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Britons who legally smoke cannabis in the US 'risk being deported'

Warning comes amid rise in expulsions under federal law - even in states where drug is legal

Henry McDonald

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A legal expert at an international immigration firm has warned British tourists and employees that if they smoke marijuana in the US, even in states where it has been legalised, they risk being barred from the country for life.

UK visitors can still be arrested and deported from the US even if they consume cannabis in states such as California and Colorado, where the [drug is legal](#), said Charlotte Slocombe, a senior partner at Fragomen in London.

Slocombe says her firm and others that deal with US immigration laws have seen a rise in cases where British holidaymakers and green card holders, working legally in the US, are being expelled or denied entry because of cannabis consumption in states where it is legal.

She said in a scenario where Americans were caught by police smoking cannabis at a party, in a state where it was legal, they could not be arrested. British people and other foreign tourists at the same party, however, could be arrested, deported and branded unfit to re-enter the US.

The warning comes as a growing number of US states are expected to legalise cannabis, among them New York and New Jersey, which will follow 11 states, including Washington DC, that have made the drug legal. Despite that change, under US federal law the drug remains illegal - meaning that foreign visitors can be sanctioned.

“Canada legalised cannabis in 2018 but as the US customs and Border Protection keep saying, US federal law has not changed,” said Slocombe. “What is confusing to people is that while states in the USA have legalised cannabis it remains illegal federally.

“Even if you are a foreigner in a state where it’s legal, it’s still illegal for you federally. If, for example, you buy cannabis from a legal dispensary and that dispensary asks for your passport details as ID that information might be discoverable. It could then trigger, as

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can admission of drug taking, immigration issues because immigration is covered by federal law not state law.

“This is how people get caught out even though they think they are doing something which is now legal in that state. Equally that would include green card holders and those who hold visas to live and work in the US. Even for an American it is federally illegal, but because they are not subject to US federal immigration laws they would not be as vulnerable.”

Slocombe said federal law trumped state law, and as a foreigner this could trigger inadmissability under US immigration legislation.

“Don’t take any risks, while you are not breaking state law you are still breaching federal law. It’s too dangerous because the consequences are enormous and you might be ineligible for ESTA entry and a visa forever,” she said.

Slocombe warned it was not just cannabis consumers who ran the risk of being deported and potentially permanently barred from the US. Investors, shareholders or firms that supply equipment for legal cannabis producers in also run the same risk.

“There is one example I am aware of where two known investors in the US cannabis industry, who are foreigners and on visas, had their investment deemed illegal in federal law. Another example is a farmer who was on a visa and sold a portion of his land to a cannabis producer and filed US tax returns. That came up as an issue when he tried to apply to renew his visa.”

She said Fragomen had even advised non-US technology companies to be careful over supplying IT services to American cannabis companies.

“Customs and Border Protection state that they have the right to question you about your travel to the US and the industry you are in. So if you are going to do something related to the cannabis industry then yes you could find yourself inadmissible to enter the US.”

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[Amy Winehouse](#) will not be attending the [Grammy Awards](#) this weekend because she's been refused permission to touch down on American soil – but she *will* be performing via satellite.


The troubled singer will perform and accept any awards via video feed, [EW.com](#) reports, citing a music executive involved with the Grammys.

Winehouse's hopes of showing up in person were nixed after she was denied a visa. "The singer has been invited to appear at the event on Sunday after receiving an amazing six nominations for the prestigious awards," reads a statement issued by her publicist on Thursday.

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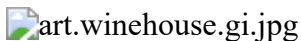
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LONDON, England (CNN) -- British singer Amy Winehouse will not perform at the Grammy Awards as planned, because she has been denied a visa to enter the United States, according to a statement Thursday.



Amy Winehouse and husband Blake Fielder-Civil watch an MTV awards program in November.

Winehouse, who is being treated for drug addiction, was invited to the Sunday event in Los Angeles, California, after being nominated in six categories, said the statement from the singer's British publicists.

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[Winehouse](#) entered the rehabilitation clinic January 24 after the leak of a home video that showed her smoking something in a glass pipe, just minutes after she is heard saying she had taken six tablets of the anti-anxiety drug Valium.

The Sun, Britain's best-selling daily tabloid newspaper, made the 19-minute video public, saying it had been shot days earlier at Winehouse's East London home.

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In a two-minute portion of the video posted on The Sun's Web site, Winehouse walks around her home in a dark tank top, talks to a friend on her cell phone, and talks to the person shooting the video. At one point, she says, "I just took about six Valium."

Sitting on her bed, she then lights a glass pipe and inhales. What was in the pipe was unknown.  [Video Watch the video of Winehouse and a glass pipe »](#)


Scotland Yard has said it is looking into the the video after receiving it from The Sun.

Winehouse has become famous for her battles with addiction. Her hit song "Rehab" describes her reluctance to enter a rehabilitation center. She previously entered rehab last summer.


In October, Winehouse and her husband, Blake Fielder-Civil, were arrested at a Norwegian hotel for marijuana possession, and soon afterward fans booed her on stage as she slurred and stumbled her way through her set.

In December, tabloids published pictures of Winehouse with a mystery white powder in her nose. She was also photographed wandering barefoot on a London street, wearing only jeans and a bra and appearing disoriented.

Fielder-Civil is currently behind bars in London on charges of perverting the course of justice following a bar fight.

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Winehouse's parents have publicly expressed concern that their daughter is succumbing to the pressures of fame.

Winehouse's [Grammy](#) nominations include record and song of the year for "Rehab" and best album for "Back to Black." [E-mail to a friend](#)  E-mail to a friend

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Winehouse denied visa for Grammys

Amy Winehouse will not perform at this year's Grammy Awards after her US visa application was rejected by the country's embassy in London.



Amy Winehouse plans to appeal against her cannabis fine

The singer was fined for cannabis possession in Norway last year.

A spokesman for the troubled star said she was "disappointed", but had "accepted the ruling and will be concentrating on her recovery".

Winehouse has been nominated for six Grammy Awards ahead of the ceremony in Los Angeles on Sunday.

They include the major prizes of record, album and song of the year.

She is now expected to perform via satellite during the ceremony instead.

A statement from her management company did not say why her application was turned down.

The US Embassy in London and the State Department in Washington also declined to comment.

BBC entertainment reporter Colin Paterson said: "The blow to Amy Winehouse is that this was going to be one of the highlights of her whole career.

"She was going to be on the same bill as Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard, Herbie Hancock - all-time greats.

"The Grammys was the carrot her family and record company used as a way to persuade her to get into rehab. Now they're going to have to find another way to motivate her."

The star, whose hits include Back to Black and Rehab, entered a rehabilitation centre last month a few days after a video emerged that apparently showed her smoking a crack pipe.

And she is planning to appeal against the cannabis fine in a Norwegian court later this month.

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Winehouse called off a series of concerts and appearances at the end of last year after reportedly being treated for drug addiction.




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Back To Black was the biggest-selling album of 2007 in the UK after shifting more than 1.85 million copies.

The Grammys is the most prestigious award event in the music industry's calendar.

This year, Tina Turner and Beyonce will perform a duet and Andrea Bocelli, Josh Groban, Fergie and Alicia Keys are among the other performers.

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Nigella Lawson

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Nigella Lawson invited to apply for US visa after being turned back at Heathrow

US embassy says TV chef's application to visit US after cocaine use admission would be handled 'routinely and expeditiously'

Press Association

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Nigella Lawson has been invited to apply for a visa to travel to the United States just days after she was stopped from flying to Los Angeles.

The 54-year-old was prevented from boarding a flight at Heathrow on Sunday, apparently as a result of comments she made about taking drugs while giving evidence in the trial of two of her staff accused of fraud.

But the US embassy in London said on Thursday she had now been invited to apply for a visa and promised the matter could be "handled routinely and expeditiously".

At the trial of two former personal assistants of her and her ex-husband Charles Saatchi, Lawson admitted taking cocaine.

The mother-of-two told jurors she took the class A drug twice, once with her late husband John Diamond when he found out he had terminal cancer and again in 2010 when, she said, she was being "subjected to intimate terrorism" by Saatchi.

But she told the court: "I have never been a drug addict. I've never been a habitual user."

A spokeswoman for the US Embassy said: "There are several ways of legally travelling into the United States and Ms Lawson has been invited to come to the embassy and apply for a visa for travel to the US. We understand she has professional requirements for US travel and these matters are generally handled routinely and expeditiously, so stand by."

The spokeswoman said the embassy was unable to comment on the reasons that someone might be turned away.

A witness told the Daily Mail Lawson attempted to board a British Airways flight from London on Sunday morning but was turned away. "She didn't seem to say much but she did not look happy," the onlooker said.

The US Department of Homeland Security told the Mail that foreigners who had admitted drug taking could be deemed inadmissible. However, Lawson has visited America since the court appearance.

Lawyer Susan McFadden, who specialises in [US immigration](#) law, said Lawson could have been unlucky because her fame had drawn attention to the comments in court about drugs.

She explained: "In order to travel to the States without a visa on the visa waiver programme one has to obtain Esta (electronic system for travel authorisation) authorisation.

"As part of that, one has to answer questions about whether one has been arrested or convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude or in relation to a controlled substance. Someone in Lawson's circumstances could tick no.

"But the problem comes when one also has to answer a question as to whether you are a drug abuser or addict. The question of who is a drug user is a difficult one and is

supposed to be directed by regulations set out by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

"Typically, any person who has used drugs within the last year can be considered a drug abuser or addict. It could be because she is unlucky enough to be famous and her admission of drug use made the newspapers. It could be that someone said 'Hey, if she has used illegal drugs in the past year she could be classed as a drug abuser'."

McFadden explained that if this was the case, there were a series of steps which must be taken before Ms Lawson would be allowed back into the US. She would first be advised to visit a doctor who holds a contract with the US embassy in London who would carry out an assessment to see whether or not she could be classed under these terms.

If the doctor says she should be free to travel she could obtain a visa in a number of weeks, McFadden said.

Elisabetta and Francesca Grillo, who worked for Lawson and Saatchi, were accused of fraudulently using company credit cards, spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on designer goods. But the Italian sisters claimed every purchase had been approved by their then-bosses and they were found not guilty.

Police had reviewed the allegations of drug use that emerged during the trial but said no further action would be taken.

Lawson told Good Morning America that having details of her acrimonious split from millionaire art dealer Saatchi discussed in court under the glare of the world's media was "mortifying".

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The embassy did not disclose the reason for refusing the British celebrity cook entry to the United States.

Embassy spokeswoman Lynne Platt said Lawson was stopped from traveling Sunday and had subsequently been invited to the embassy to apply for a visa.

A spokesperson for U.S. Customs and Border Protection would not comment directly about Lawson's case, but told CBS News in a statement, "Applicants for admission bear the burden of proof to establish that they are clearly eligible to enter the United States. In order to demonstrate that they are admissible, the applicant must overcome all grounds of inadmissibility."

She tweeted Saturday that she was going on vacation, but she also has worked in the U.S., where she co-hosted TV cooking competition "The Taste."



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ious reasons, including drug use

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In December she testified at the fraud trial of two former aides, and told the court she had used cocaine a handful of times. She denied claims by the defendants that she was a regular drug user. Police later said they would not be investigating her.

Lawson's co-host on "The Taste," chef Anthony Bourdain, tweeted that he was "absolutely mortified with embarrassment over the cruelty and hypocrisy of U.S. actions" over Lawson's travel.

I am absolutely mortified with embarrassment over the cruelty and hypocrisy of US actions re: #Nigella travel. Unbelievable.

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Nigella Lawson: odd cases of refused entry to the US

By Oliver Smith, DEPUTY HEAD OF TRAVEL

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[As Nigella Lawson found out this week, gaining entry into the US can prove tricky,](#) particularly if you've admitted to a court that you've snorted cocaine.

Here we outline the different reasons you might be kept out of the country, and look at some of the strangest cases of holidaymakers being turned away at the border.

Why might you be denied entry to the US?

According to the Department of Homeland Security website, travellers may be denied entry to the US for the following reasons:

- 1. They have previously worked illegally in the US**
- 2. They are suspected of being an intended immigrant who will overstay their visa**
- 3. They are suspected of having ties to terrorist or criminal organisations**
- 4. They have overstayed a previous visit to the US**
- 5. They do not have sufficient funds to support themselves while there**
- 6. On health-related grounds** (the Department of State website specifies that this includes anyone with a “communicable disease” or “a physical or mental disorder that may pose, or has posed, a threat to [the person] or others” or “a drug abuser or addict”)

And finally, **7. They have been found guilty of a criminal offence**

While Nigella Lawson does not have a criminal conviction, the Department of State website also states that entry may be denied to “any alien convicted of, or who admits having committed... a violation of (or a conspiracy or attempt to violate) any law or regulation of a State, the United States, or a foreign country relating to a controlled substance”.

The only exceptions are if the crime was committed when the person was under 18 years of age or more than five years before the date of application for admission to the US, or if “the maximum penalty possible for the crime of which the alien was convicted... did not exceed

imprisonment for one year”. Given that the maximum sentence for someone convicted of possessing cocaine is significantly greater than one year, this would not apply to Nigella.

And clearly, as her case demonstrates, the rules are liable to change. Weeks after her confession, she flew into America on New Year’s Day to film a live interview promoting the second series of The Taste USA. So those with a criminal history who had no problem getting in once, may fail to do so on other occasions.

[Full details can be found here.](#)



Strange cases of travellers denied entry

There have also been dozens of incidents where travellers have been denied entry or even taken into custody for more unusual reasons than Nigella.

For tweeting

In 2012, two British tourists were kept in a cell for 12 hours after landing in Los Angeles and jokingly tweeting that they planned to “destroy America” and “dig up Marilyn Monroe” during their holiday there. Authorities clearly didn’t realise that “destroy” is slang for “party”.

Abta, the travel association, urged holidaymakers to be “ultra-cautious” when talking about forthcoming trips to the US. "In the past we have seen holidaymakers stopped at airport security for 'joking' that they have a bomb in their bag, thoroughly questioned and ending up missing their flights, demonstrating that airport security staff do not have a sense of humour when it comes to potential risk," it added.

For writing a research paper on drugs

In 2007, Andrew Feldman, a Vancouver professor, was denied entry into Blaine, Washington, after a border agent discovered he'd written an academic paper about taking LSD in the Seventies.

For offending Obama

In 2010 Luke Angel, a 17-year-old Briton, was banned for life from visiting the US for sending Barack Obama an offensive email in which he described the president as “a p****”.

For being well travelled

Last year Niels Gerson Lohman, a Dutch writer, was denied entry to the US at the Canadian border after officials found stamps from Muslim countries, such as Yemen and Malaysia, in his passport.

For depression

Ellen Richardson, a wheelchair-bound Canadian, was refused entry last November due to being hospitalised for clinical depression the previous year. The decision forced her to miss a 10-day Caribbean cruise from New York.

For playing the guitar

A feature in Vice magazine last year revealed that a German was [deported for travelling with his guitar](#). He said he planned to take part in open mic nights, but officials believed he was planning to seek employment.

For being Yusuf Islam

Muslim singer Cat Stevens, who changed his name to Yusuf Islam, [was refused entry in 2004](#) on “national security grounds”. Colin Powell, secretary of state at the time, later apologised.

For criticising the Government?

Ilija Trojanow, a German author, was refused on board a flight to Denver. He said he was not told why, but suggested that his public criticism of the US government’s spying operations was to blame.

For relying on Bitcoin

“Doctor Nefario”, a Chinese Bitcoin developer, was turned away by customs officials in Seattle in 2011 as he only had \$600 in cash for a two-month trip. The rest of his funds consisted of the digital currency, but this was not deemed adequate.

For a 24-year-old conviction

The former world's heaviest man, Paul Mason from Ipswich, was recently denied entry because of a 24-year-old conviction for stealing. He had hoped to travel there in order to have surgery to remove excess skin after losing 43 stone.

Other celebrities to have been prevented from entering the US for bad behaviour include Lily Allen, in 2007 after she was arrested earlier that same year for allegedly punching a photographer, Pete Doherty, Amy Winehouse, footballer Jermaine Pennant and Boy George.

How to apply for a US visa

British travellers to the US must first complete an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>. This is an automated system used to determine the eligibility of visitors to travel to the US under the Visa Waiver Program and whether they pose any law enforcement or security risk. The majority of applications are processed within minutes.

Should an ESTA be granted, entry might still be denied. Airlines are required to supply US security officials in advance with details about all passengers so they can be screened. Therefore passengers could be stopped at a UK or US airport.

What options are available to those denied entry?

Travellers can contact the Department of Homeland Security if they feel they have been unfairly denied entry. They can do this online (<https://trip.dhs.gov/>) or by mail, and must supply flight numbers, dates and passport numbers. The application for redress will then be reviewed, but a Department of Homeland Security spokesman said foreigners who had admitted committing drugs offences in the US, or another country, were liable to be refused.

He added: “Depending on the basis of their refusal they may be eligible to apply in advance of travel for a temporary waiver of inadmissibility. The waiver application process can be lengthy.”

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Nigella Lawson's New Zealand visa appears to confirm US ban

Celebrity cook denied permission to enter US last month, after admitting cannabis and cocaine use

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New Zealand officials have granted a special visa to [Nigella Lawson](#), who has admitted using cocaine, in an apparent confirmation that she has been blocked from entering the United States, it was reported on Sunday.

US authorities declined to specify why Lawson was stopped from flying from London to Los Angeles late last month. However, in a statement to the Herald on Sunday newspaper, Immigration [New Zealand](#) said the celebrity cook was not allowed to enter the US, which meant she required special permission to work in New Zealand.

“As Ms Lawson has been excluded from another country, namely the United States, she was ineligible to be granted a visa to enter New Zealand unless given a special direction,” Immigration New Zealand said. “A special direction was considered and granted, and subsequently her visa application was approved.”

Lawson, 54, admitted, in a court case last year, that she had used cocaine and cannabis. British newspapers have speculated that she was prevented from flying to the US, where she stars in a cooking talent show *The Taste*, because of her admission of drug use.

A US embassy spokeswoman in London confirmed Lawson was denied permission to fly to Los Angeles but declined to say why, citing privacy reasons. Lawson is in New Zealand to film an advertisement.

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Pete Doherty was refused a visa to play a one-off gig in America, it's been reported.

The Babyshambles singer was set to perform alongside Sean Lennon and Adam Green at Milk Studios in New York last week.

However, Doherty was denied entry by US custom officials at JFK airport. He was then asked to board a return flight to London.

Doherty has a string of drug convictions, but thought he would still be allowed into the US, according to The Sun.

As [previously reported](#) on Gigwise, Doherty will rejoin his former Libertines bandmates to [play the Reading and Leeds festivals](#) in August.

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British woman barred from US for 10 years after admitting to cocaine use

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After a **British tourist was banned from entering the US for 10 years** over a text referring to taking cocaine, here's everything you need to know about how previous drug offences could affect your travel plans.

What happened?

Isabella Brazier-Jones travelled to **Los Angeles** with her friend in March to embark on a two-month trip, but the pair were stopped by Customs officials who suspected they were planning to overstay their visas.

Brazier-Jones, 28, and her companion Olivia Cura, 26, were questioned about their plans and finances. Cura was released after an hour or so, while Brazier-Jones's bag and phone were seized.

Brazier-Jones said she was subjected to a full body search and held in a cell with four other women, an experience she described as "torture".

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Meanwhile, officials searched her phone and found a text that suggested she had taken cocaine.

visiting the US for a decade.

Why would admitting to drug use lead to deportation?

Drug abuse is no longer grounds for outright exclusion from America, as John Lennon experienced for a time. However, the US Electronic System for Travel Authorization (the “online visa” known as Esta) asks applicants whether they have ever taken drugs in the past under the “eligibility” section: “Have you ever violated any law related to possessing, using, or distributing illegal drugs?” Answering yes to this question means it is likely the applicant will be denied an Esta.

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Presuming Ms Brazier-Jones answered “no” to this question, the search of her phone found this assertion to be false, meaning she lied on the form.

“Lying on the Esta represents separate grounds of inadmissibility to the USA under the material misrepresentation or fraud provision,” Ioana Hyde, US Immigration Attorney at American Immigration Law Office Ltd, told *The Independent*. “If this finding is made, then a person subsequently applying for a visa to the USA may well be denied due to misrepresentation or fraud.”

Kaitlin Davies, solicitor and US attorney with US immigration specialists Davies Legal, adds that Brazier-Jones’s own admission of guilt may have been a factor in the severity of the penalty.

“On strict application of the law, social media posts regarding drug use should not be sufficient, in the absence of more evidence,” she said. “Had Ms Brazier not admitted controlled substance use to the interviewing officer, it is possible that the outcome could have been different.

“The likely ground on which Ms. Brazier was banned for 10 years, although we cannot be certain, would relate to misrepresentation of her prior ‘violation [of] any law related to possessing [and/or] using... illegal drugs’.

“Misrepresentation and fraud often form the basis of lengthy bans.”

What happens if I lie on my Esta application?

Nacro (previously the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders) provides an answer on its survey about declaring a criminal record when travelling abroad:

“If I lie on the Esta form, will I be found out?”

“The short answer is: probably not. The US authorities do not have access to criminal record information held on the Police National Computer. However, if the authorities have particular concerns about an individual, they may request criminal record information from the Home Office by making an application through Interpol. Such requests, however, are rare.”

individuals' phones and electronic devices "without probable cause" – ie they don't need to provide a reason for doing so. Refusing to hand it over along with your password could mean you're denied entry to the country regardless.

In Ms Brazier-Jones's case, they found reference to previous drug taking, which along with her admission of guilt was enough to bar her from the country for a decade.

Kaitlin Davies says that those who have previously taken drugs should consult an immigration lawyer before applying for a US visa.

"It is notable that even if an applicant has previously used or abused substances, and is therefore deemed ineligible to travel on Esta, they may still successfully apply for a B-1/B-2 Temporary Visitor visa, as we do for hundreds of clients, some with extensive drug use and/or convictions," she said.

Should I delete incriminating pictures or messages from my phone?

Experts advise checking what information is stored on your phone and electronic devices prior to travel.

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Ioana Hyde says: "In recent times, I have spoken to individuals who ran into difficulties at the US border after being sent images through WhatsApp or similar messaging apps where images received from others are automatically downloaded and stored on the device without the user's specific intent to save a photo.

"The photo showed possible drug use or other potentially illegal activities which in turn resulted in difficulties to the applicant for entry into the USA, including in the

worst case being summarily removed which then carries a five-year bar from entering the USA unless a waiver (additional permissions) can be secured.”

Davies also recommends reviewing your social media before travelling to the US. “Anything, drug-related or otherwise, including expressions of ‘moving to the US’ or the previous famous example of a British citizen writing about ‘destroying the US’ in colloquial terms, may cause problems at the border,” she says. “In the current climate, applicants should be mindful that posts and photographs can be misinterpreted.”

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It has emerged that Nigella Lawson was prevented from boarding a flight to America earlier this week, apparently on the grounds that she has admitted taking illegal drugs. The US is known for its hard-line on both drugs policy and border control; whilst US Border Officials refused to comment upon this incident in isolation, regulations state that individuals who have confessed to drug offences outside of the country are not eligible to enter it.

It isn't surprising that the US Border Control has barred Lawson from entering the country, where laws surrounding illegal drug use are

in the time since her confession under oath last year, Lawson has flown to and from the US unimpeded.

This isn't surprising either, particularly in the context of US drug policy. Commentators have long critiqued government drug policy as ineffectual, and illogical. Such a criticism rings even more true against a backdrop of recent state-level cannabis legalisation in Colorado and Washington, where state legislation now directly undermines the principles of US drug policy at federal level.

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What might perhaps be considered as surprising is that a wealthy, popular celebrity such as Lawson was targeted by these laws. Few deny the scale of wealth inequality in the US; many civil structures such as the courts seem pre-programmed to protect the 1 percent. It might be seen as bizarre, then, that Nigella Lawson was refused entry, given how much she is worth, and her popularity on American television. Yet Lawson is not American; US society might protect the interests of the wealthy, but more importantly, it protects the interests of its *own* wealthy.

This isn't the sole instance of double standards implicated in this issue; whilst he has never publicly confessed to taking cocaine in his

a charge for fear of setting a bad example. More than this, numerous critics have voiced their opposition to drug policy at both a federal and state level, which is widely considered to discriminate against those from poor and ethnic-minority communities.

It is this hypocrisy, endemic in many of the US' judicial and legislative bodies, which emerged once again on Sunday in the case of Lawson's refused admission. The celebrity chef was never formally convicted of any drug-related offence in the UK following her admission that she had taken cocaine and smoked marijuana. Since confessing to infringing UK drug laws, Lawson has been allowed to go to the US to work on the popular culinary programme 'The Taste'.

Sunday's trip, however, was openly acknowledged as recreational; Lawson posted a photo on Twitter on Saturday with the words 'Packing for my holiday!' US Border Control has refused to comment on the decision to prevent her from flying to California, but it is worth speculating whether they would have done so had she been flying out for a professional motive. As it is, Lawson was flying out for personal reasons, and suddenly her past drug use became an insurmountable obstacle.

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black and other minority communities, but it is simply ineffective. There are, clearly, some individuals who have committed such heinous crimes elsewhere in the world that the decision to refuse them admission to the US is justified. Some of these crimes may even be drug-related.

Nonetheless, it is simply irrational to impose a blanket ban on any foreign individual who has committed any drug offence elsewhere in the world, for several reasons. Primarily, because the number of drug users in the US has been increasing since the early 2000s; according to data collected by the National Institute of Drug Abuse in 2012, nearly a quarter of 18 to 20 year olds in the US admitted to having used an illicit drug in the past month.

Some of these young people will, undoubtedly, go on to occupy positions of authority in the US government, or in its courts. It wouldn't be outlandish to suggest that Bush may be just one of many senior figures in American politics with a history of illegal drug use. Denying an individual entry for a mistake they made when they were young makes no sense, particularly when the same survey showed that nearly 10% of Americans admitted to using an illegal substance in the last month.

