm?aid=8016034&amp;icde=9177792&amp;print=yes</a>	2011:	\$399,785
	2010:	\$418,513
	2008:	\$360,811
	2007:	\$147,490
		\$244,951
	2006:	\$403,250
	2005:	\$374,262
		\$18,918
	2004:	\$371,809
	2003:	\$319,367
	2002:	\$319,858
2000:	\$330,870	

*Principle Investigator: Philippe Bourgois | Study Section: Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS Study Section (BSPH) | NIH Program Official: Elizabeth Lambert*

A cursory web investigation reveals that Philippe Bourgois worked directly for the Ministry of Agrarian Reform during the narco-terrorist Sandinista revolt in Nicaragua during the 1980s while in graduate school, as well as lobbied *against* military aid to pro-democracy forces in El Salvador defending themselves from the Sandinistas championed today by Daniel Ortega, Fidel Castro, and their latest recruit Hugo Chavez.

Instead of instantly disqualifying this grant, NIH has not only seen fit to fund Bourgois, they have also been funding Philippe Bourgois and his research since 1996 -- studying specifically why heroin addicts still abuse the controlled substance even with the known risk of contracting HIV.

For 15 years, NIH has not figured out why this happens... or perhaps, “Sandinista Philippe” Bourgois has figured out how to milk the proverbial cash cow in Washington.

**MEASURING SEX, CONTRACEPTION & MOOD IN FILIPINO YOUNG ADULTS**

<i>NIH Grant #:</i> 1R21HD057466-01A2 <a href="http://projectreporter.nih.gov/pr_Pri_info_desc_dtls.cfm?aid=7588152&amp;icde=9168069&amp;print=yes">http://projectreporter.nih.gov/pr_Pri_info_desc_dtls.cfm?aid=7588152&amp;icde=9168069&amp;print=yes</a>	2010:	\$167,945
	2009:	\$226,493

*Principle Investigator: Michelle Hindin | Study Section: Special Emphasis Panel (ZRG1) | NIH Program Official: Susan Newcomer*

Why use pen and paper when you can use electronics?! The sole purpose of this research was to swap out traditional (and cheaper?) methods of collecting data -- pen and paper -- with electronic means of **collecting information about the sex behavior and moods** of teens in the Philippines. The NIH tested phones as well as personal digital assistants (PDAs) against traditional pen and paper surveys.

That’s \$394,438 of pen and paper for 832 Filipinos... or \$474.08 per participant.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY SEXUAL EXPERIENCES AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN**

NIH Grant #: 5R03AI074359-02  
[http://projectreporter.nih.gov/pr\\_Prj\\_info\\_desc\\_dtls.cfm?aid=7655323&icde=9177805&print=yes](http://projectreporter.nih.gov/pr_Prj_info_desc_dtls.cfm?aid=7655323&icde=9177805&print=yes)

2009: \$63,000  
2008: \$63,000

*Principle Investigator: **Matthew Golden** | Study Section: **Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS Study Section (BSPH)** | NIH Program Official: **Usha K. Sharma***

Bedside reading is different at NIH. Vitally interested in how gay men create patterns of sexuality in their lives, the NIH funded this grant to encourage 100 gay teens -- some of whom were only 16-years old -- and young men to keep sex diaries. This study also explores the feasibility of using “web based sex diaries” (blogs?) to collect sexual data on these teenage young men.

Worse, this particular study cites this line of research as a “pilot cohort study” -- meaning the principal investigator intends to come back to NIH for even more money to collect further gay teenage sex diaries. Hmm... who’s reading these diaries anyhow?