Given the prevalence of recreational drug use worldwide, it's fair to assume that there are many public figures, and people holding posts of relative authority in other countries, who have taken drugs in the past. Young people are prone to poor judgement, but most of the mistakes they make are harmless; such errors shouldn't go on to define us later in life. The US government knows that, because it allows individuals with DUI (Drink Driving) offences to enter freely.

Ultimately, the decision to refuse Nigella Lawson entry to the US reflects the uglier side of its immigration legislation. It was apparently

indication of the Border Agency's decision. It also demonstrated that such policies are underpinned by self-interest, and by hypocrisy; she was allowed to enter so long as her presence benefitted the US, yet found the door firmly shut when she looked to travel for her own gain.

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Maradona Hasn't Been in the US Since 1994

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July 17, 2013 -- You'd think that being a millionaire and famous soccer star would make it easy to get a U.S. tourist visa right?

Not if you're a former drug user, like Diego Maradona.

The retired Argentine superstar, now 52, regularly travels around the world to coach soccer teams, appear on tv programs and attend promotional events.

But such credentials may not have impressed the U.S consulate in Dubai, which allegedly rejected Maradona's visa application earlier this month, [according to The Sun](#).

The reasons for the rejection have not been spelled out. Maradona, who has been working as a sports adviser for Dubai's government, has not even confirmed that this incident occurred.

But the former Argentina captain has been denied entry to the U.S. in the past over his well-documented drug abuse problems.

In 1993, for example, the U.S. consulate in Buenos Aires [denied Maradona a visa](#), claiming that it could not allow the soccer star to enter the country because he had been previously arrested for cocaine possession in Italy.

According to U.S. immigration law, anyone who has used "controlled" substances [ie drugs] is ineligible for a visa. To become eligible, they must get a special waiver, which is provided by consulates on a discretionary basis.

Maradona was actually allowed to enter the U.S. in 1994 as one of the players on Argentina's World Cup squad. But he was expelled from the tournament after he tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs.

Maradona, who claims that he has overcome his cocaine addiction, has not been to the U.S. since then. He's also a fierce critic of the U.S. government and a close friend of Fidel Castro. So that probably doesn't further his cause to get a visa.

According to The Sun's sources, Maradona wanted to go to Florida to visit Disney World with his grandson, his two daughters and his 23-year-old girlfriend. Argentine media also reported in April that Maradona was

trying to get back into the U.S. to discuss commercial deals with potential sponsors.

The lesson of this tale?

U.S. consular officers could reject your visa application if they find out you've been taking drugs. Of course, it's only possible for them to find out if you're famous like Maradona, if you tell them you use the stuff, or if you have some sort of conviction for drug use in your records.

Proven drug users can still get a visa if they apply for a special waiver of eligibility, that is granted by consuls, who weigh the violations committed by the applicant against the benefits of letting that person into the country, says immigration lawyer, David Leopold.

Canadians who regularly make trips to the U.S. are also discovering that it's not a good idea to answer border patrol officers' questions on personal marijuana habits. Border officers don't always ask about drug use, but as [some travellers have found out](#), fessing up to marijuana habits, can have negative consequences.



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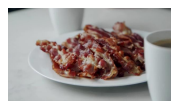
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Diego Maradona will not be allowed to enter the United States and play with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers in a game against the Los Angeles Salsa on Sunday. The U.S. Consulate in Argentina denied a waiver to Maradona that would have allowed him to obtain a visa. The State Department in Washington upheld the decision. The refusal by the consulate was based on the Immigration and Naturalization Act. It states that an alien is ineligible to receive a visa if there has been any violation of law or regulation on a state, the United States, or a foreign country relating to a controlled substance. Maradona was indicted on cocaine possession charges in 1991. The Strikers will play at 6:06 p.m.

Ever try pot? Answer yes, and U.S. won't let you in – ever

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Ever try pot? Answer yes to a border agent, and foreigners could face permanent consequences even if they haven't used marijuana in years.

More and more Canadians are learning the hard way that admitting to U.S. border agents that you smoked pot can bar you from entering the country forever.

Immigration lawyers say some Canadians are under the mistaken impression that

agents here, but it hasn't. Marijuana is still an illegal substance under federal law.**Questioned at border**

Immigration lawyer Len Saunders, whose offices are near the border in Blaine, Wash., says he's been getting a lot of calls from mostly young Canadians who've been denied entry into the U.S. after being questioned about their past drug use.

This week, James Sward from Vancouver, B.C., called to ask for help. Saunders says his case is typical.

According to Saunders, Sward was denied entry a year and a half ago.

"He admitted under oath at the port of entry that he'd smoked marijuana in the past," Saunders said.

More recently, Sward tried to enter the U.S. on a commercial airline. Saunders says Sward was told he couldn't fly to Virginia because of his earlier admission of drug use. Saunders says Sward couldn't believe it.

"He kept telling me that he has no criminal convictions, and I said, 'That doesn't matter.' I said, 'You might as well have a conviction, because you've admitted the essential elements of a crime involving moral turpitude, which is the use of illegal drugs,'" Saunders said.

In case you're wondering, "moral turpitude" is a term referenced in U.S. immigration law that means you've violated community standards of justice, honesty or good morals.

What the law says

In an email, Thomas Schreiber, chief Customs and Border Patrol officer, laid out what U.S. immigration law says about who can be denied entry into the country: "Under Sec. 212 (8 U.S.C.1182) you are ineligible to receive visas and ineligible to be admitted to the United States if you 'voluntarily admit to having committed a crime involving moral turpitude.'"

You shouldn't lie, but...

Saunders says he doesn't condone lying, but he does tell Canadians they can refrain from answering questions at the border.

"Just withdraw your application for entry, go back to Canada and maybe try a different day, and maybe you'll get a more hospitable officer," he said.

He says the inconvenience of that is far less than being permanently barred. People who've been denied entry, he says, are forever in the database and have to go through the expense and time of seeking a special waiver every time they want to cross the border.

How many Canadians are denied entry?

There's no way of knowing how many Canadians are being kept out of the U.S. for past drug use. But here's what Schreiber told me via email:

"On a typical day during our last fiscal year, CBP (Customs and Border Patrol) processed 932,456 passengers and pedestrians to the United States, processed 591 inadmissible aliens and refused 470 at our ports of entry. While the vast majority of legitimate travelers are expedited into the United States, CBP does encounter the necessity to refuse entry to a narrow portion of that demographic on a daily basis."

In 2007, "The Colbert Report" ran a story about a Vancouver man who was denied entry at the Blaine port of entry after the border agent found that he'd written an academic paper about taking LSD in the 1970s.

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Cannabis Issues When Entering the U.S.

In addition to this page, read our page on [Cannabis at the U.S. Canada Border](#) for detailed advice on how to handle your border inspection.

Like all matters involving [criminal records](#), a conviction for cannabis / drug offenses will often lead to denial of entry into the U.S. The push to legalize cannabis does not really change what happens if you have a [criminal conviction](#). You should read our [Criminal Records](#) section if you need detailed information on this subject.

You are also likely be turned away at the U.S. border – and possibly arrested – if you have pot in your vehicle when you try to enter the U.S. Cannabis, and any paraphernalia used to consume drugs, is illegal under U.S. federal law. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operates under U.S. Federal law.

If you are caught with even with a small amount of marijuana, it will be confiscated, and you could face thousands of dollars in fines. The amount of marijuana you have, and whether it is concealed, will determine whether they seek even stronger penalties like jail time. If you are caught with more than what would be considered personal use, you will definitely end up in the U.S. legal system.

- It does not matter if both Canada and the U.S. state you are entering have legalized marijuana. U.S. state law is irrelevant in this matter.
- It does not matter if you have a prescription for [medical marijuana](#).
- It does not matter if it is “your” pot or someone else’s in the vehicle.

It is important to realize that, at the border, U.S. Customs officials are both judge and jury. They have almost complete discretion to admit, or bar, you from entry into the U.S. How they view cannabis issues, and what actions they may take, will vary between officers.

One interesting tidbit is that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection claims you are under their jurisdiction even if you are not on federal land or entering a border inspection booth. The U.S. Customs and Border Patrol has asserted the right to search vehicles as much as 100 miles from the border. The key is whether you have the “intent to go foreign.”

How to Answer the Question “Have You Ever Smoked Pot?”

CBP officers may profile you and then ask you whether you have used cannabis before. If you say “yes”, you may be turned away at the border. U.S. federal law says that someone is inadmissible to the U.S. if they have either been “convicted of” or “*admits having committed*” a violation of drug laws in the U.S. or elsewhere. In other words, if you admit to drug use, that is grounds to turn you away, and maybe give you a ban on ever entering the U.S. Not every officer will ask the question, and some officers may have a much tougher response than others. As a result:

- Do not even joke about drug use.
- It does not matter if you say this was a long time ago. There was a case where an individual was turned away from the U.S. border, and barred for life, after a border guard searched his name on the internet and found that he had written in an academic journal about using LSD in the 1960s.

You have 4 options to the question: “Have You Ever Smoked Pot”

1. Lie
2. Tell the truth
3. Refuse to answer
4. Revoke your request to enter the U.S.

Lie?

If you lie about your past pot use, be aware that the consequences are likely to be very harsh if you're caught in the lie. You could face up to a lifetime ban on ever entering the U.S. again. If you receive a shorter ban, your immigration record will always show that you lied to officers. This will likely lead to extensive interrogation at the border for the rest of your life. This will be true even if the U.S. later decides to stop asking about marijuana use.

There are lots of ways that U.S. border officials may uncover your deception. CBP officers are entitled to use any documentary evidence to confirm your statements – whether in print, online or on social media, in text or image. It can be on the internet, your phone, or laptop. Read our page on [Border Searches](#) to get a clear idea of the extent of the border patrol's search powers.

There are also questions as to whether U.S. Customs Officials may be able to get access to Canadian information about the purchase and sale of recreational cannabis. Records of customer purchases, and information from the many companies in the distribution network, will be kept in a wide variety of Canadian databases. In addition, the U.S. Patriot Act permits border officials to access information like credit card data.

Tell the truth?

As of this writing, you will most likely be turned away at the border. However, times change, and it is possible that, at a later date, the U.S. will no longer ban pot smokers. For example, if the U.S. ever legalized marijuana on the federal level, then a mark on your record that you admitted smoking pot may no longer be a problem. Compare that to the lifetime of issues you will have if you are caught lying to border officers.

Refuse to answer?

You have no legal obligation to answer any questions put to you by a border officer. *However*, you are also likely to be refused entry into the U.S. and flagged in the CBP database with a "lookout." This

would likely result in closer scrutiny during your next border crossing attempt. You need to decide if being turned away on this one trip is better than being barred for life.

Revoke your request to enter the U.S.?

You have the right – at both land crossings and in pre-flight clearance – to revoke your request to enter the U.S. if you do not wish to answer questions posed by Customs Officers. However, like a “refusal to answer,” you will likely be flagged in the Customs and Border Protection database, which may mean closer scrutiny during your next border crossing attempt. Again, like the “refusal to answer,” you need to weigh this against the risk of being caught lying.

Searches at the border

We have another page with much more information on [searches at the U.S. / Canadian border](#), but the main point is that at any border crossing checkpoint, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials have the power to conduct a search of your car, yourself, your passengers, and everybody’s possessions – without a warrant. These search powers extend to electronic devices like phones, tablets, laptops and hard drives.

If you have private information on your electronic devices that do you not want searched, you should either remove the information, or leave the device at home. Some experts recommend carrying a burner phone, but, if you have already been profiled and deemed somewhat suspicious, carrying a burner phone will likely increase the officer’s suspicion. For any electronic device, you would be best to turn it off as you approach the border.

Problems If You Work in the Cannabis Industry

As of this writing, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection has declared that “A Canadian citizen working in or facilitating the proliferation of the legal marijuana industry in Canada, coming to the U.S. for reasons unrelated to the marijuana industry will generally be admissible to the U.S. However, if a traveler is found to be coming to the U.S. for reason related to the marijuana industry, [they may be deemed inadmissible.](#)”

Customs officers can ask you whether you work in the cannabis industry and, as we have already explained, you need to be very careful about how you respond. If you say no, but the officer is suspicious, they can search for you on the internet. If you have an online presence in the marijuana

industry, they may find it. They can seize and search your phone or laptop without a warrant, so your contact information will jump out if it references the industry.

What Can You Do If You Are Deemed Inadmissible?

You can, in fact, enter the U.S. despite inadmissibility issues. The most common approach is to apply in advance for a [“waiver of inadmissibility.”](#) Waiver requests are judged case-by-case and often depend on the reasons for travel. The application fee is around \$1,000, and the process can take up to a year. The waiver may be good for a year, or perhaps longer, depending on the discretion of the approval officer. When the waiver expires, you will have to re-apply and pay the current fee.

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Have you ever smoked pot? Saying yes can get foreigners barred for life at U.S. border

More Canadians may let down their guard and admit to U.S. authorities that they've used marijuana.

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Jessica Leppala, left, helps customer Dave Watters on Monday at Evergreen Cannabis in Blaine. (Philip A. Dwyer/Bellingham Herald)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Canada's likely move to completely legalize marijuana next year promises to produce immediate spillover effects in the United States, starting with increased confusion at the U.S.-Canadian border.

"I'm expecting my business to boom," said Len Saunders, an immigration attorney from Blaine, Wash.

With recreational marijuana already legal up and down the West Coast, from Alaska to California, he said, more Canadians may let down their guard and admit to U.S. authorities that they've used marijuana, reason enough to get foreigners barred from entering the country.

Beyond that, pot retailers and legalization backers say it's difficult to predict exactly what might happen if Canada, as expected, becomes only the second nation in the world to fully legalize pot for anyone over 18 on July 1, 2018.

Even with such a big move, Jacob Lamont figures the Canadian customers will keep coming to Evergreen Cannabis, his pot shop in Blaine, just a few blocks from the U.S.-Canadian border.

“I enjoy my brothers and sisters from the north — obviously they support my business quite well,” said Lamont, who estimates that Canadian customers make up 60 percent of his year-round business. “They still come down here. They buy a lot of milk, they buy cigarettes and they buy alcohol, because the taxation is so high up there. And I have a feeling they’re going to follow suit with marijuana.”

Oregon Democratic Rep. Earl Blumenauer, a longtime champion of legalization, said it could be a game changer for Congress.

“It completely changes the dynamic,” he said. “Some regard Canada as the 51st state. This is going to make a big difference in terms of adjusting attitudes and accelerating progress. ... It’s going to help us bring these things to a head.”

Saunders scoffed at the idea that the United States would ever legalize marijuana with President Donald Trump, a teetotaler, in the White House.

“You have a president who not only has an attorney general (Jeff Sessions) who is going to fight drugs, but you have a president who’s never even had a sip of alcohol,” Saunders said.

One of Saunders’ clients, Alan Ranta, 36, a freelance music journalist from Vancouver, British Columbia, got barred last year as he tried to drive his Toyota Yaris into Washington state. During questioning, he was handcuffed and told a U.S. border guard he had smoked marijuana in the past. Even though he was not carrying the drug with him at the time, Ranta said, he was told that under U.S. law he had committed “a crime involving moral turpitude.”

“It lulls you into a false sense of security when you don’t have anything on you and you’ve done nothing wrong and you’re going to a place where it’s legal,” Ranta said. “You keep thinking, ‘This is crazy, why am I getting in trouble?’”

He figures he was stopped because he and a friend were headed to a music festival, with a banana suit, tutus and a psychedelic top hat visible in the car: “If it’s an electronic music festival, we like to dress up in weird things that we’d never wear day to day.”

Saunders said that even Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, as a private citizen, could be denied entry since he had admitted to smoking marijuana in the past. Saunders is advising people not to lie to border authorities but to refuse to answer any questions about past pot use.

“Let’s change the question: What if they asked about your sex life? Would you be so forthcoming?” he said. “If you’ve smoked in the past, it’s nobody’s business. ... If you don’t answer the question, the worst thing they can do is deny you entry. If you answer that question and say ‘yes,’ you are inadmissible for life. It’s a lifetime ban.”

Saunders said Canadians who were barred could apply for a waiver, paying \$585 but then having to wait for months to get permission to enter the country. Usually, he said, the requests are rarely disapproved, but he got his first denial last month for a case involving a 20-year-old Canadian student who had admitted smoking pot to an agent. Saunders called it the “first change I’ve seen” and predicted that it’s a sign of more to come from the Trump administration.

Last year, Canada Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. it was “ludicrous” that so many Canadians were getting banned and said the issue needed to be addressed with U.S. officials.

Goodale declined to be interviewed by McClatchy, but his spokesman, Scott Bardsley, said the issue had come up at a news conference when Trudeau unveiled his legalization plan on April 13.

“What we will expect of our American counterparts, just as they would expect it of us, that when people present themselves to cross the border, that the experience is respectful, that it’s consistent, that it’s professional and that people are not treated in any kind of a capricious way,” Goodale told reporters.

A spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection said any decision by Canada to legalize marijuana would not change anything at the U.S.-Canadian border.

While eight states have approved recreational marijuana use and 29 allow the drug to be used for medical purposes, pot is still regarded by federal authorities as a Schedule 1 substance, in the same category as LSD and heroin, with no medical value.

Last month, Department of Homeland Security John Kelly said there would be no letup in fighting marijuana, calling it a “potentially dangerous gateway drug” and saying his agency would continue to arrest and investigate those possessing it.

“Its use and possession is against federal law, and until that law is changed by the United States Congress, we at DHS, along with the rest of the federal government, are sworn to uphold all the laws that are on the books,” Kelly said.

With summer approaching, Lamont is expecting more business from Canadians. He said they accounted for up to 75 percent of his business as the local population boomed during the tourism season. And he said he was warning his Canadian customers that they didn’t need to incriminate themselves at the border.

Lamont said he’d be watching the nuts and bolts of Canada’s legalization plan as it developed, but he predicts he’ll be able to sell marijuana at lower prices, depending on how much tax is imposed by the Canadian government.

“I’m thinking it’s going to be pretty steep,” he said.

For Ranta, the cost of applying for a waiver is far too steep, nearly as much as the \$650 he pays each month for rent.

“I don’t make very much money. I can’t afford to spend a month’s rent on the possibility of visiting the states,” he said.

Ranta said he had scrapped his plans to cover the Sasquatch Music Festival in Quincy, Wash., over Memorial Day weekend. He’s sad that he won’t be visiting his family’s cottage in Point Roberts, Wash., where he spent summers growing up. And he said he and his wife missed their regular trips to Bellingham, where they shopped at Trader Joe’s.

“My wife and I won’t be doing random trips to spend our money down there anymore,” Ranta said.

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Will I Be Denied Entry to USA if I Admit Drug Use?

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Should I Admit Drug Use? Admit Drug Use – Permanent Ban

If you admit to drug use at a USA port of entry, you may be denied entry. Why? The United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) treat the admission of drug use the same as a conviction. Drug convictions over the age of 18 and indictable drug convictions between the age of 16 and 18 render you inadmissible to the United States on a permanent basis. ***There are exceptions, see below. ***

You can overcome your inadmissibility by applying for a Waiver of Inadmissibility. However, waivers are only valid for a period of 6 months to 5 years. This means you will have to keep renewing



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your waiver if you want to continue to visit the United States regularly.

To answer the question “Should I admit drug use to a USA CBP officer?” or “should I lie about my past drug use?”, **you should never lie or misrepresent yourself** to a USA CBP officer. Be truthful. We will never counsel misrepresentation. I



Is it better to admit drug use to the United States Border Patrol?

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are 3 things that the USA absolutely hates the most. They are drug trafficking, sex offences and lying to a CBP officer! Some proponents argue that you should never admit to drug use.

Refuse to Admit Drug Use – Temporary Ban

The better question is: “Do I have to answer their question about drug use?” **No, you don't.** You can refuse to answer the question. Ordinarily, it would result in a one-time ban and possible problems on re-entry in the future.

I believe being denied entry for failure to answer a question is preferable to a possible lifetime ban. However, it is only speculation as to which situation will result in a better outcome for your specific case.

Airport vs Land Port of Entry

It is better to be denied in Canada at an International airport—it is more difficult for a CBP officer to detain or arrest you. But, you are on USA soil once you reach a CBP officer at a land border. At a

land border, a CBP officer is more likely to detain you longer, deny you washroom privileges and tear your car apart (for you to put back together). Therefore, refusal to answer questions may aggravate the situation.

You need to think about the long-term impact of your answer. I'm a Waiver Specialist. I've helped process over 2,000 applications. As I've said, I can't tell you what to say—meaning I can't counsel misrepresentation. I can only tell you what you are expected to say. But, I imagine a lawyer would tell you “don't admit to anything” and “don't sign anything”. The choice is yours.

Exceptions to Bans

If you have a prescription for marijuana use for medical purposes (or other banned substance), you may not be denied entry for admitting to drug use or being in possession of marijuana (or other banned substance) for personal use while in possession of a medical prescription. HOWEVER, you run the risk of becoming medically inadmissible if the medical issue for which you are taking marijuana (or other banned substance) is of concern to the United States. That means, they could deny you for medical reasons if they think that your medical condition could cause you to be a burden on the USA health care system. In a case like this, it is helpful to carry medical insurance to ensure that you are adequately covered—but it is no guarantee that you will be permitted entry.

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Once the border guard goes down any particular path that could lead to your refusal, they often will check other things that may lead to refusal including (a) do you have a return ticket (meaning is your stay in the USA really only temporary); (b) do you have the means to support yourself while visiting the United States; (c) do you have a job to return to or other ties to Canada. Basically, once border guards become concerned for any particular reason, they often go through many more checks than they would otherwise.

For example, I once had a client who proved she was not inadmissible for drug use because she had a medical prescription, but they determined she had a one-way ticket, was going to the USA for the winter to enjoy the hot sunshine because the hot weather was less aggravating for her medical condition and she was being supported by her parents. They felt she could become a financial burden in the United States as there was no way to guarantee her parents would continue to support her or that all of her medical expenses would be covered. So, they denied her and deemed her medically inadmissible. Once inadmissible, she has to correct the situation that made her inadmissible, show that an error was made when denying her, or apply for and receive a U.S. Waiver due to medical inadmissibility.

What Can I Do If I am Denied Entry?

To summarize, if you admit drug use or you refuse to answer their question, the outcome will be unfavorable. You may be denied entry one-time only or you may be banned permanently.

Depending on your situation, there are four possible remedies:

- Make a redress complaint;
- Apply for a Waiver of Inadmissibility;
- Request a Non-inadmissibility letter (a ruling that the incident does not make you inadmissible); or
- spend your travel dollars somewhere else!

We strongly recommend that you be polite and respectful in all cases. If you have cross-border issues, please call. We can help. [Contact us](#), if you need our assistance on this or a related matter.

Am I banned permanently?

In a 1957 court case (Matter of K-), the Board of Immigration Appeals stated that the following steps must be followed before an individual can be found inadmissible:

1. the individual must be given a definition of the offense with all essential elements; and
2. the individual must be given an explanation of the offense in layperson's terms.

The statute does not make someone inadmissible if they admit drug use. Rather, a person becomes inadmissible for admitting to breaking a statute related to a controlled substance. However, a person can only be found to be inadmissible if these requirements are satisfied:

1. DHS identify the laws violated;
2. the person was given an explanation of the elements of the crime; and
3. the person admitted to all these elements in Affidavit form, signed under oath in the presence of a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer.

That means if the elements do not all occur on your refusal or you refuse to sign the Affidavit, your refusal may be one-time only.

Rather than sign the Affidavit, you may instead request to withdraw your application for admission.

Legalization of Marijuana

It will be interesting to see what happens when marijuana use becomes legal in Canada. Currently, marijuana use is legal in some US States, but is not legal on a Federal level. The admission of visitors to the USA is controlled on a Federal level and it is Federal laws which make drug violations excludable offences. This is why you are inadmissible to the USA if you admit to marijuana use even if marijuana use is legal in the State you are visiting.

What do others have to say on the matter?

It has been argued that the new policy from DHS does not satisfy “corpus delicti” (a crime must be proved to have occurred before a person can be convicted of committing that crime). I guess the question remains, is a confession but not a conviction sufficient to exclude a person? It seems DHS is taking that view.

As well, the statute of limitations may apply. For example, in Canada a person can't be charged more than six months after the commission of the summary offence in question (pursuant to Section 786(2) of the Criminal Code of Canada) whereas there are no limitations for indictable offences.

The Canadian Government has expressed strong objections to this latest DHS policy. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said in an interview with the CBC, “We obviously need to intensify our discussions with our border authorities in the United States, including the Department of Homeland Security” and “This does seem to be a ludicrous situation”.

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Why investing in pot could pose problems at the U.S. border

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With the impending legalization of recreational marijuana this fall, Canadians with investments in American pot companies will have to be careful crossing the U.S. border following the news that one prominent businessman was banned for life.

Sam Znaimer is a prominent venture capitalist in Vancouver who started investing in budding U.S. cannabis startup companies a few years ago.

In May, Znaimer was trying to travel to the States when he was stopped by border officials. During the questioning, he said he was never asked about his personal consumption of the drug, which is legal in several U.S. states, but not federally. Instead, Znaimer said Homeland Security interrogated him about his investments.

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“In the course of four hours, they never did ask [about pot consumption] and I believe that was because they wanted to send a message to Canadians that it has not only to do with your personal behaviour, but whether in any way you have invested in these companies,” he told CTV Vancouver on Thursday.

Even though recreational marijuana is legal in certain states, possession of the drug is still a criminal offence under U.S. federal law. This means that border officers have the ability to question Canadians crossing the border about any past cannabis use. Canadians who admit to consuming marijuana at some point in their lives can face serious consequences, such as a lifetime ban on entering the U.S.

Even though Znaimer didn't admit to personally using pot, he was given a lifetime ban anyway because of his investments in U.S. marijuana companies, he said.

"I was truly shocked by what happened to me," Znaimer exclaimed.

Znaimer is hardly alone. A pot industry executive contacted by CTV News said he lost his NEXUS Trusted Traveller card because he was headed to an industry meeting in the U.S. Another entrepreneur was reportedly denied entry and banned for life for running a company that makes equipment that helps harvest marijuana.

Problems at the border could impact thousands of Canadian investors who have put an estimated \$25 billion to \$30 billion into Canada's biggest pot production companies.

Federal officials have been in touch with their U.S. counterparts about the border issues before legal cannabis hits the market on Oct. 17.

Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen said Canadian travellers questioned at the U.S. border should be honest and fully understand the American policy on cannabis.

"They have their own rules and views with respect to cannabis, and I would encourage Canadians to respect those rules as they go into the United States," Hussen said Friday in Winnipeg.

U.S. immigration lawyer Len Saunders explained that Znaimer's case is not unique. The Washington-based lawyer said he's seen a growing number of Canadian businesspeople denied entry and even banned from investing in U.S. companies.

"Some people are caught off guard," Saunders said. "They think it's legal in Washington state, which it is. It's going to be legal in Canada, so what's the big deal? Why not admit to the officer at the border that you've invested in a cannabis company in California?"

Saunders said U.S. Homeland Security's definition of "business" in the country can be quite broad and can include mutual funds or any other investment plans.

In one case, Saunders said an Edmonton man received a lifetime ban from entering the U.S. simply because he was a part-owner in a Colorado building that leases space to a pot dispensary.

What to do if you're banned:

For those Canadians who are banned from the States for their cannabis use or business dealings, there's little recourse. Saunders said they can apply for temporary waivers that will permit them to cross the border for up to five years.

The process for applying for a waiver can be cumbersome and costly, however. The application requires a lot of paperwork and can take up to a year to process. It also costs US\$585, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website.

Unfortunately, Saunders wasn't able to offer a better alternative for Canadians.

"Either stop travelling to the U.S. or get out of the business," he said.

As for Canadians with investments in pot companies at home, Saunders said it doesn't appear that will cause them any trouble at the U.S. border.

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TORONTO -- Rochelle Trepanier was planning on visiting her boyfriend in California, a trip she had made many times over the past two years. But this time was different. Officials with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection wanted more proof she had ties to Canada and would return. She failed to satisfy their demands and was [ultimately banned for five years](#).

Trepanier is the latest in a spate of travel bans against Canadians by U.S. CPB agents that is drawing attention to the increased scrutiny some Canadians are encountering at the border.

Border agents have wide latitude when it comes to detaining travellers they deem suspicious, and some lawyers say that latitude has expanded under U.S. President Donald Trump's administration.

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"There are certain authorizations that have come through from this administration that allows for them to increase their scope, how far they can expand their authority," said Tim Golden, an immigration lawyer with Green and Spiegel, one of the world's oldest immigration law practices.

Trepanier's lawyer, U.S. immigration attorney Len Saunders, said she failed to satisfy CBP agents despite having ample documentation via cellphone bills and work stubs, because of her primary work as a tree planter in British Columbia, a seasonal job that gave her several months off. Trepanier and her boyfriend also had a wedding to attend, so she tried to cross again a few hours later at a different border where she was detained for several hours before being handed the ban.

Saunders said agents used to simply deny entry to Canadians who did not have enough documentation to show their ties to Canada.

"I've been practising near the border in northern Washington state for over 20 years, and I'm literally seeing one of these cases a day right now," said Saunders, who noticed the spike this summer and believes it is localized.

"I've never seen them handing out these five year bars -- it's like speeding tickets."

[Nick Austin, also from B.C.](#), was issued a five-year ban as well earlier this month after he decided to make a detour to visit an old family vacation spot on the U.S. side during his move from Vancouver Island to the Lower Mainland.

Meanwhile, Canadians in other high-profile cases have faced up to [lifetime bans](#) for trying to cross into the U.S. [carrying cannabis products like cannabidiol oil](#) or CBD, or [even for being a cannabis investor](#).

"Since the change in administration in the U.S., I think that's where we've seen the spike in denials and more stringent questioning at the border," said Catherine Glazer, a U.S. immigration attorney with Mamann, Sandaluk & Kingwell LLP, one of Canada's largest immigration law firms.

The consequences of running afoul of border agents have been dire for some unlucky Canadians, prompting questions over [what travellers can do](#) to mitigate the potential difficulties that may arise when crossing into the United States.

MISREPRESENTATION, LYING, AND GETTING BANNED

It is the traveller's responsibility to satisfy border officers that they are visiting the U.S. for the stated purpose, said Glazer. If a traveller says they are going on vacation, but a border agent finds a resume, work clothes, a text, or other evidence indicating a job offer, for example, these can all be red flags.

Officers may also be suspicious if you have a lot of luggage for a short trip. Border agents may also be wary of Canadians visiting a significant other in the U.S. due to concerns they will remain stateside, get married, and stay.

If a CBP agent has concerns about a traveller's intent (they do not have enough proof of their ties to Canada, for example), they can deny the person entry.

The challenge is that "misrepresentation" is a broad category under which people can be deemed inadmissible. Any form of lying at the border, even a seemingly innocuous one, could qualify as "misrepresentation."

"It's something officers use: 'You told me one thing, now you're telling me something different. OK, I don't care, you lied to me, therefore you're removed and now you're barred for life,'" Golden said.

"There's a variety of different things that can get you expedited removal. Ultimately, they can land on a very simple issue, which is, 'We can't determine your intent, so we're going to remove you.'"

Providing false documentation, or having a criminal record could also bar you from the United States.

"It's discretionary in that the border officer can decide to give the person a chance to clarify and be truthful and let them in, or the border officer can decide despite having lied, they're comfortable that the person had good intentions and let them in," said Glazer. "Or, the border officer can decide that because of the lie, the individual is going to be deemed inadmissible."

A ban, or "expedited removal," generally happens at land crossings and vary in length, lawyers say. That is because the traveller is technically on U.S. soil, unlike the preclearance process at Canadian airports, where agents may simply deny a traveller entry, but not a ban. However, even that is no guarantee.

"We have seen some isolated incidents of late where somebody has been expedited, removed from pre-flight inspection," said Golden. "Those are the ones that are really kind of at the forefront of contention."

APPLYING FOR A WAIVER

Travellers who have been barred from the U.S. [can apply for a waiver](#) that will allow them re-entry, but this can be an expensive process that takes months. The fee can cost up to US\$930 depending on where you submit the forms, and applicants can incur additional costs such as lawyer fees or costs related to obtaining court records.

The application itself can be time consuming, and the applicant would need "proof of rehabilitation."

If a person tries to apply for a waiver the day after their ban, there is a high risk the waiver will be denied, because not enough time has passed to show remorse.

"The adjudicating officer needs to be satisfied the individual is not likely to offend -- the individual has been rehabilitated, the individual feels remorseful," said Glazer.

DOS AND DON'TS

- Immigration lawyers offer the following tips when visiting the United States:
- Whether you are visiting for pleasure or work, [be well informed](#) of what you can and cannot do [or bring](#)
- Do not overstay – it could come back to haunt you later
- You can be removed from the United States without an underlying crime
- If you are denied entry at one border, do NOT try your luck at a different one - border agents see themselves as a united front and information is shared electronically
- If you have been banned for a set number of years and try to cross the border without a waiver, they can extend the length of the ban
- If you are going for an extended trip, bring proof of your ties to Canada (e.g. property tax, proof of a job, a cruise itinerary or other proof of your U.S. travel plans)
- If you are self-employed, show proof that your work is based in Canada (e.g. a contract or upcoming meeting that would require you to return home)
- Indications that you will “facilitate” the drug trade can be risky: Even being a consultant for a cannabis company and meeting with U.S. clients could be problematic
- Border agents could ask to [see your device](#) and its contents
- Even after your ban expires, it will remain on your record permanently

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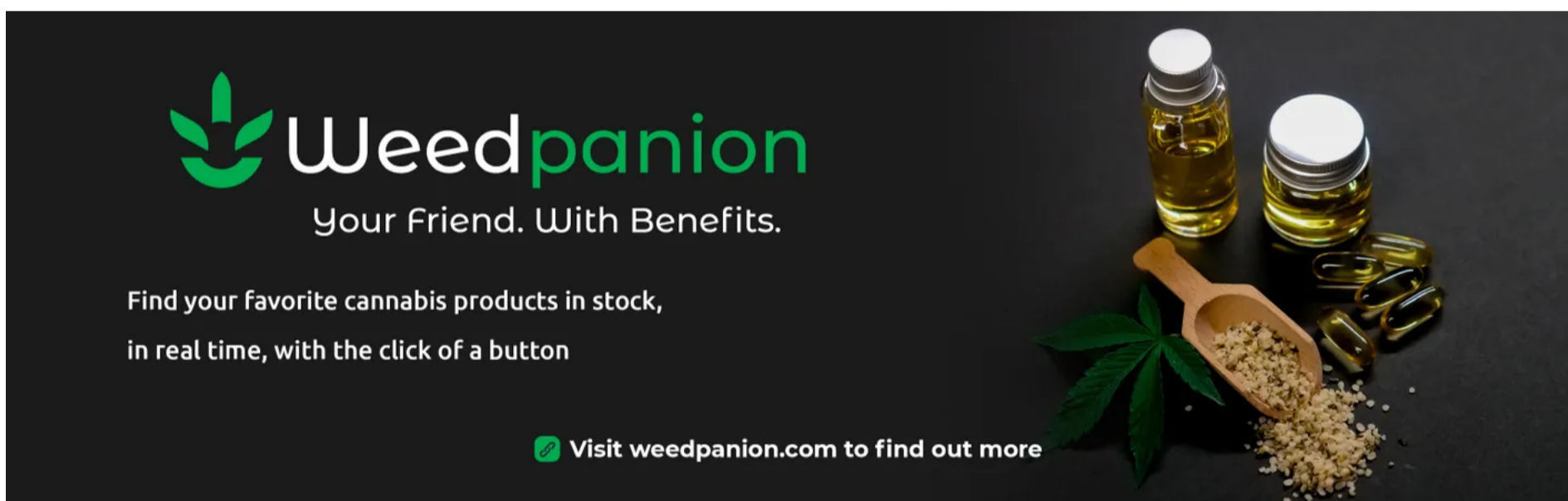
Can I get arrested in the US for smoking weed?

Absolutely. Reasons for not being allowed entry to the United States include; production, simple possession, distribution of cannabis and medicinal or recreational use. Any of these infractions could result in a lifetime ban, according to US Border Security. These were the laws until the statement from the USA government dictating that Canadians who work in the legal marijuana industry can now gain entry to the states. The American border rules are Federal jurisdiction. This ruling, had it not been changed, could have affected 5 million Canadians. Even after this statement Canadian weed users should be very cautious about crossing the US border.

Canadian border questions

have been denied. That included many government employees working in the legal marijuana industry. Your entry could still be compromised; If you provide information to the border officer that you indulge in marijuana before OCTOBER 17 2018, this could render you inadmissible. If the officer deems that you may engage in the same behavior in the States, then they can deny you entry. If you are asked questions, the officer will probably base his reasoning on if you were a smoker before legalization in Canada or after. It is hoped that this line of questioning would not be routine at the border. The USA does not recognize Canadian amnesty like a pardon, so if you have had your marijuana record pardoned you are still legally not to be given entry.

This ruling is tough. Just by working for a company that perhaps advertises cannabis or its products could put you in this category. You may say that's crazy I have never touched marijuana. Well sorry, you get remuneration for your job, which gets money from a cannabis company, this is just a scenario but none the less a very real situation. You are classed as living off the profits from a drug trade. This is a significant problem in the states and will not be tolerated. Early in October of 2018, this law was changed and any Canadian's that work in the cannabis industry will not be denied entry for that reason. However, if you are coming to the states for marijuana industry business, entry might be a little less forthcoming.



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Prior to the changing of that rule, if that situation happened to you at a USA border, you would have needed to hire legal representation to apply for a legal waiver. A very time consuming, expensive and the waiver would need to be renewed on a periodical basis. There is ultimately no guarantee that the waiver would be approved.

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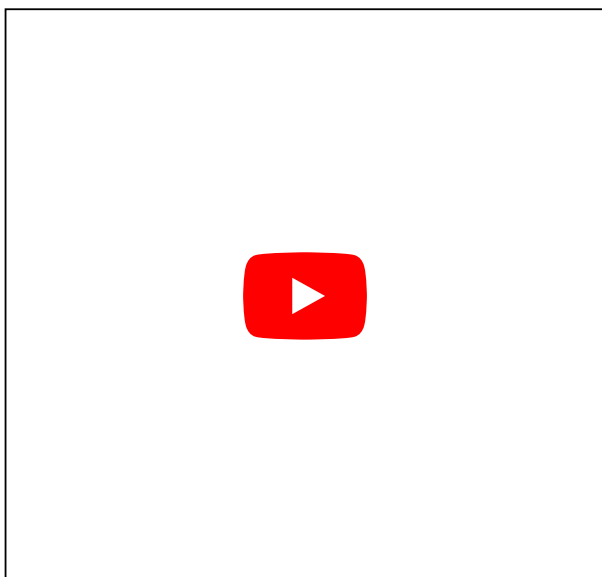
What Canadians Can Do To Avoid Getting Banned At The US Border

Canadians in the cannabis industry are being denied entry into the USA

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Come October 17 (<https://cannabis.net/blog/news/why-did-trudeau-pick-october-17th-for-recreational-cannabis-to-be-legal-in-canada>), recreational cannabis will officially be legal in Canada.

This poses lots of opportunities and developments in the world of legal cannabis, but for traveling Canadians, it could be a problem (<https://cannabis.net/blog/news/canadians-who-admit-cannabis-use-can-be-banned-from-the-usa-for-life>). What's particularly worrisome is that many of the 400,000 Canadians who cross the border to the US could face a lifetime ban if they admit to consuming pot – or if they work in the cannabis industry.

The Canadian government has already issued warnings on its website (https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/cannabis-and-international-travel?_ga=2.118485770.2058000798.1529696008-879253854.1529514899), saying, “previous use of cannabis, or any substance prohibited by US federal laws, could mean that you are denied entry to the US.” This isn't exactly news; for years now, the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have been given orders to question Canadian citizens crossing the border about their cannabis habits, because the drug remains a federally illegal substance in the USA. It's not uncommon for people who have admitted to smoking pot to be banned from the USA as a result of this, and oftentimes, for life.

This problem may only get worse by October 17.

So while the Great White North finally says goodbye to prohibition, here are things Canadians need to remember when crossing the border to avoid a lifetime ban:



1. **Don't bring cannabis over the border:** This may seem obvious, but some people might just need to be reminded. Naturally, this doesn't just go for smuggling, but even small quantities shouldn't be brought if you want to stay on the safe side of the law. According to Aaron Bowker, a CBP officer: "I don't think it will pose any issues, but obviously it increases the chance that we see people with personal use quantities of marijuana, because they've obtained it legally in Canada," says a chch.com report. (<http://www.chch.com/warning-u-s-officials-dont-even-think-bringing-marijuana-border/>)

Last week, border agents seized two massive shipments of cannabis weighing a total of 145 pounds, worth around \$145,000 in the United States. Come September, CBP is expected to begin a campaign to warn individuals about the possible consequences of bringing cannabis with them to the border. "At a minimum, they'd face a fine, we have zero tolerance so that could be \$500 and up depending on how much you had or how many times you've been caught with it."

1. **Don't look or act the part:** Again, avoid acting or dressing like the stereotypical stoner. One of the most effective ways to avoid getting questioned in the first place is if you give the impression that you're sober, and dress like a professional.

Civilized spoke to immigration lawyer Len Saunders (<https://www.civilized.life/articles/4-things-canadian-cannabis-consumers-can-do-to-avoid-getting-a-lifetime-ban-from-america/>), who gave some tips about how to act once being questioned by border officials. "Look professional and respectable because there is a lot of profiling that happens in that interaction with the border guard. If you're in your early 20's, crossing the border with dreadlocks, a tie dye t-shirt and baggy pants, you're probably going to be scrutinized a lot more than a 45-year-old man that's crossing with his wife and kids."

It also goes without saying that you should be polite. "Another important thing is to be polite, no matter the circumstance," Saunders explains. Expect the border officials to try and squeeze information out of you, so you have to learn how to stand your ground without losing it. "There's a lot of fear mongering that takes place. Be aware of that. A lot of border agents will insist you tell

them truthful answers to the questions they are asking, and some even threaten the lie detector, but they can't legally do that. If their questions have nothing to do with your admissibility to the US, the answers aren't any of their business."

1. **Don't say anything:** The best solution here, according to Saunders, is to omit the truth but don't lie, either. "The best thing I can advise is to say nothing," Saunders says. "Don't answer the question. You can be denied entry that one time, but it's nothing that will get you barred for life. The Canadian government shouldn't be telling Canadians to be truthful because they don't understand the consequences. They are not in the business of giving legal advice, but they also need to wake up and realize what's going to happen after October 17 when potentially thousands upon thousands of Canadians are facing a lifetime ban from entering the US for partaking in something that's perfectly legal within Canadian borders."

So there you have it; being honest about your pot-smoking habits may get you into trouble but now you know what you need to do to avoid a lifetime ban should problems arise at the border.

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The world will be watching as we approach October 17 (<https://cannabis.net/blog/news/why-did-trudeau-pick-october-17th-for-recreational-cannabis-to-be-legal-in-canada>), the date when recreational cannabis will finally be legal in Canada – the second country in the world and the first G7 nation to do so.

While there are many things to be excited about, there are a few things that still need to be understood.

For one, why will Canadians be banned from the United States if they admit to border patrol that they consumed cannabis in the past?



"It's basically black and white – if you admit to a US border officer at a US port of entry that you've smoked marijuana in the past, whether it's in Canada or the US, you will be barred entry for life to the United States," Len Saunders, an immigration lawyer, told CTV News.

(<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/why-admitting-to-cannabis-use-could-get-you-banned-from-u-s-for-life-1.3989441>)

Saunders explains that he thinks US border agents will start asking these questions more once the new cannabis legalization rules are set in place. However, he says that Canadians also have the right to refuse an answer, which may result in denied entry into the United States but the ban will only last for that specific day.

Reports following the meeting (https://news.vice.com/en_ca/article/bjpddw/jeff-sessions-thinks-legal-weed-could-cause-trouble-at-the-us-canada-border) of conservative Canadian authorities with US Attorney General Jeff Sessions state that Canadians may face issues when they get to the US border once legalization has been implemented. Sessions' abhorrence for cannabis is well-known, despite what the previous administration of Obama had done to protect cannabis laws.

The Canadian government (https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/cannabis-and-international-travel?_ga=2.118485770.2058000798.1529696008-879253854.1529514899) website warns its citizens that even if one legally consumes cannabis, this may still pose problems when traveling internationally. "Cannabis is illegal in most countries," reads the website. "Previous use of cannabis, or any other substance prohibited by local laws, could result in a traveler being denied entry to their destination country."

Saunders says that if a Canadian ends up getting a lifetime ban, they can still apply for a temporary waiver which would let them cross the border for as long as 5 years. However, they will need to continue reapplying in order to get the waiver for life. The process is not easy nor is it cheap. The US Customs and Border Protection website says that a waiver application can cost US \$585 and can take as much as a year to complete processing. A lot of paperwork will be involved, which may also require verification of criminal records and fingerprinting. But Saunders isn't recommending Canadians to lie just to get through the border – they just have to keep in mind that they do not have to answer the question if they have ever smoked cannabis.

"Each country or territory decides who can enter or exit through its borders. The Government of Canada cannot intervene on your behalf if you do not meet your destination's entry or exit requirements," the Canadian website warns.

What's The Problem?

Last April, Senator Claude Carignan disclosed to VICE News (https://news.vice.com/en_ca/article/bjpddw/jeff-sessions-thinks-legal-weed-could-cause-trouble-at-the-us-canada-border) through a phone interview the results of a closed-door meeting between

Jeff Sessions and the Canadian delegation. According to him, Sessions as well as Homeland Security were concerned that Canadians will cause longer wait times at the border because of secondary screenings.

“They know that they will have more secondary inspection because if the dogs that they use at the border are very good... if people smoke cannabis and they keep the same clothes... they will smell the cannabis and so automatically they will put the people at the secondary inspection,” Carignan said. “It will delay the travelers from not only for those who have inspections, but for the regular travelers. If they spend more time on secondary, they will have less border agents to take care of the regular travelers.”

More than that, he said that the Trump administration is worried about increases in illegal drug trafficking across the US-Canada border, and that illegal cannabis activities could be happening on Indigenous reserves near the border.

“What they have seen in Colorado is that they have seen new cartels that have used the legal activities to cover their trafficking,” Carignan said, referring to states that have legalized recreational cannabis. “They produce more than what they need and they traffic the cannabis.”

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Crimes that will make you inadmissible to the U.S.

Both the U.S. and Canada make it very difficult for anybody with a [criminal record](#) to cross the border. You can be barred from entry for a very wide variety of criminal offenses – even if they seemed to be minor when you were charged. You should also realize that border officers are not trained as lawyers. It is therefore certainly possible that they may misinterpret the law or misapply it to your situation.

The list of criminal acts that will bar you from the U.S. is long and complex. You can read through the U.S. Customs and Border Protection discussion of [what it takes to enter the U.S. with a criminal record](#). If you are still confused, you can call the [U.S. Customs and Immigration Service](#) for guidance.

However, unless it is pretty obvious that you fall under a clear exception, none of these steps may give you the answers you need. It is very possible you will want to [consult an attorney](#) who specializes in this field to determine if you will have a problem crossing the border. We have a separate pages that discuss [how to resolve criminal inadmissibility to the U.S.](#)

Crimes that will make you Inadmissible to the U.S.

Below is a very basic list of crimes that will make you inadmissible to the United States. This list is by no means complete. You should also note that not all of these crimes require an actual conviction in court to make the applicant inadmissible.

- **Crimes involving “moral turpitude.”** (See the next section for a definition and examples)
 - This includes any attempt or conspiracy to commit such a crime.
 - This does *not* include crimes committed when the person was under 18, as long as the person was released from jail more than five years before applying for a visa or other immigration benefit.
 - It also excludes crimes for which the maximum penalty did not exceed one year in prison, *if* the person was not sentenced to more than six months in prison.
- **A controlled substance violation** according to the laws and regulations of any country.
 - This includes trafficking and any conspiracy to commit such a crime.
 - This includes a single offense of simple possession for a small amount of THC residue or for “drug paraphernalia.”
 - It also includes the spouse, son, or daughter of the inadmissible applicant if that person has, within the last five years, received any financial or other benefit from the illicit activities, and knew or reasonably should have known where the money or benefit came from.
 - No actual conviction is required to trigger this inadmissibility.
- Convictions for **two or more crimes for which the prison sentences totaled at least five years**. It does not matter whether the convictions came from a single trial, or whether or not the offenses arose from a single scheme of misconduct.
- **Prostitution or commercialized vice.**
 - A serious criminal activity for which immunity from prosecution has been received.
- **Human trafficking** offenses.
 - Almost anything that has to do with **money laundering**.
- Do not even attempt to enter the U.S. if you have been previously **deported without a proper visa**. This is considered a serious felony under U.S. law and can result in extended jail time.

Crimes of Moral Turpitude

The definition of moral turpitude is “an act or behavior that gravely violates the sentiment or accepted standard of the community.” As you can tell, this definition is very broad, so we’re listing the most common examples of this type of crime below.

The actual offenses are ever-changing. Some of them may be minor, such as shoplifting, while others can be very serious, such as murder. The actual penalty for the conviction does not matter when you're trying to enter the country.

- Passing bad checks
- Assault causing bodily harm, or with intent to cause harm
- Assault with a weapon
- Assault with intent to cause bodily harm
- Aggravated Assault
 - “Aggravated felony” is even worse, though these also have a very loose definition, and therefore the offences can change over time. However, there is absolutely no relief, and anyone deported or excluded for this reason cannot ever enter the US.
- Sexual assault
- Theft
- Burglary
- Trespass with intent to commit a crime involving moral turpitude
- Endangerment and actual injury
- Child abuse, in some cases
- Benefiting from illicit drug trafficking
- Prostitution and commercialized vice
- Involvement in serious criminal activity, where the person has asserted immunity from prosecution, departed the United States as a result, and not subsequently submitted to the jurisdiction of the relevant U.S. court
- Human trafficking, whether inside or outside the United States
- Laundering or aiding or abetting monetary instruments

Crimes that Shouldn't Prevent Entry to the U.S.

Not *all* crimes will result in being denied entry to the U.S.

- Crimes that are not considered moral turpitude include where the individual has committed only one crime of moral turpitude, and:
 - the crime was committed when the individual was under 18 years of age, and the crime was committed more than five years ago
 - the crime did not exceed one year of imprisonment
 - the individual was convicted of the crime, but the individual was not sentenced to imprisonment for a term greater than six months

- Offences like failure to appear, causing a disturbance, common assault, and impaired driving are not ordinarily considered in determining your admissibility to the country. In addition, multiple convictions involving crimes which are NOT classified as crimes involving moral turpitude ordinarily do not block your entry.
- The U.S. does not deny entry to persons with a conviction for “Driving Under the Influence” (DUI / DWI), despite [how seriously Canada takes this type of offense](#). However, if there are multiple convictions for this and / or other misdemeanors, you could be denied entry.

Acquittals and Non-Convictions

As we explained on our general page about [Prior Criminal Offenses](#), if you have an arrest record for a crime and were charged but never convicted, or if you were acquitted, you should technically be able to enter the United States. However, this information will be on your criminal record, and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection will have access to this information when you try to cross the border.

If the border agent is concerned about something on your criminal record, even if it is not a conviction, you may have a problem gaining entry into the United States.

Pardons and Expungements

Canada and the United States generally do not recognize each other’s pardon and expungement policies. This means that having a record extension (expungement), for a Canadian offense will *not* erase the conviction for the purposes of entering the United States. If you have not already read it, see our page on [Prior Criminal Offenses](#) for more discussion on this topic. A Canadian pardon may prove useful as evidence of rehabilitation in a [U.S. Waiver Request](#), but that is all.

The United States also treats a Conditional Discharge as a conviction. Even withdrawn charges remain in the law enforcement database, and may lead to problems at the border. This means that any person who has had a charge withdrawn should be prepared to produce proof of the withdrawal when they attempt to enter the United State

Admitting to Drug Use or Arrest at a U.S. Port of Entry

If you committed an offense but were never convicted, you could still be denied entry to the United States. The most common examples of this are when the Port of Entry Officer asks “have you ever smoked pot?” or “have you ever been arrested, charged or fingerprinted?” If you answer yes, and

describe anything which would suggest that you may have committed an serious offense, you can be deemed inadmissible even if there is nothing in your database record.

There are also examples of people being prevented from visiting the country when they had made prior public acknowledgements of illegal drug use, and those statements ended up in their FBI or RCMP record.

You should also realize that U.S. state and federal laws differ in many aspects. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers are federal agents and enforce U.S. federal laws. State laws are different. Just because the state you are trying to enter has legalized pot means does not mean the border protection considers the possession or use of pot okay. If you admit to using drugs you can be turned away. If you are caught with possession of marijuana you can be arrested. See our pages on [marijuana at the U.S. / Canada border](#) for more information.

How Being Named in a Police Report Can Affect Your Travel Plans

Access to Canada's RCMP's Criminal Record database also gives the U.S. Customs and Border Protection access to police reports from across Canada. On some occasions, travelers are unexpectedly detained at border crossings and/or barred from entering the U.S., even when they have no criminal record or have never been charged with an offense.

For example, police records are created for some types of medical emergencies, such as suicide attempts or traffic accidents, even if no charges are ever filed. If you have even the slightest idea that your name may appear in a police report, it is best to contact your local police, RCMP and/or the CBP before travel to the U.S. to confirm that you won't have problems at the border.

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Pot use admission at U.S. border snagging Canadian boomers, says lawyer

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VICTORIA -- Canadians wanting to cross the U.S. border are being asked different marijuana questions than they were before cannabis was legal, says an American immigration lawyer who represents numerous aging baby boomers denied entry to America for past pot use.

Recreational marijuana will have been legal for a year on Thursday, but any celebrating still stops at the U.S. border, said Len Saunders, a Canadian-born lawyer based in Blaine, Wash.

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"They are not asking questions of recent use because they know they can't deny the person because it's legal in Canada," he said. Instead, he said they're asking Canadians if they have ever smoked marijuana and that's what's been keeping him busy.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office was not available for comment, but an official emailed a statement dated September 2018 that said U.S. laws will not change after Canada's legalization of marijuana.

The statement said even though medical and recreational marijuana is legal in some U.S. states and Canada, marijuana is not legal under U.S. federal law which supersedes those laws.

"Consequently, crossing the border or arriving at a U.S. port of entry in violation of this law may result in denied admission, seizure, fines, and apprehension," said the statement.

Border officials are currently compiling data about the number of Canadians stopped at U.S. crossings since marijuana legalization in Canada, but the figures are not available, the statement said.

Saunders said he has noticed over the past year an increase in Canadians in their 50s and 60s wanting his services after being denied entry to the United States because of admitted marijuana use.

"It's prior to legalization and they admit to it, then it's still grounds to inadmissibility," he said.

"They say, 'I did it back in the 70s, hippie stuff.' "

Barry Rough, a resident of Langley, B.C., said he received a lifetime ban from the U.S. last August after he told border officials that he last smoked marijuana 18 years ago.

Rough, 61, said he was travelling to Emerson, Wash., to offer addictions counselling to an Indigenous group but border officials denied his entry to the U.S.

"They asked me if I'd ever done drugs and I just told the truth," he said. "I didn't want to lie, so I told them, 'Yes, I smoked marijuana 18 years ago.' Four hours later, I was escorted across the border after I was fingerprinted, frisked, pictures taken and asked 1,000 questions, the same question every time."

Rough said he hired Saunders to help him apply for a waiver to enter the United States. His family has vacation property in Palm Springs, Calif., and he wants to visit later this year.

He estimated the waiver process will cost him about US\$2,000. The cost includes legal fees, criminal record checks and he is expected to write a letter of remorse for smoking marijuana in the past.

Rough warned other Canadians could face the same circumstances.

"If you say you have tried it you are risking going through the same process I went through," Rough said.

Saunders said hiring him is not a guarantee that Canadians will be allowed back into the United States.

The waiver process can take up to one year to complete and is not permanent, meaning people often must reapply, he said.

Toronto immigration lawyer Joel Sandaluk said he hasn't seen many cases where people have been denied access to the U.S. on grounds of marijuana use.

"People are often not asked, have they smoked marijuana before?" he said. "The advice we give our clients is always to be as honest with officers as they possibly can be. If I was in the back seat of your car whispering advice in your ear, I'd probably say at that point, I'd rather not answer that question and ask if you can withdraw your application for admission."

Sandaluk said it is possible border officers behave differently at different crossings.

"One of the things you have to remember about border officers, Canadian as well as American, is they have vast discretion when it comes to who they stop, who they search and how they examine," he said.

Canada Border Services Agency said in an email statement it has developed awareness tools to inform travellers of the continued prohibition of the cross-border movement of marijuana.

"Our message on cannabis is simple: don't take it in, don't take it out," said the statement. "It is illegal to bring cannabis in or out of Canada."

Saunders said he anticipates he'll see more clients once edible marijuana products and other derivatives become legal in Canada.

This report by the Canadian Press was first published Oct. 16, 2019.

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British holidaymakers and green card holders can be expelled from the U.S. and denied re-entry because of cannabis consumption, even if they used the drug in a state where it is legal, a London immigration law firm has warned.

There has been a rise in cases of Britons working legally in the U.S. who were deported or denied re-entry because of links to cannabis in states where it is legal, according to the firm Fragomen.

11 states and Washington, D.C. have made the drug legal, however, under U.S. federal law, which classifies cannabis as illegal, foreigners can still be punished.

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A joint is smoked by a customer at the Lowell Cafe in West Hollywood, California in September, which is America's first cannabis restaurant. A British legal expert says that Britons who smoke the drug in states where it is legal can be denied entry to the U.S.

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For instance, if a foreigner was caught along with American citizens smoking cannabis at a party in a state where the drug is now legal, the foreigner could face arrest and deportation and be deemed unfit to re-enter the U.S.

Charlotte Slocombe, a senior partner at Fragomen, told *The Guardian*: "This is how people get caught out even though they think they are doing something which is now legal in that state."

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"Equally that would include green card holders and those who hold visas to live and work in the US. Even for an American it is federally illegal, but because they are not subject to U.S. federal immigration laws they would not be as vulnerable," Slocombe added.

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Slocombe said that buying cannabis from a legal dispensary that asks for your passport details can be traced by the authorities later.

The lawyer said that people connected with legal cannabis producers might also be denied entry, citing the example of two foreign investors in the U.S. cannabis industry having their investment ruled illegal.

This week, Canadian rock star Neil Young said he was having difficulties with his American passport application because of his admission of cannabis use.

The discrepancy between state and federal laws over legal cannabis has posed headaches for its producers and investors as it develops into a multi-billion dollar business.

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of cash are taken around the city to be deposited in vaults, according to the white-collar crime blog FCPA.

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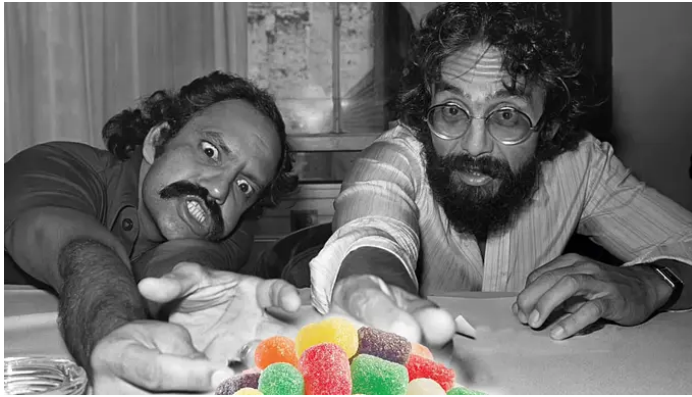
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Cover Story The Drug War Refugees

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Along the rugged coastline of **British** Columbia, more than a generation ago, the first American refugees trickled in. As the Vietnam War raged, draft dodgers who chose to flee America rather than fight an unacceptable war gravitated to Canada's west coast, to rain-washed Vancouver and northward in tiny villages astride deep fiords left by the glacial past.

A few of the new arrivals brought with them a taste for marijuana, and some began cultivating pot gardens. Isolated from the law by rugged terrain, separated from most of civilization by deep bays, a marijuana industry was born. As the tale goes, the coast north of Vancouver became a pot lover's paradise.

Now a new breed of American refugee has arrived, seeking asylum from a different kind of war--the fight over medical marijuana. By some counts, they number more than 100 expatriate **U.S.** citizens, many of them from California, the fiercest battleground in America's medpot fight. They are patients and activists who share an uneasy distrust of the **U.S.** government and dismay over its intolerance of their brand of medicine. And they often arrive scarred by schizophrenic drug policies that now pit the Golden State's lenient laws governing the use of medical marijuana against the federal government's zero-tolerance approach.

Vancouver has become a magnet for this underground railroad of the new millennium. Clean and cosmopolitan, the city is famous worldwide among **cannabis** aficionados for its high-potency "B.C. Bud" and a largely laissez-faire police response to pot. Though nonmedical marijuana is still illegal in Canada, activists say its recreational use rarely results in arrest. In Vancouver, pot is openly smoked in some Hastings Street cafes. The provincial marijuana party puts up a slate of candidates each election. North of the city, a 30-mile-long knob of bucolic mainland known as the Sunshine Coast rivals California's pot-growing north coast. Locals say marijuana cultivation runs right up there with tourism and retirement checks as a main economic engine. **U.S.** marijuana expatriates--much like their Vietnam-era brethren who flocked to Canada--are sinking roots into this **cannabis**-friendly land, launching businesses, raising kids.

But even in open-armed Canada, there are limits for newcomers dubbed criminals. Some of the Americans arrive with drug-war wounds: arrest warrants outstanding, prosecutions pending, jail terms unfulfilled. When immigration officials threatened to toss them out, four California medpot expats--Steve Kubby, Ken Hayes, Renee Boje and Steve Tuck--decided to test Canada's

characteristic tolerance. Facing **deportation** or extradition, they requested something quite extraordinary for citizens of the First World: political refugee status.

That designation is normally reserved for the castoffs of troubled lands, but the four Americans say they are just that. Despite the passage of California's landmark 1996 medical marijuana initiative, **U.S.** law makes **cannabis** illegal for any use, putting die-hard activists squarely in the crosshairs of federal drug agents. If returned to the **U.S.**, the California foursome say, they don't face just prosecution for their unyielding embrace of medical marijuana. They face political persecution.

The **deportation** tussle arrives at a remarkable juncture between these two sister nations. As the **U.S.** has worked to crush the movement in California and the other states that adopted medical marijuana laws, Canada has legalized medicinal use. Politicians say the Canadian Parliament could go even further this year. Justice Minister Martin Cauchon has endorsed decriminalization, though Prime Minister Jean Chretien is urging more debate. If lawmakers fail to act, the courts seem ready to step in. On Jan. 9, a Superior Court justice in Ontario gave the Canadian government six months to provide safe distribution of medical marijuana or risk opening the door to full legalization. The Canadian Supreme Court appears poised to fashion new law out of three pivotal criminal cases involving Canadians accused of growing, selling or possessing pot. Overnight, the country that has treated recreational marijuana with a wink and a nod might codify its casual stance.

Should it happen, that tectonic shift would rattle the ground under drug warriors in the **U.S.** The Bush administration has warned that if Canada gets softer on pot, North America could see a boost in drug dependency and gummed-up commerce between the world's two biggest trading partners.

Cannabis has a long and contentious history. It was described in a Chinese medical compendium dating to 2,737 BC. In America, marijuana has been outlawed since the Great Depression. In 1970, the Nixon administration assigned it to Schedule I, a spot reserved for heroin, LSD and other high-octane drugs thought to have no redeeming medical merit. It was Nixon's way, pot advocates say, of shelving the martini of the antiwar movement.

American marijuana activists say pot was "rediscovered" as medicine when ill patients tried the drug recreationally and found it reduced the nausea of chemotherapy and helped those suffering from glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy and other maladies. Patients joined the push to have pot rescheduled, a step that would allow physicians to prescribe it. The effort languished until 1988, when the chief administrative judge at the **U.S.** Drug Enforcement Administration made a startling ruling: Marijuana had a place in medicine. Judge Francis L. Young declared it unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious for the federal government to stand between "sufferers and the benefits of this substance."

DEA officials quickly rejected Young's ruling, and the courts backed them. The rescheduling effort, meanwhile, went nowhere in Congress; politicians on both sides of the aisle long ago concluded it's safer to talk tough on drugs than risk oblivion as a pot appeaser.

The AIDS epidemic brought a huge new pool of patients to marijuana's cause. Famous for producing the munchies, marijuana likewise seemed to stem the wasting effects of HIV. But here, too, **U.S.** officials balked. Out of frustration, a movement was born in California. An unlikely coalition of **cannabis** true believers and three ultra-rich businessmen eager to shift the nation's drug debate put the state's landmark medical marijuana initiative, Proposition 215, on the 1996 ballot.

Proposition 215 won big, but it ushered in an era of confusion among cops and courts, patients and politicians. The federal government, whose laws supercede any conflicting state statutes, at first threatened doctors, saying that any who recommended the use of marijuana by patients would be prosecuted or have their authority to prescribe certain drugs withdrawn. After doctors fought back and generally won, the feds shifted tactics, using civil and criminal courts to go after medicinal-use activists who grow or distribute marijuana. But a trend began leapfrogging the nation. Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington all passed medpot measures.

Amid the fog of this new war, what became clear was that Proposition 215 caused a fundamental shift in the way Americans talk about marijuana. The just-say-no simplicity of the Reagan era has been replaced by a more complicated debate about science and orthodoxy, privacy and morality, freedom and states' rights.

Recent **U.S.** polls show pot winning this cultural debate. But prohibitionists are prevailing in battlegrounds such as Nevada, where voters rejected a marijuana legalization measure in November. From the beginning, prohibitionists have labeled medical marijuana a smoke screen for legalization. California alone has an estimated 30,000 medical users, and for every cancer and AIDS patient there seems someone willing to claim that pot helped them cope with insomnia, anxiety, psoriasis or menstrual cramps. Not everyone buys the claims.

"Because somebody feels something makes them feel better, that's not science," says John Walters, President Bush's director of national drug-control policy. "That's snake oil."

Try telling that to Steve Kubby. The onetime California gubernatorial candidate and medical pot user fled California two years ago. In Canada, he has been granted a medpot exemption by the government health agency and has emerged as the lead agitator in an effort to draw attention to the conflicting state and federal drug laws in the **U.S.** If medical marijuana has a Thomas Paine, Kubby just might qualify.

Now 56, Kubby hardly seems the stereotypical stoner. Despite pot's reputation as a sinkhole for gumption, Kubby lives big, whether he's hustling on the campaign trail or running a Web-based ski magazine. After multiple joints, he speaks with the lucidity of an espresso addict at a coffee bar. Like others in the **cannabis** community, Kubby believes generations of right-wing prohibitionists--from Richard M. Nixon to George W. Bush--have waged a cultural war against pot-smoking hippies, ghetto dwellers and the powerless ill.

Cancer dug a hole in Kubby's world in the early 1970s. In a time of free love, Watergate and questions about authority, Kubby watched his brimming life begin to drain. Doctors diagnosed pheochromocytoma, cancer of the adrenal gland that in 90% of cases is not malignant. In Kubby's case, it was. Abdominal tumors flooded his system with adrenaline and norepinephrine, causing skyrocketing blood pressure, heart palpitations, nausea and shortness of breath. Kubby, running an alternative summer program for kids in the forests of Shasta County, says he struggled through each day.

In the span of a few years, he underwent four surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation. Nothing seemed to stop his steady decline. Unchecked, doctors say adrenal cancer usually spreads through the vital organs. Kubby says he was told he shouldn't expect to live beyond five years, and likely would die of a heart attack or stroke.

Marijuana became his life preserver quite by accident, he says, with the help of a soon-famous friend. The son of a San Fernando Valley wrecking-yard owner and housewife, Kubby had roomed at Cal State Northridge with Richard "Cheech" Marin, then an unknown pre-law major but later to become half the iconic doper comedy duo of Cheech and Chong. As Kubby tells it (Marin did not respond to a request for comment), Cheech paid him a visit one summer day. Kubby was spiraling toward oblivion. His old buddy offered a suggestion: If you're going to die, Steve, why not die happy? Kubby hadn't smoked pot since his cancer diagnosis. For old time's sake, he lit up. A wave of euphoria hit. Kubby hadn't felt so good in months.

He continued smoking marijuana, and says he eventually felt so good that he gave up doctors and hospitals and prescription drugs, turning to a regimen of fresh foods, clean fluids, exercise and pot. Kubby's health turned around, for reasons that remain a mystery. While he credits his prodigious use of marijuana for his survival, doctors have been unable to definitively pinpoint the reason.

Years passed without a visit to an oncologist, Kubby says. Vincent DeQuattro, an expert on hypertension illness who years earlier had treated Kubby at County-USC Medical Center, examined him in 1998 and discovered that lethal levels of adrenal fluids--10

to 20 times normal--were still coursing through Kubby's system. But, DeQuattro concluded, pot seemed to be somehow blunting or masking its effects.

The conclusion reached by DeQuattro, who died in August 2001, was echoed this past year by Joseph Connors, a top oncologist at the B.C. Cancer Agency and a professor at the University of **British** Columbia who examined Kubby at the behest of Canadian immigration officials. He found a large tumor invading the upper abdomen, but concluded that pot's "most important achievement is normalization of his heart rate, blood pressure and blood volume markedly reducing the risk of heart attack or stroke." Connors believes that Kubby should be allowed to continue its use, saying, "It is controlling his symptoms at least as effectively as anything I can do."

Freedom and medical marijuana were the centerpieces of Kubby's 1998 California gubernatorial run, when he received less than 1% of the vote on the Libertarian ticket. But candor about his copious use of pot cost him. A few weeks after election day, a task force of Lake Tahoe drug agents battered down the couple's door, confiscated his 265-plant medpot garden and--as his wife held their screaming toddler--hailed Kubby off to jail on charges of cultivation and drug trafficking. During three days behind bars, Kubby's blood pressure spiked.

At his 1999 trial in Placer County Superior Court--which Kubby predicted would be "the Scopes monkey trial of medical marijuana"--prosecutors suggested he was faking it, calling a witness who said his prison-cell dry heaves didn't seem real. They raised questions about his cancer, suggesting it might be in remission and that Kubby used pot simply to get high. (The defense countered with DeQuattro vouching for Kubby's medicinal needs.) Prosecutors also argued that Kubby was selling his pot for profit, taking in more than \$100,000 over 18 months. The prime evidence was cash Kubby got during his campaign (he says it was donations from medpot dispensaries) and a sheet of paper covered with numbers. Prosecutors said it listed street sales; Kubby says it tallied how many plants he could grow as a patient.

Placer County prosecutor Christopher Cattran still rolls his eyes over their courtroom encounters. "I don't dislike Mr. Kubby more than anybody else who breaks the law," Cattran says. "He's not a bad person, just an extremist who is impassioned about marijuana."

The jury declared Kubby not guilty of the marijuana charges but guilty of two other counts--possession of a peyote button and a hallucinogenic mushroom stem found in the raid. Kubby faced four months in county jail, where he believed he would suffer and possibly die without access to pot.

Even if he avoided jail, Kubby believed his high-profile pot use made him a DEA target, and he knew that pot activists sometimes don't fare well in federal court. For example, a few heady months after Proposition 215's win, drug agents busted Peter McWilliams, a best-selling self-help author, and Todd McCormick, a medical pot activist, for cultivating 4,000 plants at a Bel-Air mansion dubbed the "**Cannabis** Castle." A federal judge denied both men the right to put on a medical defense. McWilliams, an HIV patient, died in June 2000 before he set foot in jail. McCormick is now in federal prison, deprived of the pot he claims eases pain from a fused spine. He was sentenced to five years after a plea bargain with prosecutors.

Scrambling to avoid such an end, Kubby looked to Canada. Pot activists told him it was a different world north of the border, particularly on the Sunshine Coast. One put it this way: There may be some people on the coast who don't smoke pot, but I haven't met any of them.

Bankrupted by a \$250,000 court defense, their ski magazine in ashes, the Kubbys felt they had little to lose. America seemed like enemy territory, not home. Kubby says he felt the trauma of "turning your back on your country, leaving loved ones, having friends question your sanity and striking out to an unknown future."

The Kubbys moved to Sechelt, B.C. The tiny seaside town sits midway up the Sunshine Coast, a scenic peninsula of conifers and granite divided from Vancouver by a glacial bay so wide and deep that no road from the big city was ever cut. The only

way in is via floatplane or ferry, and Kubby likes that just fine. The isolation has turned it into a haven for tourists, marijuana growers and more than a dozen California pot expatriates. There's no Home Depot, but hydroponic gardening stores do a brisk business supplying indoor pot gardeners.

Across the border, everything went right. Kubby and family--wife Michele and two young daughters--rented a contemporary three-story house above the docks and breakfast inns that dot tranquil Porpoise Bay. Their monthly rent was only \$700. They delighted in the ethereal sky show of the Northern Lights. The average Canadian seemed friendly and tolerant. Kubby, who had been smoking donated pot from other expats and Canadians, began to grow his own in secret.

Never one to shy from the righteous fight for **cannabis** freedom, Kubby didn't balk when Canadian reporters got wind of his story and came calling. Headlines hit the provincial papers. Then the Canadian Broadcasting Co. TV show "Disclosure" did a segment. Suddenly, Kubby and other American medical marijuana expatriates were news all across the northern tundra.

Canadian authorities couldn't ignore this. Three weeks after the TV show aired, officers knocked on Kubby's door. Compared to his **U.S.** bust, it was all very polite and cordial. They confiscated 160 marijuana plants and took Kubby to jail in Vancouver on charges of immigration and drug violations. His wife was frantic. "In our minds," she says, "incarceration means death for Steve." But when his heart began to race and sweat poured off his face, Kubby didn't face disbelief from his Canadian jailers. They didn't accuse him of faking the dry heaves. They called a doctor.

That humane approach to medical marijuana users is what brought Ken Hayes to a lonely pier on the Sunshine Coast, where at the moment he is casting a fishing line. Swells batter the oily pilings. He's after salmon. Nothing is biting.

Among the faithful, Hayes is considered a **cannabis** Samaritan, running a medpot dispensary. Two years ago, he beat a rap for growing 899 medicinal pot plants; San Francisco Dist. Atty. Terence Hallinan appeared as a star witness to vouch for Hayes' medicinal legitimacy. But the acquittal in state court only put Hayes in the sights of federal authorities. He got across the border in January 2002, right before the **U.S.** Attorney announced charges that carried a prison sentence of 10 years to life.

The 35-year-old Hayes sees no moral conflict in growing pot. He concludes that the **U.S.** has lost track of its founding freedoms. He'll only return, he says, "when they decide to restore the Bill of Rights."

Renee Boje's exodus to Canada came, she says, because she was in the wrong place at the wrong time. She was living at the **Cannabis** Castle in Bel-Air, hired to do illustrations for a book on medical marijuana. She watered the plants, did her art. Drug agents swept up Boje in the bust.

Charges looming, she fled Los Angeles for Canada in 1998. At the request of **U.S.** prosecutors, Canadian authorities launched extradition proceedings. The 33-year-old Boje married a Canadian pot activist, had a baby and started an herbal health shop. A willowy woman who favors peasant skirts, Boje has given up on America and thinks pot activists should come north. She calls the war on drugs in the **U.S.** "a war on Mother Nature and higher consciousness."

Steve Tuck can be found at the New Amsterdam Cafe, a Hastings Street gathering place for the free of spirit. Dark-wood booths harbor clusters of mellow young adults. Marijuana paraphernalia glistens in a glass case. The menu includes vegetarian items, with a few hemp seeds tossed in. In a back corner is a glass-walled room, as big as a VW van. Pot smokers go there to light up.

Tuck is taking hits off a joint. At 36, he is a wisp of a man with a big Kentucky accent. His story unfolds like a soliloquy. He was an Army paratrooper. A jumping accident during a 1987 military exercise seriously damaged his spine. He was hospitalized for months, undergoing 13 surgeries in a decade. With that, Tuck pulls out an X-ray, right there in the smoke-filled booth, and holds it up to the light. It shows his backbone in white-on-black silhouette, the vertebra strangled by a mess of surgical metal.

A doctor recommended that he try **cannabis** for the pain, Tuck says. He became a believer, moving to Arcata on California's north coast to cultivate pot for a medical dispensary, overseeing several indoor and outdoor "grow-ops." The Humboldt County Sheriff's drug enforcement unit concluded that Tuck was a for-profit marijuana grower. Tipped off one morning to drug agents bearing down, Tuck fled north. He bluffed his way across the border by saying he planned to do some fishing.

"They're on a witch hunt," he says, "and they're burning me at the stake."

The heat continues to rise back in the United States. During the past year, the Bush administration has stepped up its campaign against medical marijuana, which crescendoed in September with the bust of a Santa Cruz pot cooperative. Camouflage-clad federal drug agents stormed in, arresting Valerie and Michael Corral, founders of the cooperative. According to reports, agents pointed automatic weapons at Suzanne Pfeil. They ordered her to stand. Pfeil is disabled by postpolio syndrome, so the agents handcuffed the 44-year-old medical pot patient to her wheelchair.

Canada is running the opposite way. The debate over pot flamed in September, when a parliamentary study committee of the Senate--the country's equivalent of Britain's House of Lords--issued a thick report suggesting **cannabis** be treated as a matter of personal responsibility, not police work. Pot should be declared legal, even sold by government stores, it suggested. Scientific evidence, the committee added, indicates alcohol is more harmful.

Police groups howled with outrage, as did the country's conservative minority. But many suspect Canadian lawmakers will vote this year to relax the laws. Randy White, a member of Parliament from the Vancouver area, dreads that prospect, which he fears is a done deal. But he intends to fight to **deport** the American marijuana refugees. "As far as I'm concerned, they're not going to get away with it," he says. "They're abusing our refugee laws to avoid prosecution in the **U.S.**"

Walters, the **U.S.** drug czar, says he has talked with his Canadian counterparts about the pitfalls of pot legalization and harboring of American drug fugitives. "If Canada wants to become the locus for that kind of activity," he says, "they're likely to pay a heavy price." He calls it "reprehensible" for medpot expatriates to use Canada as a shield. He's all for individual liberty, Walters says, but within rational limits. Modern civilization, he concludes, is based on the notion that "we control the darker angels of our nature."

Steve Kubby never figured himself as a dark angel, just a man trying to stay alive. If he and his doctors are to be believed, pot is helping. But returning Kubby to the United States could kill him, says Alex Stojicevic, a Canadian immigration lawyer who has advised the family. "Are we all so sure that marijuana is of no medical benefit that we risk his life against the advice of physicians who are experts in the field? It seems foolhardy."

In May, a conditional departure order was issued based on Kubby's 2000 drug conviction in California for possession of the hallucinogenic mushroom (possession of peyote is not a crime in Canada and thus not a prod for **deportation**). Kubby countered with his refugee claim, saying he faces a "well-founded fear of persecution" in America. At his March refugee hearing--a tribunal conducted before a single judge--Kubby will face an army of lawyers dispatched by the government, Stojicevic says. (Canadian immigration and refugee officials declined to discuss Kubby's case, citing confidentiality issues.) Despite the talk of relaxing Canadian marijuana laws, Stojicevic says, immigration officials are wary of the floodgates opening to Americans eager to avoid pot prosecutions. "It's the same situation as the draft dodgers, except it's not the Vietnam War, it's the war on drugs," he says. "The Bush administration's zealous prosecution of medical marijuana, that's what is on trial here."

In December, at Conners' suggestion, Kubby began an experimental radiation treatment that could shrink his cancer significantly. The Vancouver doctor says it might even take away the medical need for Kubby to smoke grass. Kubby says he'd remain a **cannabis** consumer anyway. Pot has been his personal savior for a quarter century. It has become more than medicine for him. More like a sacrament.

For now, Kubby has no idea what tomorrow will bring. Up in Sechelt, the comfortable home and laid-back life make it easy to forget his predicament. But the threat of **deportation** lingers. The Kubbys cherish Canada, but what if it is taken from them? What if they become people without a country?

"We would love to go back to the **U.S.**," Kubby says. But only, he adds, if America changes.

As it is now in the **U.S.**, there is too much to lose. "We could have our kids taken, our car and assets most certainly would be seized," he says. Kubby is brooding, a face he hasn't shown before. "They could take all my medicine. Throw me in jail. Kill me."

Each year in America, about 750,000 people are arrested for pot crimes. According to a 2001 federal study, marijuana is one of America's biggest cash crops, legal or illegal, fetching \$10.6 billion annually on the black market. Richard Cowan, a marijuana activist who moved to Vancouver out of contempt for the **U.S.** drug war, says America needs to be reminded what this fight is all about.

"It isn't about being drug free," Cowan argues. "It's about being free."

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Mum faces exile over 23-year-old drugs conviction

By HELEN WILLIAMS

A **BRITISH** mother with a family in America now seems certain to face **deportation** from the **US** over a drug conviction dating back 23 years.

Deborah Aaro, 43, has been ordered out of the **US** for possessing **cannabis** in London in 1976. She will have to leave her husband David, her teenage sons and their Los Angeles home.

An immigration service judge has rejected her final plea against the **deportation** order - marking the likely end of a nine-year battle to stay in the United States.

Mrs Aaron, whose husband and sons are American citizens, was fined pounds 10 for possession of **cannabis** in 1976. She married an American and moved to the **US** in 1977. But under stringent **US** immigration laws, anyone convicted of a drug offence is refused the right to live there.

Mrs Aaron said. "I'm at the end of the line. I'm really up against the wall.

"It's such a minor offence as far as the **British** Government is concerned that I can't understand why, 23 years later, I couldn't be granted an official pardon."

She was charged with possession of 54.4g of **cannabis** resin after a raid on her home. She insists the drugs did not belong to her.

The Foreign Office said: "It is a matter for the American authorities."

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Profile: Four Americans making their cases to become political refugees in Canada because they say they face persecution in the **US** because they smoke marijuana for medical purposes

BOB EDWARDS, host:

This is MORNING EDITION from NPR News. I'm Bob Edwards.

The first of four Americans makes his case today in Vancouver, **British** Columbia, to become a political refugee in Canada. Reminiscent of the draft evaders of the 1960s, the Americans claim they face persecution in the United States. But the issue isn't war with Iraq. It's marijuana for medical purposes. From member station KUOW in Seattle, Cathy Duchamp reports.

CATHY DUCHAMP reporting:

When you walk in through the front door of Steve Kubby's house in Sechelt, **British** Columbia, you see a large laminated sign taped to the wall. It's a color photocopy of a license that allows Kubby to grow marijuana to treat symptoms of his adrenal cancer. Kubby is more than happy to give a tour of his garage turned greenhouse.

Mr. STEVE KUBBY: Here, you see sativa from Ecuador called Celestial Temple sativa. It's the most extraordinary medicine I've ever seen.

DUCHAMP: With his license, Kubby can grow up to 59 pot plants. He also grew marijuana in California, which, like eight other states, has legalized medical marijuana. Still, Kubby was arrested in Lake Tahoe for allegedly growing more than the legal limit. He was acquitted, but fearing further harassment, he says, by the federal government, Kubby moved to Canada. He's now fighting **deportation** and wants Canada to grant him political refugee status.

Mr. KUBBY: We and the other American **cannabis** refugees are simply trying to find a place where we can use this medicine without being hounded and treated like common criminals.

DUCHAMP: Kubby points to the conviction of California pot activist Ed Rosenthal. Rosenthal had been designated by the city of Oakland to grow marijuana for people with AIDS and cancer. Still, in a high-profile **US** federal trial last month, Rosenthal was found guilty of drug trafficking and now faces up to 85 years in prison. Kubby and the others, who are now fighting **deportation**, claim if they return to the States, what happened to Rosenthal will happen to them.

Mr. KUBBY: The Bush administration has drawn a line in the sand and has said that anyone who grows medical marijuana and is vocal can expect a raid from the DEA.

DUCHAMP: Kubby's claim shined a spotlight on two countries with drastically different views on marijuana. While the **US** federal government tries to squash the medical pot movement, Canada's federal government has legalized medical marijuana nationwide and is considering decriminalizing pot for recreational use as well.

Mr. VAUGHN PALMER (The Vancouver Sun): It's the most liberalized attitude toward marijuana this side of Amsterdam, I'm told.

DUCHAMP: Vaughn Palmer is political columnist with The Vancouver Sun newspaper. Palmer says while liberal, Canada's tolerance of marijuana is not unusual compared to most Western countries.

Mr. PALMER: There are problems associated with marijuana use, but Canadians so long ago decided not to turn people into criminals for lighting up marijuana, and they've also decided to look the other way, to some degree, on the marijuana trade. Some people estimate that it's the biggest cash crop in **British** Columbia.

DUCHAMP: **US** drug czar John Walters has threatened to tighten security at the border in light of Canada's growing pot industry. Randy White, a conservative member of Canada's Parliament, takes this threat seriously. What's more, White doesn't want Americans who've broken drug laws in their own country to see Canada as a safe haven, and he worries that if medical marijuana expatriates like Kubby are granted political refugee status, the **US** will retaliate.

Mr. RANDY WHITE (Parliament Member, Canada): Whatever policy on drugs the United States has, we have to at least coordinate our laws in such a way that one doesn't offend the other. Otherwise, we're going to have a closed border.

DUCHAMP: Coordinated drug laws would not be good news for American Steven Tuck. Like Kubby, he's also applying for refugee status in Canada.

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Mr. STEVEN TUCK: It's this or die. I have no choice. I can't go back.

DUCHAMP: On a rainy afternoon, Tuck drinks Coca-Cola and takes a toke from his pipe at Vancouver's new Amsterdam Cafe, a place where '70s rock flows and people can smoke pot without fear of arrest. Tuck smokes it for chronic back pain, the result of a parachuting accident when he was in the Army. Tuck is wanted on drug possession charges in Humboldt County, California. He says even if his request for political refugee status is denied, he won't return.

Mr. TUCK: It's like jumping out of a building when it's on fire. That's what I looked at when I left America. The building was on fire, and I jumped out, and I'm just praying that somebody gets a trampoline when I hit the bottom. And May the 13th, I'll let you know.

DUCHAMP: May the 13th is the day Tuck makes his formal plea to Canadian immigration authorities. For NPR News, I'm Cathy Duchamp in Vancouver, **British** Columbia.

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Lottie Moss is forced to return to London due to **US visa** issues after moving to LA to shoot OnlyFans content

Kate Dennett For Mailonline

Lottie Moss has revealed she was forced to return to London due to issues with her **visa** after she tried to relocate to California earlier this year.

The sister of Kate Moss, 24, took to Instagram on Wednesday to detail her **visa** woes as part of a Q&A session with her 541,000 followers.

She shared her hope that she would be moving back to Los Angeles 'very soon' as she explained that she is back in London as officials sort out her **visa** application.

Earlier this year, Lottie revealed that she planned to move to LA to produce OnlyFans content and later relocated to the **US** to take part in an array of racy shoots.

But she has since returned to London, and Lottie has now revealed that she did so because her **US visa** application is still being sorted.

Answering a fan, who asked her when she is returning to LA, Lottie said: 'Hopefully very, very soon. Just waiting on my **visa** situation, which is taking forever.'

Elsewhere in the Instagram Q&A session, Lottie said she is currently the 'happiest' she has 'ever been' as she said she has been spending time with her family.

'I'm probably the happiest I've ever been - ever. Just spending loads of time with family, working but just doing projects I really enjoy,' she said.

Speaking about her decision to join OnlyFans, Lottie also revealed that she decided to produce racy content as she decided she didn't want to be a model.

She said: 'I actually never wanted to become a model, which is kind of why I steered away from that and did OnlyFans. But it was really fun.'

Lottie also candidly opened up about her dating life, after she was reported to be dating American music producer Cody Colacino earlier this year.

Implying she may now be single, Lottie said of her attraction to men: 'My taste changes all the time. I've typically gone for like skinny, tattooed guys but I'm coming away from that – hopefully.'

She also quashed rumours she is dating her friend and adult content model Mia Malkova, after the pair shot very raunchy content together.

When asked if she was dating Mia, Lottie said: 'No unfortunately she's not my girlfriend, I wish. But I love her – she's the best.'

Her latest comments come after Lottie said earlier this year that London 'isn't for me' as she shared her plans to move to LA.

Speaking in March, she said: 'I need cheering up. I'm having a very stressful time at the moment. I'm moving to LA soon - in two weeks.

'I'm moving to get more content. Lots more people do OnlyFans out there. London just isn't for me.

'I'm moving with Megan Barton Hanson and we're going to live in the same apartment and shoot content together. It's going to be so hot.'

Elsewhere, Lottie recently claimed she was given alcohol and **drugs** to get through modelling shoots.

She said she thought taking **drugs** was 'normal' in the modelling industry as she alleged that she was given **drugs** when she was 'exhausted' at events.

Lottie claimed she didn't feel like people 'cared' about her 'wellbeing'.

Speaking about **drug** use in the industry, Lottie told the Call Her Daddy podcast: 'I think I just thought it was normal and I was going to these events and parties and I was exhausted, that was the only way I was getting through it.

'A lot of the time I would be showing up to set and I would not be happy and I didn't want to do it, I'd be crying my eyes out and they said, 'we'll just get you some **drugs**, you can have a drink and then you'll be fine'.

'It was very much like that, 'oh you'll do this shoot, whether you're sober or not. It's going to happen!'

Lottie, who recently spent a month seeking treatment for mental health issues and cocaine addiction, said taking **drugs** 'shouldn't be normalised' in the 'celebrity or fashion industry'.

Speaking about one incident when she became upset while working, she added: 'I was at an event in Rome and I was crying my eyes out in the hotel and I was putting makeup on over my tears, it was bad.'

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Lord Finkelstein Tries Weed For The First Time: Does Smoking In A Legal State Make Him Ineligible For **US Visa**?

Nina Zdinjak

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Lord Daniel Finkelstein, a British journalist and politician opened up about trying weed for the first time in a column he wrote in The Times on Monday.

A former chairman of Policy Exchange, Finkelstein, 59, said he'd never consumed weed before a recent visit to Colorado, where it's legal. Why? Because he avoids doing things that are illegal, he said.

Meanwhile, some legal experts are questioning the legality of Finkelstein's decision, considering that cannabis is illegal at the federal level. There is now speculation that this could compromise his future visits to the **U.S.** ground. Wait, what?

That's right, smoking pot acquired in a legal cannabis shop in a state with legal recreational use can possibly have some serious consequences for foreigners because federal law is above state law. First things first, let's see what Finkelstein wrote.

"If you poured all the alcoholic drinks I have consumed in my life into a single pint glass, the liquid wouldn't reach the rim," ex-executive director of The Times began. "I don't smoke. I don't even drink coffee. And I have never had a joint. Until now. I'm 59. None of this is because I treat my body as a temple. I treat it more like an all-you-can-eat Chinese buffet. I don't drink either alcohol or coffee for the same reason that I don't eat celery. I don't like the taste very much. I'm not afraid of losing control, because that would overestimate the amount of control I have in the first place."

Gently Mellow

Finkelstein, who was recently appointed director of Chelsea football club that is currently under new **U.S.** ownership, wrote that his family "researched the law quite carefully," to confirm where it is legal to buy cannabis, where they are allowed to smoke it, and who could smoke it, reported The Guardian. Then, he and his eldest son went to a shop called Half-Baked in Boulder and bought a strain of cannabis called Jelly Pie. After a few days, they smoked it.

"The effect wasn't great," he wrote. "It didn't change my life. After my second drag I told the others that I had now decided I was against capitalism and nuclear weapons, but in truth, I was just the same as before, except very gently mellow."

Nothing spectacular here, so what seems to be the problem?

Smoking Pot Makes You Ineligible For **U.S. Visa**

According to Charlotte Slocombe, a partner at the law firm Fragomen and an expert in **US** immigration law, admitting smoking marijuana provides a reason for **U.S.** authorities to deny future **visas**, as they follow federal law.

If **U.S.** authorities decide to act, he most likely won't be the only person denied a **visa** over the same actions, as so many tourists have been recently drawn to various states that have legalized recreational cannabis use.

Slocombe said the **US** embassy "having access to social media could ask questions around the use of **drugs**, and any admission could lead to becoming inadmissible for a **visa**". She added: "You do not need to be convicted to be deemed inadmissible under **US** immigration," reported The Guardian. She noted that the **visa** waiver, or Esta, asks: "Have you ever violated any law related to possessing, using, or distributing illegal **drugs**?" A positive answer would make the applicant ineligible.

Although Finkelstein has not officially responded to these comments, when a legal blog wrote about this issue on Twitter, he didn't seem worried. "They checked my passport before selling me the **drug** so I don't think so."

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Tory peer could be refused entry to **US** after cannabis revelation in the Times
Daniel Finkelstein may fall foul of legal anomaly despite
using **drug** in state where it was allowed, says lawyer

Robert Booth Social affairs correspondent

A Conservative peer may have damaged his chances of being allowed back into the **US** after legally smoking cannabis in Colorado, a leading immigration lawyer has warned.

Daniel Finkelstein wrote in the Times on Monday how he smoked marijuana for the first time at a friend's house in the state, where buying limited quantities of the **drug** for recreational use has been allowed for almost a decade.

But such admissions could lead to **US** authorities refusing future **visas**, because while it is now legal in several states, possession and use of the **drug** remains a federal crime, according to Charlotte Slocombe, a partner at the law firm Fragomen and an expert in **US** immigration law.

Lord Finkelstein, who does not drink, smoke or even drink coffee, described how he chose to try the **drug** only because he knew it was legal "and I try never to do things that are illegal". He is unlikely to be alone if he falls foul of the legal anomaly and **US** authorities choose to act. Tourists have been drawn to states from New York to Oregon where the **drug** has been legalised for limited recreational use and is sold in licensed shops, bringing in several billion dollars in tax revenue annually.

Slocombe said the **US** embassy "having access to social media could ask questions around use of **drugs**, and any admission could lead to becoming inadmissible for a **visa**". She added: "You do not need to be convicted to be deemed inadmissible under **US** immigration."

Finkelstein, who recently became a director of Chelsea football club, which is now under new **US** ownership, wrote in the article that his family had "researched the law quite carefully. Where could we buy it, where could we smoke it, who could smoke it". He and his eldest son then bought a strain of cannabis called Jelly Pie from a shop called Half-Baked in Boulder and Finkelstein tried it a few days later.

"The effect wasn't great," he wrote. "It didn't change my life. After my second drag I told the others that I had now decided I was against capitalism and nuclear weapons, but in truth I was just the same as before, except very gently mellow."

When a legal blog highlighted on Twitter that he may have fallen foul of the anomaly that possession and use of cannabis in states like Colorado and California is legal while remaining banned federally and he could be banned from the country, Finkelstein replied: "They checked my passport before selling me the **drug** so I don't think so."

But Slocombe said the **visa** waiver, known as an Esta and used by many travellers to the **US**, asks: "Have you ever violated any law related to possessing, using, or distributing illegal **drugs**?" Anyone answering yes would become ineligible and would need a full tourist **visa**, and the application for that asks a similar question.

She said: "There are more instances of issues at the border with customs and border protection than at **US** embassies, but yes there is a real issue, particularly along the Canadian/**US** border because it is now legal in Canada."

Finkelstein and Chelsea FC have been contacted for comment.

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I was deported more than 30 years ago for carrying weed into the **United States**. Any chance I can get a **visa** to travel back to the **United States**?

Clifford

With your record, your chances of getting a nonimmigrant **visa**, like a tourist **visa**, are slim but possible. Based on what you write, it is unlikely that you will ever qualify for an immigrant **visa**.

Immigration laws bar most individuals who have committed **drug**-related crimes, from getting an immigrant **visa** - a green card. The exception is for certain individuals whose conviction was for a single conviction of simple possession of marijuana. If you have two marijuana possession convictions or the government has "reason to believe" you were involved in **drug** trafficking, the law permanently bars you from getting a green card.

The law provides a general waiver for all "inadmissibility" grounds except for individuals who are a threat to national security. If you have a clear record of rehabilitation, you might persuade a **U.S.** consular officer to grant you a nonimmigrant **visa** given that 30 years have passed since your deportation.

I am in the **United States**, working here on an H-2B temporary **visa**. Can my wife and daughter come stay with me during my lawful stay here?

Jeisson

The law allows for the spouse and unmarried children to come to the **United States** to be with an H-2B temporary worker. Given that H-2B status is granted in one-year intervals only, your family will need to prove very strong ties to their home country to get a consular officer to grant them **visas**.

Immigration grants H-2B status to temporary, nonprofessional, non-agricultural workers. For a worker to get an H-2B **visa**, an employer must prove that no qualified **U.S.** worker is available to fill the position.

The law limits how many H-2B workers can get **visas** each year, making them hard to get. That's despite low-unemployment and our country's desperate need for service and other workers. Often these jobs are seasonal; for example, workers in the

service industry here for the summer season. While your family can apply for **visas** now, they may have a better chance if they apply the next time you apply for yours.

Allan Wernick is an attorney and director of the City University of New York's Citizenship Now! project. Email questions and comments to questions@allanwernick.com. Follow him on Twitter: [@awernick](https://twitter.com/awernick).

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For these reasons you may be denied entry to the
United States even if you have a **visa** or Green Card.

When **U.S.** authorities find evidence that you are engaging in illegal activities, they can deny you entry to the **United States**.

It won't do you any good if you are the holder of a **visa** or Green Card after a trip back to **U.S.** soil. But, if this happens, there are ways to avoid being denied.

In the same way that you are denied entry, you can be granted a special permit, pardon or waiver. This is a request for a waiver to the **U.S.** government that forgives or overlooks the inadmissibility problem in your case, as reported by El Nuevo Herald.

These are the new instructions for petitioning an alien relative for a **U.S.** green card

In terms of immigration law, these characteristics are known as grounds of inadmissibility or grounds of inadmissibility, as set forth in Section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)

For the protection of the **United States**, the law establishes classes or categories of immigration inadmissibility with the main grounds for denial of entry into the country due to inadmissibility by the officers of the **U.S.** Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

In immigration law terms, these characteristics are known as grounds of inadmissibility. (Evgenia Parajanian/

)Why you are denied entry to the **U.S.** even if you have a **visa** or Green

Card

Contagious diseases
Officials will not let in people with major communicable diseases that pose a public health emergency, such as tuberculosis

There is an exemption, waiver or waiver available for these cases known as the "Waiver of Communicable Disease of Public Health Significance".

Green Card: If I participate in the **U.S. visa** lottery does it affect me for the tourist **visa**?

Covid-19 is a much more contagious disease than the flu. (Getty Images /

)Mental

Illness People with physical or mental disorders that may cause harm to themselves and others are not considered admissible. There is a waiver in these cases called Waiver of Physical or Mental Disorder Accompanied by Harmful Behavior.

When hallucinations are present, the physician must rule out general medical illnesses, the effect of certain medications and the misuse of other **drugs**.

Drugs

USCIS officials believe that you have used or abused **drugs**, you will not be allowed to enter the **United States**. You are considered to have used illicit substances when you have done so more than once in the past three years.

Although there is no waiver for health-related inadmissibility due to **drug** abuse or addiction, an applicant can still overcome this inadmissibility issue if his or her **drug** abuse or addiction is determined to be in remission.

Vaccinations While individuals without the proper vaccinations may be deemed inadmissible, they have different options for entry through the Waiver of Immigrant Vaccination

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Get vaccinated against foreseeable diseases. Obtain a medical certificate in case vaccination is not necessary. And when such vaccinations are contrary to the applicant's religious beliefs or moral convictions.

Each of these waivers has its own requirements, and the first two waivers do not require paying any fees. EFE/Shawn Thew (SHAWN THEW/

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Record People who have committed or have been convicted of crimes of moral turpitude (CMT) are considered inadmissible upon arrival to the **U.S.** and are eligible to apply for a waiver to enter the country

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Violating immigration laws

Those who have held a J-1 exchange **visa** and are still subject to the two-year foreign residency requirement. Have been removed or deported. ? Entered the **U.S.** without the proper documentation. Having been or being in the **U.S.** illegally if you have not yet served the penalty period.

If you violate a rule set by the **United States**, you will have difficulties. (EvgeniyShkolenko/

)Other grounds for denial of entry to the **United States**

Falsely claiming to be a **U.S.** citizen. Illegal voters. International child abduction. Practicing polygamy and bigamy, being married to more than one person. Spies. Terrorists. Having been a member of totalitarian political parties: Communist or Nazi Party. To have participated in a genocide. Belonging to gangs.

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US visa application: Should you lie about taking drugs on your Esta?
British woman barred from **US** for 10 years after admitting to cocaine use

Helen Coffey

After a British tourist was banned from entering the **US** for 10 years over a text referring to taking cocaine, here's everything you need to know about how previous drug offences could affect your travel plans.

What happened?

Isabella Brazier-Jones travelled to Los Angeles with her friend in March to embark on a two-month trip, but the pair were stopped by Customs officials who suspected they were planning to overstay their **visas**.

Brazier-Jones, 28, and her companion Olivia Cura, 26, were questioned about their plans and finances. Cura was released after an hour or so, while Brazier-Jones's bag and phone were seized.

Brazier-Jones said she was subjected to a full body search and held in a cell with four other women, an experience she described as "torture".

Meanwhile, officials searched her phone and found a text that suggested she had taken cocaine.

The former private chef and aspiring actor admitted to having taken the class A drug in 2017, after which she was deported to the UK and told she was banned from visiting the **US** for a decade.

Why would admitting to **drug use** lead to deportation?

The **US** regards admission of drug abuse as evidence of "moral turpitude" – a legal concept in the **United States** and some other countries that refers to "an act or behaviour that gravely violates the sentiment or accepted standard of the community".

It is no longer grounds for outright exclusion from America, as John Lennon experienced for a time. However, the **US** Electronic System for Travel Authorization (the "online **visa**" known as Esta) asks applicants whether they have ever taken drugs in the past under the "eligibility" section: "Have you ever violated any law related to possessing, using, or distributing illegal drugs?" Answering yes to this question means it is likely the applicant will be denied an Esta.

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Could admitting to illegal **drug use** jeopardise future travel plans?

Presuming Ms Brazier-Jones answered "no" to this question, the search of her phone found this assertion to be false, meaning she lied on the form.

"Lying on the Estarepresents separate grounds of inadmissibility to the USA under the material misrepresentation or fraud provision,"Ioana Hyde, **US** Immigration Attorney at American Immigration Law Office Ltd, told

The Independent

. "If this finding is made, then a person subsequently applying for a **visa** to the USA may well be denied due to misrepresentation or fraud."

Kaitlin Davies, a solicitor with **US** immigration specialists Davies Legal,adds thatBrazier-Jones's own admission of guilt may have been a factor in the severity of the penalty.

"On strict application of the law, social media posts regarding **drug use** should not be sufficient, in the absence of more evidence," she said. "Had MsBrazier not admitted controlled substance use to the interviewing officer, it is possible that the outcome could have been different.

"The likely ground on which Ms. Brazier was banned for 10 years, although we cannot be certain, would relate to misrepresentation of her prior 'violation [of] any law related to possessing [and/or] using... illegal drugs'.

"Misrepresentation and fraud often form the basis of lengthy bans."

Should I lie on my Esta application?

When it comes to criminal offences, possibly. Nacro (previously the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders) provides an answer on itsurvey about declaring a criminal record when travelling abroad:

"If I lie on the Esta form, will I be found out?"

"The short answer is: probably not. The **US** authorities do not have access to criminal record information held on the Police National Computer. However, if the authorities have particular concerns about an individual, they may request criminal record information from the Home Office by making an application through Interpol. Such requests, however, are rare."

Michael

Gove

says he was 'fortunate' not to go to jail after taking cocaine several times whilst working as a journalist

However, since 2018 **US** border agents have had the authority to seize and search individuals' phones and electronic devices "without probable cause" – ie they don't need to provide a reason for doing so. Refusing to hand it over along with your password could mean you're denied entry to the country regardless.

In Ms Brazier-Jones's case, they found reference to previous drug taking, which along with her admission of guilt was enough to bar her from the country for a decade.

Kaitlin Davies says that those who have previously taken drugs should consult an immigration lawyer before applying for a **US visa**.

"It is notable that even if an applicant has previously used or abused substances, and is therefore deemed ineligible to travel on Esta, they may still successfully apply for a B-1/B-2 Temporary Visitor **visa**, as we do for hundreds of clients, some with extensive **drug use** and/or convictions," she said.

Should I delete incriminating pictures or messages from my phone?

Experts advise checking what information is stored on your phone and electronic devices prior to travel.

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Ioana Hyde says: "In recent times, I have spoken to individuals who ran into difficulties at the **US** border after being sent images through WhatsApp or similar messaging apps where images received from others are automatically downloaded and stored on the device without the user's specific intent to save a photo.

"The photo showed possible **drug use** or other potentially illegal activities which in turn resulted in difficulties to the applicant for entry into the USA, including in the worst case being summarily removed which then carries a five-year bar from entering the USA unless a waiver (additional permissions) can be secured."

Davies also recommends reviewing your social media before travelling to the **US**. "Anything, drug-related or otherwise, including expressions of 'moving to the **US**' or the previous famous example of a British citizen writing about 'destroying the **US**' in colloquial terms, may cause problems at the border," she says. "In the current climate, applicants should be mindful that posts and photographs can be misinterpreted."

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Why Justin Bieber not facing Nigella Lawson-type ban from **U.S.**

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Poor Nigella Lawson. Not only has suffered a messy, public divorce from business tycoon Charles Saatchi over the past year, but now she can't fly to the **U.S.**

The U.K. celebrity chef was prevented from boarding a flight to Los Angeles on Sunday because of a court confession during her divorce about her previous **drug use**. Lawson now likely will have to undergo a medical examination, including blood tests to screen for illegal drugs, if she wants to obtain a travel **visa** to the **United States**, a British lawyer told the Telegraph.

So forgive **us** for asking, but why is Canadian singer Justin Bieber still allowed into this country? Bieber has spent most of this past year fending off **drug use** allegations and criminal investigations; yet, he still maintains residences in the **United States**.

For starters, Bieber has never admitted to **drug use** -- Lawson testified last year that she had snorted cocaine and smoked marijuana in front of her children. Bieber's current legal troubles also aren't related to illegal drugs; he faces DUI charges in Miami, where after an arrest for alleged drag racing, Bieber reportedly told police he had consumed alcohol and prescription medicine. He also is being investigated in Los Angeles for allegedly throwing eggs at his neighbor's home; the investigation led to a search of Bieber's home, where marijuana was discovered but the singer was never charged.

In Lawson's case, her admitted past **drug use** during a trial last year raised a red flag. According to **U.S.** border officials, they can bar entry to anyone who admits to "committing acts which constitute the essential elements" of the crime, including abuse of a controlled substance.

Susan McFadden, a **U.S.** attorney based in London, told the Telegraph that if during a medical examination, "the doctor finds the applicant is a drug abuser than that person is ineligible for a **visa**. This can be set aside only if the consular official recommends that the ineligibility for a **visa** should be waived."

McFadden noted that such waivers are decided by the **U.S.** Department of Homeland Security and can take six to seven months to process.

Such bans have prevented celebrities from entering the **United States** in the past. In 2008, singer Amy Winehouse was not allowed to attend the Grammy Awards. Singer Lily Allen lost her work **visa** in 2007. And the **U.S.** Department of Homeland Security placed singer Yusuf Islam on a no-fly list in 2004.

But apparently, **U.S.** officials also can choose to turn a blind eye. Last month, Toronto Mayor Rob Ford -- who has admitted to smoking crack cocaine -- was able to travel to Los Angeles for an appearance on Jimmy Kimmel's late-night show.

The double standard had celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain in an uproar Thursday. He tweeted, "Toronto mayor, Rob Ford? Welcome to the USA. Nigella Lawson? No. REALLY? Absolutely appalling misuse of our system. And by whom? How?"

Joel Sandaluk, a Toronto immigration lawyer, offered his theory on that to the Toronto Star. "It's hard to imagine a **U.S.** border officer who is unfamiliar with Rob Ford -- I mean, he's introduced in the American media as Toronto's crack-smoking mayor," Sandaluk said. "All I can imagine is the officer who he encountered at the airport simply followed a 'don't ask, don't tell' approach to it."

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Some get all clear ... although they're not

LONDON: Many British stars have fallen foul of America's immigration rules because of **drug use** and criminal convictions. Those who have been refused entry **visas** range from Boy George to Lily Allen, Pete Doherty to Amy Winehouse. However, there are lots of celebrities who have been welcomed into the **US** despite well-recorded **drug use** and criminal records.

Sir Paul McCartney has spoken openly about his once habitual **drug use** and until 1973 was denied entry into the **US**. The former Beatle has admitted to taking heroin, cocaine, cannabis and LSD. His **drug use** made headlines in 1980 when he was arrested at Tokyo airport with his band Wings after officials discovered 227g of marijuana in his luggage. He spent 10 nights in prison before being deported.

Despite this, McCartney has several houses in the **US**, including a Manhattan townhouse and a ranch in Arizona. Since marrying American heiress Nancy Shevell, he now spends a lot of time at their mansion in the Hamptons.

Mick Jagger has also openly admitted taking cocaine, amphetamines and cannabis. In 1967, he and Rolling Stones bandmate Keith Richards were convicted for drug possession and jailed for three months - sentences quashed on appeal.

However, Jagger's well-documented **drug use** does not appear to have been a bar to entry to the **US**. The band has toured there many times and Jagger spent a lot of time living in New York with his girlfriend L'Wren Scott, who committed suicide last month.

Russell Brand is well-known for his heroin addiction and run-ins with the police, having been arrested 12 times. He quit drugs in 2003. Despite his past record, however, the star has not been barred from America. He has appeared in a number of Hollywood films and owns a £2million (R21.3m) home in LA.

In 2007, Lily Allen's **US** working **visa** was revoked after her arrest for assaulting a photographer in London.

Amy Winehouse was denied a **visa** to enter America in 2008 because of her drug record. The singer had earlier been arrested with her then husband for possession of cannabis.

Noel and Liam Gallagher of English rock band Oasis fame were forced to undergo drug tests before being granted **US visas** in 1997.

The brothers, who were going to New York to promote an album, had been cautioned by British police for cocaine possession a year earlier. - Daily Mail

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Sir Paul McCartney has spoken openly about his once habitual **drug use**, and until 1973 was repeatedly denied entry into the **US**. The former Beatle, 71, has admitted to taking heroin on one occasion, as well as cocaine, cannabis and LSD. In an interview in 2004, he said: "Just about everyone was doing them in one form or another. We were no different."

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Welsh singer Katherine Jenkins, 33, admitted having been a regular user of cocaine and ecstasy but this has not led to a bar on her travel. She competed in the **US** television show Dancing with the Stars.

Steve Coogan, too, has been open about his past **drug use**. In an interview in 2011, the comedian and actor, 48, said he started smoking cannabis when he was 22, which developed into a class-A habit. He works in the **US** regularly, and has been living there on and off for more than a decade.

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Nigella Lawson invited to apply for **US visa** days after being turned away for admitting past **drug use**

Adam Sherwin

Nigella Lawson has been invited to the **US** Embassy to formally apply for a travel **visa** after being turned away from a flight to Los Angeles at Heathrow on Sunday because she confessed to taking drugs.

The celebrity cook could be required to undergo a drugs test to secure the **visa**, following her admission under oath last year that she had taken cocaine and smoked cannabis.

At the trial of her and ex-husband Charles Saatchi's personal assistants, the self-styled "domestic goddess" admitted snorting cocaine on seven occasions but said she had been drug-free since 2010.

Although Scotland Yard took no action, the **US** immigration authorities subsequently informed British Airways that Ms Lawson, 54, would not be allowed into the country, after becoming aware of her confession.

The **US** Department of Homeland Security has the power to bar as "inadmissible" foreigners who have committed drugs offences, even if they have never been charged.

The star, planning to visit Los Angeles for a holiday, was stopped at the boarding gate and forced to return to the first class check-in to retrieve her luggage.

The **US** Embassy said that Ms Lawson did not face a permanent ban and opened the door to her swift admission, once she has applied for a **visa**.

A spokeswoman for the **US** Embassy said: "There are several ways of legally travelling into the **United States** and Ms Lawson has been invited to come to the Embassy and apply for a **visa** for travel to the **U.S.** We understand she has professional requirements for **U.S.** travel and these matters are generally handled routinely and expeditiously, so stand by."

Weeks after her cocaine confession, Ms Lawson was allowed to fly into America on New Year's Day to film a live television interview promoting the second series of her cookery show, The Taste.

Although Ms Lawson learned in January that Scotland Yard would take no action, the **US** authorities decided to take a tougher stance after failing to flag the issue before her previous visit.

Ms Lawson is thought to have registered online for permission to travel to via the **US** Esta [electronic system for travel authorisation] website.

She would have been able to tick "no" to the boxes that ask if the applicant has been arrested or convicted of offences including taking illegal drugs.

Lawyer Susan McFadden, who specialises in **US** immigration law, said Ms Lawson was unlucky because her fame had drawn attention to the comments in court about drugs.

She said: "The problem comes when one also has to answer a question as to whether you are a drug abuser or addict. Typically any person who has used drugs within the last year can be considered a drug abuser or addict."

Ms McFadden said Ms Lawson would be advised to visit a doctor who holds a contract with the **US** embassy in London, who would carry out an assessment to confirm that she was drug-free.

If the doctor confirms she is free to travel, she could obtain a **visa** in a number of weeks, the lawyer said.

Had Ms Lawson consulted a lawyer familiar with securing travel **visas** beforehand she may have avoided the embarrassment of being turned back.

A spokesman for the Homeland department's customs and border protection branch said: "In general an alien found inadmissible will need a waiver of inadmissibility. They may be eligible to apply in advance of travel for a temporary waiver of inadmissibility."

Drug admissions have not prevented celebrities including Russell Brand and Keith Richards from travelling freely to the **US**. Louise Mensch, the former Conservative MP, who said taking class A drugs left her with mental health problems, moved to New York to live with her American husband.

Ms Lawson admitted **drug use** at the trial of her former housekeepers, Francesca and Elisabetta Grillo, who were accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of pounds from her and Mr Saatchi.

Francesca Grillo's barrister suggested in court that Ms Lawson had played down the extent of her **drug use**, in part to keep alive her dreams of television success in the **US**.

Karina Arden told the jury: "You may think about her breaking into the American market - that means she wouldn't want it coming out for that reason, because you all know about the Americans taking a strong line in relation to foreigners with drugs."

No turning back

Despite a string of drug convictions, Pete Doherty was allowed to fly to the **US**. He made it to New York's JFK airport before being sent on the next flight home in 2010.

Russell Brand, who spoke publicly about his heroin addiction, was granted a **US visa** in 2007 after volunteering to undergo a drug test. The comedian has been drug free since 2003.

Amy Winehouse had to perform at the 2008 Grammy Awards via satellite from London after she was banned entry to the **US** over her arrest for drug possession in Norway in 2007.

Kate Moss struggled to obtain a **US** work **visa** following the 2005 "Cocaine Kate" tabloid front page, which showed the model apparently chopping and snorting a white powder.

Former crack addict Shaun Ryder has kept **US** immigration authorities busy for 25 years. Happy Mondays were allowed to perform in 2010 but dancer Bez was refused a **visa** due to his drug convictions.

Singer Kyle Falconer's 2007 conviction for cocaine possession prevented Scottish band The View from touring the **US** until permission was finally granted in 2011.

US visa rules Airlines must check all passengers have a valid **visa** or other authorisation to enter the US. British citizens must register online before their trip under the Electronic System for Travel Authorisation [Esa]. Passengers must confirm they have never been arrested for, or convicted of, an offence involving "moral turpitude": criminality including everything from murder to wilful tax evasion, or relating to illegal drugs. People who are not eligible for an Esta must apply to the **US** embassy for a **visa**, and in most cases will have to undergo a face-to-face interview. Those who fail to meet requirements must apply for a "waiver" to overturn the decision to bar them. The **US** authorities have tightened immigration requirements since 9/11. All passengers are screened against Washington's "no fly list" of suspects linked to terrorism.

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If I have a criminal record, can I be granted a tourist **VISA** to the **United States**?

United States - If I have a criminal record , can I be granted a tourist **VISA** to the **United States**? Check this before you travel to avoid problems.

Having a criminal record and getting a **VISA** in the **United States** , are things that cannot go hand in hand but there are ways to overcome this obstacle when traveling by doing the **VISA** process with a criminal record correctly.

VISA application with a criminal record

To enter the **United States**, taking into account that the traveler has a criminal record you should know the following information: Yes you can travel to the country in this situation , but you must get a **U.S. visa**, therefore, you can also process this document to be in this condition.

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To apply for a **VISA** , it must be considered that much of the process depends on the type of criminal history and criminal record that the applicant has. It is likely that your **visa** will be approved if the crimes committed are minor, such as assault or breaking and entering.

However, a **VISA** will most likely be denied if the applicant has a history of committing major crimes such as Rape, Kidnapping, Forgery, Murder and **drug** related convictions.

It should be noted that the standards and rules of security and punishment for crimes depend on each country, however, in the **United States** they are considered serious crimes.

To initiate a **US B1/B2 visa** petition with a criminal record, the application process is the same as anyone else, the first step is to fill out a series of questions and online known as the DS-160 Form. Once the form is completed, an interview appointment must be made, and once the appointment is completed, the applicant will be informed whether or not their **visa** was approved.

Electronic System for Travel Authorization

The Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) can be obtained with a criminal record, however obtaining approval will depend on the nature of the crime, the age of the offender at the time of the crime and the date it occurred.

No matter where the crime occurred, any arrest, caution or conviction must be declared on the ESTA application where applicable, or on the **U.S. VISA** application.

Travelers with criminal records who plan to apply for ESTA to enter the **United States** often overlook the details of the eligibility questions on the application form.

Can you travel with a **drug** conviction? If your ESTA application is denied, you may apply for a B-2 tourist **visa** or B-1 business **visa** and will have an opportunity to clarify the circumstances surrounding your conviction for prior **drug** possession or use.

Convictions for criminal offenses can bring certain types of restrictions and deprivation of civil rights to anyone convicted of these types of offenses. So, after committing some crimes and being sentenced, some convicted offenders often have to be forced into restrictions on certain licenses, jobs, or even forms of identification.

The rules covering these restrictions are usually unknown to the general population, and if you have ever asked yourself the question:

Is it possible to get a passport if you have a criminal record?

The answer is yes, yes you can get a passport with a felony conviction as long as you don't fall into a restricted category.

But you need to know the definition of a felony, which are crimes that violated the highest moral standards of society, in this case it is no longer possible.

Most felonies are defined by the amount of prison time given for the crime. Crimes ranging from murder to **drug** offenses that give more than one year in prison are typically considered felonies.

According to the Border Protection Information Center, the **United States** does not deny entry to people who have a "Driving Under the Influence" conviction. However, there are multiple convictions for this and other misdemeanors for which you may be denied entry.

In general, any conviction for **drug** possession can result in a denial of entry. But if the conviction was long ago, you may need to contact the **U.S.** Embassy, Bureau of Consular Affairs to obtain a waiver.

Other misdemeanors may result in denial of entry if they were recent.

A crime involving moral turpitude may be grounds for denial of entry into the **United States**.

Criminals who have committed crimes, such as **drug** trafficking, while crossing international borders cannot hold a **U.S.** passport.

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How DID Katie Price fly to the **US** with a drink drive conviction hanging over her...? American immigration lawyers say they 'mystified' as to how she got a **visa** weeks after admitting taking cocaine

Legal experts have questioned how Katie Price has travelled to the **US** just weeks after admitting in court that she had taken cocaine while pleading guilty to drink-driving charges.

Katie Price arrived in Las Vegas on Wednesday with her fiancé Carl Woods, 32 Six weeks earlier Katie pleaded guilty to three charges of drink driving Katie flipped her car on a country road at 6.20am near West Grinstead She checked into The Priory rehab clinic and only left earlier this week

Katie, 43 arrived in Las Vegas on Wednesday with her fiancé Carl Woods , 32, where they plan to marry.

Just six weeks earlier on 29 September, Katie pleaded guilty at Crawley Magistrates' Court to three charges of drink driving, driving whilst disqualified and driving without insurance after she flipped her car following an all-night alcohol and cocaine bender.

Prosecutors dropped a **drug**-driving charge in light of her guilty drink-driving plea, but magistrates were told that a **drugs** test gave a positive reading for cocaine.

Katie, from Horsham, West Sussex, who was already banned from driving, flipped her car on a country road at 6.20am near West Grinstead, close to her home.

After the hearing, she checked into The Priory rehab clinic and only left earlier this week as she headed to the **US**.

American immigration lawyers based in the UK told MailOnline that they are 'mystified' as to how she was able to travel to the **US** given the fact that she admitted to taking illicit **drugs**.

Following the crash, Katie told police: 'I was just going to my friend's house. I know I shouldn't. I've been banned four times. I took **drugs**. I should not be driving. I admit it all.'

Most travellers to the **US** apply through ESTA, an automated system that determines the eligibility of visitors to the country and does not require them to get a **visa**.

But those who are convicted of **drug** offences or simply admit to consuming them, either during a court appearance or following a high-profile incident are automatically prevented from ESTA and are forced to apply for a **visa**, which can take anything up to two years, because of a COVID backlog.

Kaitlin Davies, a lawyer for London-based firm DaviesLegal, which specialises in **US** immigration law said: 'Her case was at the end of September and it would be near impossible for Price to get to the **US** this quickly by applying for an ESTA.

'You don't have to disclose a driving under the influence of alcohol conviction for ESTA but if you have admitted in court to taking illicit substances, even if you are not convicted or charged for this, an ESTA would be denied.'

Ms Davies cited the case of Nigella Lawson, who in 2014 was stopped from flying to the **US** four months after she confessed to taking cocaine during a court hearing.

Ms Davies revealed that when an ESTA is denied, only two other options are open for travellers to the **US**; to apply for what is known as a B-**visa** or an O-**visa**, which are only issued to high profile entertainers or VIPs.

Referring to B-**visas**, she said: 'This involves going to the **US** embassy, being interviewed and then your case is sent to the Admissibility Review Office in the **US** for final consideration.

'Because of the COVID backlog, you cannot get an interview at the **US** embassy in London at the moment for love nor money. The whole process can take anything up to two years.'

US attorney Melissa Chavin, head of London-based Chavin Immigration, which specialises in immigration to the **US** said: 'O-**visas** are issued to very high-profile entertainers and VIPs and Katie Price would qualify for this.

'But given that she has been involved in a recent incident of **drug** taking, which received a lot of media attention, the advice would have been for her to apply for an O-**visa** in a years' time, when things have moved on a bit. She is unlikely to get one so quickly.'

O-**visas** are also issued if the person applying can prove that they have scheduled work in the **US** or there is a compelling reason of national interest for them to visit.

Apart from revealing her plans to marry, Katie claims that she is in the **US** to visit Carl's parents and visit tourist sights.

Ms Davies said: 'These are not compelling reasons, and she has admitted very recently to taking illicit **drugs**, so the whole **visa** process for somebody like Katie Price would be a lot more complicated.'

Both lawyers accept that Katie may have had **visas** issued prior to her arrest and court appearance but under **US** laws she is obliged to report this, which could lead to her permission to travel to the country being denied.

Ms Davies said: 'Any entrant to the **US** has an obligation to notify authorities of any material change in circumstances.'

Ms Chavin added: 'Even if she already had a **visa**, Price would had to have reported the incidents and her **drug** taking.

'It's very hard to get into the **US** if you have admitted to taking illegal substances. Even a caution for minor **drug** offences, which may have even expired, can cause serious problems.'

MailOnline has approached Katie Price's representative for comment.

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TRINIDAD-**VISA-US** says expunged **drug** conviction is no guarantee for **visa**

The **United States** Friday said Trinidad and Tobago nationals with expunged **drug** convictions may not necessarily be granted a **visa** to visit the North American country as Port of Spain began the process of having persons jailed for the possession of small quantities of marijuana released.

Attorney General Faris Al Rawi last week approached the High Court to begin the process to release an estimated 100 inmates who had been jailed for being in possession of small amounts of marijuana in keeping with the decision by the Trinidad and Tobago Parliament to amend the Dangerous **Drugs** Act so as to allow for the decriminalisation of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes. Under the legislation, which went into effect on December 23, a person could be in possession of 30 grammes of marijuana without fear of being arrested and charged.

In a statement, the **US** Embassy here said that the adoption of the Dangerous **Drugs** (Amendment) Bill 2019 into Trinidad and Tobago law 'does not exempt persons with expunged convictions from disclosing such information on **visa** applications.

'Under **U.S.** immigration law, **visa** applicants who have ever been convicted or arrested for any offense, including **drug**-related offenses, still must disclose that information to **US** officials when they apply for a **U.S. visa**.'

Washington said 'prior arrests and convictions, even if expunged, could still indicate **visa** ineligibilities,' adding 'failure to reveal arrests or convictions could lead to **visa** ineligibilities'.

Trinidad and Tobago is among a number of Caribbean countries that have recently tabled legislation allowing for the decriminalisation of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

The Keith Rowley government has also tabled the Cannabis Control Bill that will provide for the licensing, control and inspection of the formulation of businesses operating within the sector. The bill is now before A Joint Select Committee of Parliament which has to report by February next year.

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Why Boris Johnson might 'face difficulties' travelling to the **US** - 'Could be a problem'

Katie Weston

BORIS JOHNSON could "face difficulties" when travelling to the **United States** for one particular reason, claimed immigration law expert Charlotte Slocombe.

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Travelling to the **US** on a tourist **Visa** could prove a "problem" for Boris Johnson, claimed an immigration law expert. Charlotte Slocombe, Partner at Fragomen, warned Tory leadership contenders who have admitted to **drug** misuse could face "difficulties" entering the **US**. Speaking ahead of the final round of votes in the leadership race, Ms Slocombe told Express.co.uk: "Quite a few of the Tory party leadership candidates have admitted to **drug** misuse and could face difficulties, Boris included."

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She further explained: "There are two aspects of this, it's whether they are applying and what type of **Visa** they're applying for.

"If they're applying for a diplomatic **Visa**, obviously a Prime Minister would clearly need a diplomatic **Visa** called an A1.

"You then are exempt for pretty much all ground of inadmissibility except espionage, terrorism, direct foreign interests. So if they were entering under a diplomatic type **Visa**, they effectively have no issue.

"But the tricky bit is unless you're a Prime Minister and you're entering as an MP for personal travel, then there could be a problem.

"You have to apply for a tourist **Visa**, a B **Visa**, if you're ineligible for ESTA and then if the immigration officer is asking the correct questions, then there could be problems.

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"Because they've admitted to this, an immigration officer could arguably ask them questions around it and then it could have a knock on effect on their personal travel.

"So it's whether they're travelling for activities related to the Government."

Ms Slocombe added: "All the other politicians that have openly confessed, it wouldn't be enough to find them inadmissible unless there were extra steps that an immigration law officer took.

"So what happens quite often at Customs and Border Protection, so the person at port of entry, they can ask certain questions that if phrased appropriately will lead to an admission, which is the same as a conviction."

Mr Johnson confirmed in 2008 that he snorted cocaine and smoked **drugs** as a teenager.

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The former Foreign Secretary said in an interview: "'I think I was once given cocaine, but I sneezed and so it did not go up my nose. In fact, I may have been doing icing sugar."

On whether he had smoked 'dope' before university, Mr Johnson said: "That's true, but the stuff you and I may have smoked is not the same as what the kids are having now.

"I think skunk and this stuff is very, very dangerous."

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When questioned again about his **drug** past in a BBC interview last month, Mr Johnson described it as a "single inconclusive event".

He said: "I have answered the question exhaustively.

"It was a single inconclusive event that took place when I was a teenager and which I have extensively described already."

Asked if he had taken cocaine since, he replied: "No."

Express.co.uk has contacted Mr Johnson for comment.

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Warning: Britons could be BANNED from the **US** over strict new social media rules

Harriet Mallinson

USA holidays are well-loved by Britons but new entry rules could see Britons banned from America as lawyers warn social media may be examined for suspicious material. Those with previous alcohol or **drugs** related offences are particularly at risk.

USA holidays: Suspicious social media posts could cause problems for those applying to enter

USA holidays require Britons to obtain a **visa** to enter America but entry rules have become much stricter - this is the latest travel advice. Earlier this month it was announced that social media details would have to be revealed by those applying for a **US visa**. This means the applicant has to submit all social media account names that have been used within the last five years. Suspicious social media posts could cause problems for those applying to enter the **US**.

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Any past alcohol or **drug** offences - even if they did not lead to any cautions or criminal charges following an arrest - could also see travellers banned from entering the country.

The **US** embassy explains: "If you have ever been arrested, cautioned and/or convicted of an offence anywhere in the world, you are required to declare it when applying for a **visa**."

"In cases where an arrest resulted in a conviction, you may be permanently ineligible to receive a **visa** and will require a waiver ineligibility to travel to the **United States**."

Nita Upadhye, managing attorney at NNU Immigration in London, told the Financial Times that restrictions to enter the USA were the worst she'd seen in 15 years.

The percentage of people refused entry increased by 108 from 2015 to 2019, according to data from **US** Customs and Border Protection, Upadhye said.

US border agents now have the authority to seize and search phones and electronic devices without needing to provide a reason.

USA holidays: Restrictions to enter the USA were the worst the attorney had seen in 15 years

If you refuse or decline to provide your password you could well see your entry barred regardless.

Charlotte Slocombe, a partner at immigration law firm Fragomen, told The Sun: "When you apply for a **visa**, the Department of State also googles you.

"[Anything suspicious] on your phone or laptop or social media immediately triggers more questioning, which can lead to admissions, which is the same as a conviction."

In 2017, UK traveller Isabella Brazier-Jones admitted to taking cocaine in a text but had not declared this in her ESTA application.

When border officials found the text and she explained she had indeed taken the **drug**, she was sent back to Britain and banned from the **US** for ten years.

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Consequently, it's advisable to check what information is stored on your phone and devices before your travels and reviewing your social media.

"Anything, **drug**-related or otherwise, including expressions of 'moving to the **US**' or the previous famous example of a British citizen writing about 'destroying the **US**' in colloquial terms, may cause problems at the border," Kaitlin Davies, solicitor and **US** attorney with **US** immigration specialists Davies Legal, told The Independent.

"In the current climate, applicants should be mindful that posts and photographs can be misinterpreted."

Those who have been arrested - even if it did not result in a criminal conviction are advised to apply for a visitor **visa**, or a 'B **visa**', for either a Business or a Pleasure trip rather than an ESTA.

For those on holiday in the USA, it's important to not make this one mistake.

Travel website Big Domain has explained that you always need to give a gratuity of at least 20 per cent.

"Don't leave a tip less than 20 per cent, it could create a problem," a Big Domain spokesperson told Express.co.uk.

"By giving a 20 per cent tip, it shows you thought the service was at least 'good.'"

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Tory leadership contest: Could admitting to illegal **drug** use jeopardise future travel plans?
As contenders to benext prime minister reveal
misdemeanours, these are key questions on 'morality clauses'

Simon Calder

A majority of the candidates for leadership of the Conservative Party – and the next prime minister – have admitted that they have used illegal **drugs**.

How could this affect their travel plans, and what "morality clauses" could stand between you and your next adventure?

What is a "morality clause"?

A demand for information about illegal activities in the past, or a promise of good behaviour for the future.

Many countries around the world are keen to know more about any previous convictions by prospective visitors before they decide to issue permission to travel. They want to know if you are of good character, as defined by them.

Every country makes its own rules in assessing the character of a potential visitor.

How do they evaluate your character in terms of any police record?

The height of the legal bar varies widely from one country to another. The application form for Australia's eVisitor pass , for example, stipulates: "The **visa** holder cannot have any criminal convictions, for which the sentence (whether served or not) is for a total period of 12 months or more, at the time of travel to, and entry into Australia."

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Most countries that ask questions about your record go further, with China, Japan, asking if you have ever had a criminal conviction of any sort.

While the presumption of innocence until proven guilty prevails in the UK, for the purposes of appraising prospective visitors, several countries – notably Canada, India and the **United States**– demand more. They want to know if you have been arrested for or charged with any criminal offence in any country.

There is a considerable moral and legal distance, of course, between being arrested and never charged (for participation in a demonstration, for example) and being sentenced to prison for a year or more. But you are expected to reveal the incident even if you were subsequently released without charge or found not guilty.

Can I be economical with the truth?

Nacro (previously the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders) provides an answer on its excellent survey about declaring a criminal record when travelling abroad.

The answer is specifically about the **US** Electronic System for Travel Authorization (the "online **visa**" known as Esta) but applies to other jurisdictions.

"If I lie on the Esta form, will I be found out?"

"The short answer is: probably not. The **US** authorities do not have access to criminal record information held on the Police National Computer. However, if the authorities have particular concerns about an individual, they may request criminal record information from the Home Office by making an application through Interpol. Such requests, however, are rare."

So why are people suggesting the Tory leadership contenders could be in trouble?

Because they have publicly admitted to using illegal **drugs** – in the case of Michael Gove , the Class A substance cocaine.

The **US** regards admission of **drug** abuse as evidence of "moral turpitude". It is no longer grounds for outright exclusion from America, as John Lennon experienced for a time. But the authorities may be concerned that the individuals' responses on their applications for a **US visa** or Esta may not tally with the information now in the public domain.

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asked the six candidates who have confirmed they used illegal **drugs** how they answered the question on **drug** use on their most recent application for a **visa** or Esta.

A spokesman for Mr Gove's campaign said: "We have taken legal advice from a QC who is satisfied that Michael completed his forms correctly."

Matt Hancock, Andrea Leadsom, Esther McVey, Dominic Raab and Rory Stewart have yet to respond.

Any similarly tricky places?

With a British passport, advance application for permission to visit is not required for dozens of destinations. Often, for tourist or business trips, no information on past activities is required. For longer-stay visits, though, it may be.

For example, the Philippines has a standard visitor arrival card (issued to most British travellers) which does not ask about past misdemeanours. But for anyone who needs an actual **visa**, the official form has a morality clause and asks for details of anything from an arrest upwards (or downwards).

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US Embassy asked why drug-linked mayor granted a visa.

By Genalyn Kabiling

President Duterte has asked the United States embassy in the Philippines why it granted visa to drug-linked former Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog if it was true that he went there.

The President said he gave the US embassy a list of suspected drug offenders, including Mabilog, so it could deny their visa applications.

Mabilog is included in the list of 46 politicians identified by the President for alleged involvement in the illegal drug trade. Administrative cases have been filed against the concerned officials before the Office of the Ombudsman, Duterte said.

"I'd like to inform the US Embassy. I thought I gave you a list noon. Kung nakalusot itong mayor na ito, I'd like to ask the embassy bakit ninyo nabigyan ng...Nanghingi kayo ng listahan, binigay ko sa ambassador ninyo so Filipino addicts who would go there only to destroy your country will be denied visas [If this mayor was able to escape, I'd like to ask the embassy why did you give him (a visa). You asked for a list and I gave it to your ambassador so Filipino addicts who would go there only to destroy your country will be denied visas]," Duterte said during the peace and order council meeting in Davao City.

"I remember I gave you a copy and the name of this mayor because he is so famous was there definitely. Now I'm asking bakit nandyan sa Amerika [why is he in America] if indeed he is in America or if he is not in America, I'm sorry but maybe in Canada," he said.

The President has accused Mabilog as a suspected protector of drug syndicates, who has allowed Iloilo to become the "most shabulized" province in the country.

Mabilog has denied the President's allegations and left the country to allegedly seek medical treatment in 2017. He was later removed from his post by the Office of the Ombudsman for failing to declare his true wealth.

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Off to the **US**, eh? Supermodel Kate Moss is seen clutching a passport and **visa** application forms as she visits the new American embassy in London

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She was discovered by scout as she walked through the bustling terminals of New York City 's John F. Kennedy Airport, soon becoming one of the world's top models.

And Kate Moss appears to be in the midst of plans to make a trip back to the shores where it all began, as she was recently spotted visiting the **US** Embassy in London.

Clutching a passport and a stack of **visa** application forms, the 44-year-old Croydon-born beauty appeared to be in good spirits as she made her way out of the shiny new headquarters, located in Vauxhall, south London.

Wearing a black leather jacket over a bronze sweater with skinny jeans and thigh-high boots, the mother-of-one looked typically stylish for her appointment.

She shielded her eyes behind a pair of sunglasses, her collection of forms included a medical questionnaire - which may be required after she was photographed snorting a white powder back in 2005, earning her the nickname 'Cocaine Kate'.

A source told The Sun this week: 'A past episode like this could potentially be an eligibility to getting a **visa**.'

While she has returned to the **US** since, most notably for Topshop's grand New York City opening in 2009, it has been rumoured for years that Kate faced an uphill struggle in obtaining another American **visa**.

Under **US** rules, suspected **drug** abusers applying for a **visa** maybe required to answer additional medical history questions and also take a medical exam to prove that they are not still a **drug** abuser before being allowed to enter the country.

US Rules on Medical Examinations for Applicants with **Drug** Abuse History

"Only after your medical examination has been completed successfully and the consular officer has interviewed you can a decision be reached as to your eligibility under the law to receive a **visa**. You should NOT make any final travel arrangements, nor take other irrevocable actions until the **visa** has been issued and you are in receipt of your passport."

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In the immediate aftermath of the incriminating photographs of Kate being published in 2005, the star faced relentless backlash and was dropped by Chanel and High Street giant H&M, on the eve of her serving as the face of the Stella McCartney collection campaign.

A representative for H&M said in a statement at the time: 'We have decided that a campaign using Kate Moss is not in accordance with H&M's stance against **drugs**.'

However, she managed to hold on to big contracts with Christian Dior and Rimmel and subsequently won back her deal with Chanel.

She also went on to secure deals with Louis Vuitton, Calvin Klein and Virgin Mobile as well as Longchamp, Mango and Vogue-Eyewear.

The supermodel model also made £3million designing clothing for Topshop.

In 2007, she placed second on Forbes magazine's top-earning models list behind Brazilian Gisele Bündchen, having made an estimated £5.7 million in a year.

In 2010, after Kate's career bounced back, her agent at the time, Sarah Doukas, said of the cocaine scandal: 'All press is good press in this world we live in.'

Following her trip to the **US** embassy, Kate was spotted enjoying a relaxing weekend trip to the Cotswolds, where she owns a home.

She was accompanied by her hairdresser James Brown and her 15-year-old daughter Lila Grace, from her relationship with Jefferson Hack.

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Life Takes **Visa**? Except If You Want to Buy Pot

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Earlier this summer, Elliott Klug had a plumbing problem on his hands. There was a leak in the drainage line between his marijuana dispensary, Pink House Blooms in Denver, Colorado, and the street. It was a relatively simple fix, but when it came time to pay the plumber, things got more complicated. Because of federal regulations that restrict marijuana business owners' access to financial services like banking, Klug had no choice but to hand the plumber an envelope with \$25,000 in cash. When the plumber tried to deposit the payment, the cash was held in limbo until the bank could count all of the money and verify that it wasn't laundered—a standard operating procedure for such a large cash deposit. Klug says it's just another daily hassle for marijuana dispensaries, which occupy a strange legal gray area. Under Colorado law, Pink House Blooms is just one more small business, but in the eyes of the federal government, Klug is illegally trafficking one of the most dangerous **drugs** around.

Over the past 15 years, 20 states and the District of Columbia have legalized medical marijuana. In 2014, legal marijuana for recreational use will go on the market in Washington and Colorado. Public opinion is on legalization supporters' side: more than eight in ten voters believe that marijuana should be legal for medical use if a physician prescribes it. A majority support legal recreational marijuana. But because the federal government still classifies marijuana as a Schedule One **drug** under the Controlled Substances Act—an extremely dangerous illegal **drug** with no approved medical use—dispensaries are stuck in no man's land between the state and the federal government.

This legal uncertainty has real commercial implications. Because of regulations that bar banks from doing business with **drug** traffickers, many financial institutions refuse to open accounts for dispensaries or give them small-business loans. The same goes for major credit-card companies like **Visa** and MasterCard. Merchant service providers—the middlemen between retailers and credit-card companies who process customers' payments—are also reluctant to run afoul of the federal government, so most won't accept payments from dispensaries. These restrictions force dispensaries to operate as cash-only businesses. The fact that customers can't swipe a card is the least inconvenient part. Without a bank account, dispensary owners can't deposit their money in a secure place or write checks to their landlords. Every plumbing fix or utility charge must be paid in cash. "Perhaps you can survive without a bank account, but you'll have to find vendors and suppliers who will take your cash," says Klug. "We went through quite a few office-supply companies before we could find one that would accept our payments."

The financial mess gets even stickier when tax season rolls around. Back in the early 1980s, after a **drug** kingpin successfully wrote off yachts, guns, and bribes on his tax return, Congress passed a law designed to prevent future **drug** traffickers from

taking deductions on illegal business operations. The law, IRS Code Section 280E, forbids businesses from writing off any expenses related to a federally controlled substance, including marijuana. When, years later, California passed the first medical-marijuana law, dispensary owners were stuck between a rock and a hard place: as state-legal businesses, they wanted to pay federal taxes, but couldn't take deductions for product, payroll, health-insurance benefits, or rent. As a result, a dispensary's tax bill can be three or four times what the average small business might pay, making it impossible to turn a profit. Harborside Health Center, the largest medical-marijuana dispensary in California, has been fighting the IRS since 2011, when they were audited and told to cough up \$2.5 million in back taxes.

These problems will only compound over the coming year in Colorado and Washington, which legalized marijuana for recreational use with ballot measures last November. Both states are gearing up for a dramatic increase in the size of the marijuana market, raising concerns about safety?more cash and more **drugs** will make marijuana businesses and their customers an even bigger target for robberies?and practicality. "We want to be treated like any other business," says Ean Seeb, the co-owner of Denver Relief, a medical-marijuana dispensary in Denver, Colorado. "General access to banking, a place to put our cash, a way to write checks. We want to pay our taxes. It's just very difficult to do so."

These issues haven't escaped the federal legislators' notice. At the beginning of the summer, a group of representatives proposed legislation that would exempt medical-marijuana dispensaries from blanket prohibitions that apply to illegal **drugs**. One proposed bill, introduced by Ed Perlmutter, a Democrat from Colorado, would adjust banking regulations to allow financial institutions to do business with marijuana businesses in the states where it's legal. Earl Blumenauer, an Oregon Democrat, introduced a second piece of legislation that would clarify the language in 280E to allow state-legal marijuana businesses to take standard tax deductions. Jared Polis, another Colorado Democrat, is backing a final bill with a much wider scope. His proposed legislation would remove marijuana from the Controlled Substances Act, shifting oversight over the **drug** from the **Drug** Enforcement Agency to the renamed Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana and Firearms.

Despite bipartisan support for the legislation?including an endorsement from Grover Norquist's group, Americans for Tax Reform, on Blumenauer's bill?it seems unlikely that with politicians' energies consumed by the budget showdown, the bills will get much traction. Mason Tvert, a spokesman for the Marijuana Policy Project, says he's not hopeful about the legislation's chances, but blames the stasis on general congressional gridlock, rather than specific opposition to the bills. "Honestly, it's more an issue of Congress being unable to accomplish anything than being about marijuana," Tvert says.

Congress, however, isn't the only recourse when it comes to the banking issue. According to Tvert, the Department of Justice (DOJ) could clarify the rules in a memo to banks, telling them they'll be safe from federal retaliation if they start working with marijuana businesses. Right now, a shift in policy from the DOJ seems a likelier outcome than congressional action. In a recent Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, Deputy Attorney General James Cole acknowledged that current policy will only grow more untenable as Colorado and Washington begin selling marijuana to the general public, and said that DOJ is working with bank regulators to find a possible solution.

Unfortunately for advocates, the executive branch has less power over marijuana business owners' inability to write off expenses on their federal income taxes. Although the change itself is small?according to Henry Wykowski, a San Francisco-based attorney who represents marijuana dispensaries under audit, the problem could be solved by exchanging an "or" for an "and" in 280E? the IRS has made it clear that Congress will have to make the fix, either by altering the tax code or removing marijuana from the Controlled Substances Act. Changing 280E might be feasible in a Congress less preoccupied with a looming government shutdown. But legalizing marijuana through Congress is still a daydream.

Despite this discouraging legislative outlook, it's becoming increasingly clear that as more and more states legalize marijuana for both medical and recreational use, something will have to give. At least when it comes to banking, it seems likely that the federal government will step in. "Eventually we're going to have to find some reasonable solutions to these problems," says Betty Aldworth, deputy director of the National Cannabis Industry Association. "If marijuana businesses can't grow, that's bad

for state economies. And if the federal government wants a regulated marijuana system, they're going to have to start giving these businesses some basic equity."

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Can **U.S.** border guards turn me away for saying I've smoked pot?

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"Present the facts, just answer the questions they ask, and don't volunteer information," says a Vancouver lawyer

I get really nervous when driving across the border, especially because I've heard the story of a friend of a friend who was banned from the **U.S.** on his way to Burning Man. He has no criminal record, but the officer asked him if he'd ever smoked a joint and he said yes. This sounds far-fetched, doesn't it? Can I really get turned away at the border for saying I've smoked pot a couple of times in my life? - Martin, Calgary

If you tell a border official that you've smoked a joint or had a bite of that pot brownie - or that you plan to partake in legal weed in Washington or Colorado - your ability to freely enter the **United States** will go up in smoke.

"If you admit you've smoked marijuana or plan to, you can be banned permanently - there's no due process, no right to a trial and it's not appealable," says Mark Belanger, a Vancouver lawyer who works on border issues. "Anything **drug**-related is typically a crime involving moral turpitude. Those are magic words and you'll be banned from entering the **United States**."

So, you don't need to have a **drug** conviction to be turned away for **drug** crimes under Section 212 of the **U.S.** Immigration and Nationality Act (<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/ineligibilities.html>). A couple of puffs could be enough.

All it takes is an admission that you've knowingly used an illegal **drug**, either because you've answered an officer's question or you've been chatty and volunteered the information. You won't go to jail, but you will get told to turn your car around and head back to Canada.

"An admission to the essential elements of possession of a controlled substance is a permanent bar to entry into the **United States**," Belanger says. "Once one has been deemed inadmissible, they require a non-immigrant **visa** waiver for the rest of their life in order to obtain entry into the **U.S.**"

A **visa** waiver will cost you

If you're a Canadian who's been banned, you can eventually apply for a **visa** waiver that will let you cross into the **U.S.** You'll have to apply at the border. It takes 6 months to process and costs \$585 (**U.S.**), Belanger says.

"The first waiver would be valid for one year, the second for three and the third and every one thereafter for five years," Belanger says.

Just admitting you're planning to do **drugs** will get you sent back and banned too, even if you'll be in Washington state or Colorado, where pot is legal. **U.S.** immigration laws are federal and the federal government doesn't recognize state **drug** laws, Belanger says.

"Even though you're going to Washington to smoke a roach there, if you tell them 'I'm going down to smoke legal weed,' they'll turn you down because it's still against federal law," Belanger says.

Get caught in a lie and you'll get banned for fraud

If you have been convicted of a **drug** crime and have had it pardoned, you could still be banned from the **U.S.**.

"They can do a check and that conviction will still appear, if they ask if you've ever been convicted and you say no because you got that pardon, then you're guilty of lying about it and you'll be banned," Belanger says.

Another way to get banned is to get caught lying to border officials. It's fraud. Again, you won't face criminal charges, but you will get banned on the spot.

"The Golden Rule is 'always be truthful,'" he says. "Present the facts, just answer the questions they ask, and don't volunteer information."

So, if you're doing any business on a trip to the States, even if it's a one-hour lunch with a client, don't say that you're just going shopping or visiting friends.

"If they get suspicious and search you and find something related to business, then you've committed fraud because you lied and said it was entirely personal, and that's a five-year or a permanent ban" he says. "If it's a mix of business and personal, tell them. The worst thing that can happen is that they say you can't cross without certain paperwork, you turn around, go and get the paperwork and try the next day."

And if you're acting nervous, the border officer will probably get suspicious, Belanger says.

"They're intimidating - they're judge, jury and executioner and that's why they have that air about them," he says. "But they really can't turn you away for no reason. You're allowed to go as a visitor to shop, to visit friends, for leisure activities and for work purposes like trade shows so you've got no reason to be nervous in those circumstances."

So, what if the border officer asks if you've ever smoked a joint? And what if you've never been convicted and the officer has no way - assuming your Facebook profile photo isn't you inhaling from a Bart Simpson bong - to tell whether or not you've actually tried pot or any other **drug**?

Good question. "I can't tell people to lie," Belanger says.

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Officials say 'sorry' to Nigella for **drug** error

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Immigration officials expressed regret to celebrity chef Nigella Lawson after they wrongly presumed she had been banned from the **United States** because of her **drug** use.

Lawson was given a waiver to enter New Zealand for promotional work in April. This is required if a person has been denied access to another country.

Immigration New Zealand later admitted the special dispensation was not required because there was no evidence Lawson had been barred from the **US**.

In a letter to Lawson's lawyer released under the Official Information Act, Immigration New Zealand area manager Michael Carley said: "We regret any inconvenience caused to your client, and I hope this letter clarifies that your client is not considered to be an excluded person by Immigration New Zealand."

Mr Carley said the British chef's immigration status was initially inconclusive.

To arrange Lawson's **visa** "in a timely manner", Immigration New Zealand's London office granted her a "special direction" **visa**.

This **visa** was given to people excluded or deported from another country, convicted and sentenced to five or more years in prison, or convicted and sentenced to 12 months or more in the past 10 years.

Immigration officials believed the waiver was required because of British media reports that said Lawson had been refused entry to the **US** after publicly admitting cocaine and cannabis use. She admitted her **drug** use last year during the trial of two of her former staff members for fraud, but did not have a conviction.

After reviewing Lawson's **visa** application and information provided by a London lawyer, officials found that she should not have been categorised as an excluded person and was eligible for a **visa**.

"We currently have no information to indicate that she was excluded from the **United States**," Mr Carley said in the letter.

Lawson's New Zealand lawyer Megan Richards said INZ's response "was satisfactory from our client's perspective ... everything worked out in the end".

The fact that Lawson needed special permission to enter New Zealand drew international media attention. It also raised eyebrows in New Zealand because some convicted criminals had not required such special direction to enter the country.

The original "Wolf of Wall Street", Jordan Belfort, who is speaking in Auckland this month, was eligible for a **visa** because his fraud convictions were not serious enough to warrant a special direction **visa**.

In correspondence to media, Immigration NZ noted that **US** rapper Snoop Dogg required a waiver to perform in New Zealand in January because he had **drug** convictions.

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New Zealand lifts **visa** ban on Nigella Lawson

NIGELLA LAWSON has been granted special permission to work in New Zealand after being blocked from travelling to the **United States** for using cocaine.

The 54-year-old celebrity cook has been given a waiver to enter the country to make a television advertisement for a brand of chocolates next month.

Immigration New Zealand said Miss Lawson had been granted a work **visa** under the country's "special direction" laws, which was necessary because of her **US** travel ban.

A spokesman said: "As she has been excluded from another country, the **United States**, she was ineligible to be granted a **visa** to enter New Zealand unless given a special direction.

"A special direction was granted and her **visa** application was approved."

The statement was official confirmation that **US** immigration officials had prevented her boarding a plane at Heathrow for Los Angeles, where she had previously filmed the cooking talent show *The Taste*.

The mother of two was banned from travelling to the country as a result of comments she made about taking cocaine and cannabis while giving evidence under oath in last year's trial of two of her staff accused of fraud.

Miss Lawson told jurors she took cocaine twice, once with her late husband John Diamond when he found out he had terminal cancer, and again in 2010 when, she said, she was being "subjected to intimate terrorism" by her former husband, Charles Saatchi. But she told the court: "I have never been a **drug** addict. I've never been a habitual user."

Police had reviewed the allegations of **drug** use that emerged during the trial but said no further action would be taken, despite public controversy over her admission.

Miss Lawson later told the **US** breakfast television show *Good Morning America* that having details of her acrimonious split from Mr Saatchi made public had been "mortifying". The **US** can decide to bar visitors who have committed **drugs** offences even if they have never been charged.

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Kiwis give a **visa** to **drug**-linked Nigella

NIGELLA Lawson may have been barred from entering America after **drug**-taking revelations - but she has been given the green light to visit New Zealand.

The chef, 54, was prevented last month from flying to Los Angeles where she has previously filmed TV cooking show The Taste.

The ban was thought to be due to her admission in court last year that she had used cocaine and cannabis.

Now she has been given a **visa** to enter New Zealand, where she is shooting a TV advert.

But officials confirmed special permission was needed because of the **US** ban.

A spokesman said: "As Ms Lawson has been excluded from another country, namely the **United States**, she was ineligible to be granted a **visa** to enter New Zealand unless given a special direction."

During the fraud trial of her former employees, her ex-husband Charles Saatchi accused Ms Lawson of being "off her head on **drugs**".

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NIGELLA LAWSON GRANTED SPECIAL NEW ZEALAND **VISA** AFTER **U.S.** TRAVEL BAN

Apr 21, 2014 (WENN via COMTEX News Network) --Celebrity chef NIGELLA LAWSON has been granted a special **visa** allowing her entry to New Zealand after she was banned from travelling to the **U.S.** following her cocaine confession in court.

The British TV star was stopped from boarding a plane to the **U.S.** last month (Mar14) and reports suggested the travel ban was linked to her **drug** admission during a high-profile court case last year (13).

She faced a similar ban in New Zealand, where she is due to shoot an advert for a chocolate brand, but now officials have confirmed they have issued a special **visa** allowing her to enter the country.

A statement from a spokesperson for Immigration New Zealand reads, "As she has been excluded from another country, the **United States**, she was ineligible to be granted a **visa** to enter New Zealand unless given a special direction.

"A special direction was granted and her **visa** application was approved."

The **drug** admission came during a fraud case against Lawson's two former aides, who were cleared of racking up huge debts on her and ex-husband Charles Saatchi's credit cards. Police in England declined to launch a further investigation into Lawson's **drug** use and decided not to file charges. (MJ/WNBTE/LR)

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Now Nigella faces **drug** test before **US** will let her return

Sam Marsden and Neil Sears

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NIGELLA Lawson faces the humiliation of being **drug** tested to prove she is clean if she wants to visit the **US**.

The celebrity cook was barred from boarding a flight to Los Angeles at the weekend after her courtroom admission she took cocaine and cannabis. The **US** embassy in London has now invited her to apply for a **visa**. But law experts have warned officials are likely to insist she is tested for illegal substances.

Miss Lawson, 54, would then have to be examined by an embassy-approved doctor and provide a clean blood or urine sample before she could be cleared to travel to the **US** again. Her television career in the States - she has recently been a judge on the American version of cookery show The Taste - is now in peril.

The Daily Mail revealed yesterday how Miss Lawson was stopped from getting on a British Airways flight from Heathrow to LA on Sunday. She was barred under strict American laws which technically exclude any foreigner who admits committing **drugs** offences in their home country - even if they were never charged or convicted.

Miss Lawson confessed during the trial of her former assistants in December that she had snorted cocaine seven times and smoked cannabis in front of her two children.

The TV cook told the court she last took cocaine in 2010 to cope with the 'intimate terrorism' of her thenhusband, Charles Saatchi, 70. But she admitted she had smoked cannabis 'in the last year of my marriage to Mr Saatchi'.

The couple divorced last July, suggesting Miss Lawson may have used the **drug** within the past 12 months. This could prove significant for the **US** authorities, who will insist on **drug** tests if they believe she has a recent history of narcotic abuse.

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Adults seeking a **visa** in London must pay £235 for a basic medical examination and £48 for a **drug** test, according to a document on the **US** State Department's website. According to one former **visa** applicant, Miss Lawson may have to go through the degrading experience of being watched as she provides a urine sample to ensure her **drug** test results are not faked.

Miss Lawson is thought to have tried to enter the **US** on Sunday under the **visa** waiver programme, whereby travellers must register online and confirm they have never been arrested for or convicted of certain offences. The specific grounds on which she was barred entry have not been officially confirmed. She is now expected to engage lawyers to ensure she can travel freely to America, which she visits regularly both for pleasure and for work.

Miss Lawson insisted during the trial of her housekeepers, Elisabetta and Francesca Grillo that she had never been a habitual user of illegal substances and maintained that she was now **drug-free**.

US border officers appear to have hardened their position since the start of January, when Miss Lawson was allowed to fly to New York to film an interview promoting the second series of The Taste USA.

A spokesman for the **US** embassy in London said: 'There are several ways of legally travelling into the **United States** and Miss Lawson has been invited to come to the embassy and apply for a **visa** for travel to the **US**.

'We understand she has professional requirements for **US** travel and these matters are generally handled routinely and expeditiously.' Miss Lawson's spokesman declined to comment.

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The celebrity cook was barred from boarding a flight to Los Angeles at the weekend after her courtroom admission she took cocaine and cannabis.

The **US** Embassy in London has now invited her to apply for a **visa**. But law experts have warned officials are likely to insist she is tested for illegal substances.

Lawson, 54, would then have to be examined by an embassy-approved doctor and provide a clean blood or urine sample before she could be cleared to travel to the **US** again. Her television career in the **US** - she has recently been a judge on the American version of cookery show The Taste - is now in peril.

The Daily Mail revealed yesterday how Lawson was stopped from getting on a British Airways flight from Heathrow to LA on Sunday.

She was barred under strict American laws, which technically exclude any foreigner who admits committing **drugs** offences in their home country - even if they were never charged or convicted.

Lawson confessed during the trial of her former assistants in December that she had snorted cocaine seven times and smoked cannabis in front of her two children.

The TV cook told the court she last took cocaine in 2010 to cope with the "intimate terrorism" of her then-husband, Charles Saatchi, 70. But she admitted she had smoked cannabis "in the last year of my marriage to Mr Saatchi".

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Apply for **visa**, **US** tells Nigella after flight ban

John Chapman

CELEBRITY cook Nigella Lawson has been invited to apply for a **US visa** just days after she was stopped from flying to America because of her confession that she had taken cocaine.

The self-styled Domestic Goddess has been told she is not permanently banned from entering the land of the free, despite being turned away from a flight to Los Angeles.

She was prevented from boarding, apparently because of comments she made about taking **drugs** while giving evidence in a recent court case. Mother-of-two Nigella, 54, was said to be "hugely embarrassed" by the incident. But the **US** embassy in London yesterday vowed her application could be handled quickly and as a matter of routine.

At the trial of her former personal assistants, Nigella admitted twice taking cocaine but told the court: "I have never been a **drug** addict. I've never been a habitual user."

A spokeswoman for the **US** embassy said: "Ms Lawson has been invited to come to the embassy and apply for a **visa** for travel to the **US**. We understand she has professional requirements for **US** travel and these matters are generally handled routinely and expeditiously, so stand by."

Reasons She added the embassy was unable to comment on the reasons someone might be turned away.

A witness said Nigella tried to board a BA flight from Heathrow on Sunday morning but was turned back. The bemused onlooker added: "She didn't look happy."

Lawyer Susan McFadden, who specialises in **US** immigration law, said: "It could be because she is unlucky enough to be famous and her admission of **drug** use made the newspapers."

Police reviewed the allegations of **drug** use which emerged during the trial but Scotland Yard said no further action would be taken.

The **US** Department of Homeland Security said foreigners who admitted **drug** taking could be deemed "inadmissible". However, the celebrity chef has visited America since her court appearance.

Her co-host on TV cookery contest The Taste, chef Anthony Bourdain, tweeted that he was "absolutely mortified with embarrassment over the cruelty and hypocrisy of **US** actions".

He said Nigella was "the most focused, non-party, sober person I know. How this could happen - to her, of all people - is beyond me."

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Come to **US** embassy and apply for **visa**, Nigella told
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ADAM SHERWIN

Nigella Lawson has been invited to the **US** embassy to apply formally for a travel **visa** after being turned away at Heathrow from boarding a flight to Los Angeles because she confessed to taking **drugs**.

The celebrity cook could be required to undergo a **drugs** test to secure the **visa**, following her admission under oath last year that she had taken cocaine and smoked cannabis. At the trial of her and ex-husband Charles Saatchi's personal assistants, Ms Lawson admitted snorting cocaine but said she had been **drug**-free since 2010.

Although Scotland Yard took no action, the **US** immigration authorities subsequently informed British Airways that Ms Lawson, 54, would not be allowed into the country after becoming aware of her confession.

The **US** Department of Homeland Security has the power to bar as "inadmissible" foreigners who have committed **drugs** offences, even if they have never been charged. Ms Lawson, planning to visit Los Angeles for a holiday, was stopped at the boarding gate on Sunday and forced to return to the first class check-in to retrieve her luggage.

The **US** embassy said that Ms Lawson did not face a permanent ban and opened the door to her swift admission, once she has applied for a **visa**.

A spokeswoman for the **US** embassy said: "There are several ways of legally travelling into the **United States** and Ms Lawson has been invited to come to the embassy and apply for a **visa** for travel to the **US**. We understand she has professional requirements for **US** travel and these matters are generally handled routinely and expeditiously, so stand by."

Weeks after her cocaine confession, Ms Lawson was allowed to fly into America on New Year's Day to film a live television interview promoting the second series of her cookery show, The Taste.

Although Ms Lawson learned in January that Scotland Yard would take no action, the **US** authorities decided to take a tougher stance after failing to flag the issue before her previous visit.

Ms Lawson is thought to have registered online for permission to travel via the **US** Esta (electronic system for travel authorisation) website. She would have been able to tick "no" to the boxes that ask if the applicant has been arrested or convicted for offences including taking illegal **drugs**.

Susan McFadden, a lawyer who specialises in **US** immigration law, said Ms Lawson was unlucky because her fame had drawn attention to the comments in court about **drugs**. She said: "The problem comes when one also has to answer a question as to whether you are a **drug** abuser or addict. Typically any person who has used **drugs** within the last year can be considered a **drug** abuser or addict."

Ms McFadden said Ms Lawson would be advised to visit a doctor who holds a contract with the **US** embassy in London, who would carry out an assessment to confirm that she was **drug**-free.

If the doctor confirms she is free to travel, she could obtain a **visa** in a number of weeks, the lawyer said.

Had Ms Lawson consulted a lawyer familiar with securing travel **visas** beforehand, she might have avoided the embarrassment of being turned back. A spokesman for the Homeland department's customs and border protection branch said: "In general, an alien found inadmissible will need a waiver of inadmissibility. They may be eligible to apply in advance of travel for a temporary waiver of inadmissibility."

Drug admissions have not prevented celebrities including Russell Brand and Keith Richards from travelling freely to the **US**. Louise Mensch, the former Conservative MP, who said taking class A **drugs** left her with mental health problems, moved to New York to live with her American husband.

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BRITISH STARS TURNED AWAY BY AMERICA

Despite a string of **drug** convictions, Babyshambles singer Pete Doherty (pictured) was allowed to fly to the **United States**. He made it to New York's JFK airport before being sent on the next flight back home to London in 2010.

Russell Brand, who spoke publicly about his heroin addiction, was granted a **US visa** in 2007 after volunteering to undergo a **drugs** test. The comedian has been **drug** free since 2003.

Singer Amy Winehouse, who died in 2011, had to perform at the 2008 Grammy Awards via satellite from London after she was banned entry to the **US** over her arrest for **drug** possession in Norway in 2007.

Model Kate Moss (pictured) struggled to obtain a **US** work **visa** following the 2005 "Cocaine Kate" tabloid front page, which showed the model apparently chopping and snorting a white powder.

Former crack addict Shaun Ryder has kept **US** immigration authorities busy for 25 years. Happy Mondays were allowed to perform in 2010 but dancer Bez was refused a **visa** because of his **drug** convictions.

Singer Kyle Falconer's 2007 conviction for cocaine possession prevented his Scottish band The View from touring the **US** until permission was finally granted in 2011.

US TRAVEL

REGULATIONS VISAS AND AUTHORISATION

Airlines must check all passengers have a valid **visa** or other authorisation to enter the **US**.

British citizens must register online before their trip under the Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (Esta).

Passengers must confirm they have never been arrested for, or convicted of, an offence involving "moral turpitude" - criminality including everything from murder to wilful tax evasion - or relating to illegal **drugs**.

People who are not eligible for an Esta must apply to the **US** embassy for a **visa**, and in most cases have to undergo a face-to-face interview.

Those who fail to meet requirements must apply for a "waiver".

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NIGELLA IS BARRED FROM **U.S.** OVER **DRUG** CONFESSION Domestic Goddess turned back at Heathrow trying to board L.A. flight

Sam Marsden, Neil Sears and Claire Ellicott

Sam Marsden; Neil Sears; Claire Ellicott

NIGELLA Lawson has been banned from the **US** because of her court confession that she took cocaine.

Humiliatingly, the celebrity cook was stopped from boarding a flight from Heathrow to Los Angeles, the Daily Mail can reveal today.

Her television career in the **US** - she is a judge on talent show The Taste - is now in peril.

The 54-year-old 'Domestic Goddess' was forced to confess under oath during a trial last year that she had snorted cocaine seven times and smoked cannabis in front of her children.

Although Scotland Yard did not act over her confession, the **US** authorities are taking a tougher stance.

Miss Lawson arrived alone at Heathrow's Terminal Five on Sunday morning to catch a direct British Airways flight to LA. She is thought to have checked in and passed security before being told she could not board her plane. She had to return to the first class check-in to arrange to collect her hold luggage.

'She didn't seem to say much, but she did not look happy,' said an onlooker. 'She could not get on the flight so she had to turn around and leave.'

Miss Lawson is thought to have tried to enter the **US** by registering online for permission to travel and confirming she had not been arrested or convicted of offences including taking illegal **drugs**. But the **US** can also decide to bar any foreigners who have committed **drugs** offences without their even being charged.

Would-be travellers can apply to have the ban lifted, but this can take months.

Miss Lawson wrote on Twitter in the early hours of Sunday that she was 'packing for my holiday' with 'travel essentials' - including a picture of a sun hat, a tube of Colman's mustard and salt.

The specific grounds on which she was barred entry to the **US** have not been confirmed. And it is not known if she was stopped at passport control or at the departure gate where passports are often scanned.

She is now expected to engage lawyers to ensure she can travel freely to America, which she regularly visits both for pleasure and for work.

The **US** Department of Homeland Security's customs and border protection department said it could not comment on individual cases. But a spokesman said foreigners who had admitted committing **drugs** offences in the **US** or another country were deemed to be 'inadmissible'.

'In general, an alien found inadmissible will need a waiver of inadmissibility,' he added.

'Depending on the basis of their refusal they may be eligible to apply in advance of travel for a temporary waiver of inadmissibility. The waiver application process can be lengthy.'

Airlines are required to supply **US** security officials in advance with details about all passengers on flights to America so they can be screened against Washington's 'no fly list' of suspects linked to terrorism.

The carriers must also check passengers have a valid **visa** or other authorisation to enter the **US** before they take off.

Weeks after her cocaine confession, Miss Lawson was allowed to fly into America on New Year's Day to film a live interview promoting the second series of *The Taste*. The show was broadcast in January and February, having been filmed before the TV cook's admission of **drug**-taking. But American border protection officers appear to have hardened their position since January. Steven Heller, a **US** immigration lawyer based in Lewes, East Sussex, said her celebrity status as the Domestic Goddess may have counted against her.

'I strongly doubt that if someone who was not particularly notable made an admission in court proceedings about past **drug** use, it would come up,' he said.

Since the start of this year, the American authorities have enforced a stricter interpretation of the law on excluding people who admit an offence, he added.

Mr Heller is confident that Miss Lawson will eventually be able to get a **visa** to travel to the **US**, although the process could take some time.

'I'm sure she can get a waiver. The typical wait time is about 20 to 25 weeks but you can get it done in a matter of days. You need to demonstrate a need for it to be handled quickly,' he said.

Being blocked from America caps a torrid 12 months for Miss Lawson, who has endured a very public divorce from her former husband Charles Saatchi.

The marriage broke down irrevocably after Mr Saatchi, 70, a wealthy art collector, accepted a caution for assault when newspapers printed pictures of him with his hand around his wife's throat outside Scott's restaurant in Mayfair in June.

Miss Lawson then had to give evidence at the trial of her former housekeepers, Francesca and Elisabetta Grillo, who were accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of pounds from her and Mr Saatchi.

While insisting she had never been an addict or habitual user of **drugs**, she confirmed she had taken cocaine.

She said she needed the **drugs** to cope with the death of her first husband, John Diamond, and the 'intimate terrorism' of her second, Mr Saatchi.

The TV cook also described how she 'smoked the odd joint' of cannabis in the last year of her marriage to Mr Saatchi to make 'an intolerable situation tolerable'.

But she maintained that she was now **drugfree**, telling the jury: 'I did not and do not have a **drug** problem, I had a life problem. I decided to address that.' Francesca Grillo's barrister suggested in court that Miss Lawson had played down the extent of her **drug** use, in part to keep alive her dreams of success in the **US**.

Karina Arden told the jury: 'You may think about her breaking into the American market - that means she wouldn't want it coming out for that reason, because you all know about the Americans taking a strong line in relation to foreigners with **drugs**.'

Miss Lawson was never arrested, and Scotland Yard said in January that she would not face any police action over her admission of **drug**-taking, in part out of fears that charging her would deter other court witnesses from telling the truth.

It would be no surprise if Mr Saatchi was delighted at the **US** authorities' moves to bar his ex-wife from the country.

In a furious email which he sent her last year, he revealed his contempt for her burgeoning American TV career, saying: 'Bravo, you have become a celebrity hostess on a global TV gameshow.'

Other British celebrities said to have found it more difficult to gain entry to the **US** as a result of convictions or **drug** use include Amy Winehouse, Kate Moss, Russell Brand and Oasis stars Noel and Liam Gallagher.

A spokesman for Miss Lawson said last night: 'We would never comment on Nigella's travel plans.'

A BA spokesman said: 'Due to data protection laws, we cannot comment on individual customers.'

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Tough **US** line on 'moral turpitude'

THE **United States** has very strict laws banning people convicted of serious crimes or **drugs** offences from entering the country.

But it is less well known that **US** immigration can also exclude foreigners who merely admit having committed such violations. Those who fall foul of the regulations must apply for a 'waiver' to overturn the decision to bar them.

Obtaining such a waiver normally takes six months, but lawyers say it can be done in days in especially urgent cases.

Most British citizens who visit America do not need a **visa**. They have to register online before their trip under the Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (Esa). Once granted, approval normally lasts for two years. As part of the application they must confirm they have never been arrested for, or convicted of, an offence involving 'moral turpitude' - criminality including everything from murder to wilful tax evasion - or relating to illegal **drugs**.

People who are not eligible for an Esa for any reason must apply to the **US** embassy for a **visa**, and in most cases will have to undergo a face-to-face interview.

Anyone who has ever been arrested or convicted of an offence is recommended to go down the **visa** route, even if the conviction is 'spent' under British law because a fixed period of time has elapsed.

'Admitted she smoked the odd joint"Americans taking a strong line'

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NIGELLA INVITED TO APPLY FOR **VISA**

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TV cook Nigella Lawson has been invited to apply for a **visa** to travel to America just days after she was stopped from flying to Los Angeles.

The 54-year-old celebrity was prevented from boarding a flight at Heathrow on Sunday, apparently as a result of comments she made about taking **drugs** while giving evidence during an unrelated court case.

But the **US** embassy in London said today she had now been invited to apply for a **visa** and promised the matter could be "handled routinely and expeditiously".

At the trial of her and ex-husband Charles Saatchi's personal assistants the self-styled "domestic goddess" admitted taking cocaine.

The mother-of-two told jurors she took the class A **drug** twice - once with her late husband John Diamond when he found out he had terminal cancer and again in 2010 when she claimed she was being "subjected to intimate terrorism" by Mr Saatchi.

But she told the court: "I have never been a **drug** addict. I've never been a habitual user."

A spokeswoman for the **US** Embassy said: "There are several ways of legally travelling into the **United States** and Ms Lawson has been invited to come to the Embassy and apply for a **visa** for travel to the **US**."

"We understand she has professional requirements for **US** travel and these matters are generally handled routinely and expeditiously, so stand by."

The spokeswoman said the embassy was unable to comment on the reasons that someone might be turned away.

An eyewitness told the Daily Mail that Ms Lawson attempted to board a British Airways flight from London on Sunday morning but was turned away.

"She didn't seem to say much but she did not look happy," the onlooker said. "She could not get on the flight so she had to turn around and leave."

Lawyer Susan McFadden, who specialises in **US** immigration law, said Ms Lawson could have been unlucky because her fame had drawn attention to the comments in court about **drugs**.

She explained: "In order to travel to the States without a **visa** on the **visa** waiver programme one has to obtain Esta (electronic system for travel authorisation) authorisation.

"As part of that one has to answer questions about whether one has been arrested or convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude or in relation to a controlled substance. Someone in Ms Lawson's circumstances could tick no.

"But the problem comes when one also has to answer a question as to whether you are a **drug** abuser or addict.

"The question of who is a **drug** user is a difficult one and is supposed to be directed by regulations set out by the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

"Typically any person who has used **drugs** within the last year can be considered a **drug** abuser or addict.

"It could be because she is unlucky enough to be famous and her admission of **drug** use made the newspapers. It could be that someone said 'hey, if she has used illegal **drugs** in the past year she could be classed as a **drug** abuser'."

Ms McFadden explained that if this was the case, there were a series of steps which must be taken before Ms Lawson would be allowed back into the States.

She would first be advised to visit a doctor who holds a contract with the **US** embassy in London who would carry out an assessment to see whether or not she could be classed under these terms.

If the doctor says she should be free to travel she could obtain a **visa** in a number of weeks, Ms McFadden said.

Police reviewed the allegations of **drug** use which emerged during the trial but Scotland Yard said no further action would be taken.

So while Ms Lawson has not been convicted for any **drug** offence, it appears that **US** officials still decided to deny her entrance to the country.

The **US** Department of Homeland Security told the Mail that foreigners who had admitted **drug** taking could be deemed "inadmissible".

However, Ms Lawson has visited America since the sensational court appearance.

She appeared on **US** TV show Good Morning America to promote her show The Taste but also spoke at length about the trial of Elisabetta and Francesca Grillo.

The Grillos had been accused of fraudulently using company credit cards, spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on designer goods for themselves while working as personal assistants to the celebrity couple.

But the Italian sisters claimed every purchase had been approved by their then-bosses and they were found not guilty after jurors deliberated for nine hours.

Ms Lawson told Good Morning America that having details of her acrimonious split from millionaire art dealer Mr Saatchi discussed in court under the glare of the world's media was "mortifying".

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The television cook was due to take a flight from Heathrow at the weekend but was turned away, apparently following her court confession that she has taken cocaine.

Lawson had earlier tweeted about going on holiday and posted a photo of a sunhat and some mustard.

"Packing for my holiday! #essentials," she wrote.

But the **US** embassy in London said she had now been invited to apply for a **visa** and promised the matter could be "handled routinely and expeditiously".

During the December fraud trial of the 54-year-old and her ex-husband Charles Saatchi's personal assistants, she admitted to taking the class A **drug**.

The court heard that she took it with her late husband John Diamond when he was terminally ill with cancer and in 2010 when she claimed she was being "subjected to intimate terrorism" by Mr Saatchi.

Police reviewed the allegations of **drug** use made during the trial but Scotland Yard said no further action would be taken.

A witness told the Daily Mail that the self-styled 'domestic goddess' attempted to board a British Airways flight from London on Sunday morning but was turned away.

"She didn't seem to say much but she did not look happy," the onlooker said.

"She could not get on the flight so she had to turn around and leave."

Lawson's co-host on The Taste, American chef Anthony Bourdain, tweeted: "I am absolutely mortified with embarrassment over the cruelty and hypocrisy of **US** actions re: #Nigella travel. Unbelievable."

A spokeswoman for the **US** Embassy said: "There are several ways of legally travelling into the **United States** and Ms Lawson has been invited to come to the Embassy and apply for a **visa** for travel to the **US**."

"We understand she has professional requirements for **US** travel and these matters are generally handled routinely and expeditiously, so stand by."

The spokeswoman said the embassy was unable to comment on the reasons that someone might be turned away.

The **US** has a strict **visa** policy and authorities are able to ban anyone who has committed a **drugs** offence even if they have not been convicted.

However, Lawson has visited America, where she has a successful career, since her court appearance.

The mother-of-two appeared on **US** TV show Good Morning America to promote The Taste but also spoke at length about the trial of Elisabetta and Francesca Grillo, who were acquitted.

British Airways would not comment on the incident and told Sky News: "Due to data protection laws, we cannot comment on individual customers."

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British Press In A Tizzy Over How Harry's Admitted Drug Use Could Risk His U.S. Visa

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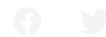
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“Harry could be barred from the U.S. ... after his admission he has taken drugs,” speculated [The Daily Mail](#) last week.

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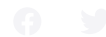
Harry could “lose his visa after admitting taking cocaine and magic mushrooms,” the [Mirror](#) reported.

“Harry’s frank drug-taking admissions [could land him in hot water](#) with the immigration authorities in America,” [The Sunday Times of London](#) reported.

The Duke of Sussex — who currently resides with wife [Meghan Markle](#) and his two children in Montecito, California — revealed in his new book, “Spare,” that he has enjoyed [cannibis, magic mushrooms and cocaine](#), and that the psychedelic ‘shrooms helped him perceive “the truth.”

United States immigration rules warn that an applicant’s “current and/or past actions, such as drug or criminal activities ... may make [an] applicant ineligible for a visa,” the Sunday Times noted.

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records are confidential, adding simply that decisions on applications are made on a “case by case” basis.

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It’s not clear what kind of visa Harry has. He could have a spousal visa since his wife is a U.S. citizen. It’s also possible he was granted a special O-1 visa for people with “extraordinary abilities,” such as athletes or actors.

One expert told [The Telegraph](#) that Harry “would have been asked” about drug use as part of the visa application process.

If he was “truthful in his answers, he should have been denied,” insisted Professor Alberto Benítez, director of George Washington University’s Immigration Clinic. If he lied, his visa could now be revoked, Benítez told The Telegraph.

Benítez speculated, however, that officials may have cut Harry some slack because of his status as a member of the royal family.

“If it was ‘Fred Jones’ and he had this kind of a [drug] background ... he’d have a lot more scrutiny, and I could certainly see the green card being denied,” Benítez said.

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But immigration lawyer Chrissie Fernandez told the newspaper that without any kind of drug conviction, Harry’s past drug use is “[unlikely to cause a real problem](#) for him” regarding his visa.

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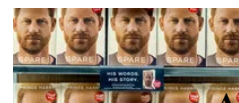
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Prince Harry says marijuana 'really helped' him deal with trauma

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A conservative **think tank** is calling for **Prince Harry's US visa application** to be released so Americans can see whether or not he admitted to his past drug use before moving to California in the summer of 2020.

The Heritage Foundation, one of the country's preeminent right-wing think tanks, is arguing that US officials should release the details of the prince's application so Americans can see whether or not he was "properly vetted" before being allowed to enter the country. Applicants for US visas are typically asked about their criminal history and drug use.



“This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince Harry’s visa for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince’s drug use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States,” Mike Howell, director of the foundation’s Oversight Project, told the *Daily Mail*.

The foundation’s push for information on Harry’s visa application comes after the Prince revealed his use of a range of substances including marijuana, mushrooms, and cocaine during his promotion of his new book *Spare*.

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Harry and Ms Markle have aligned themselves with liberal political causes, **opposing**, for instance, the reversal of *Roe v Wade*.

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Could Prince Harry's Recent Drug Use Revelations Affect His U.S. Visa Status?

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recently in an online chat to promote *Spare* that he

experimented with psychedelics well into adulthood, and that he considers hallucinogenic drugs to be a “fundamental” part of his life.

“It was the cleaning of the windscreen, the removal of life’s filters—these layers of filters—it removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, relief, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold back for a period of time,” he said earlier this month to Maté. “I started doing it recreationally and then started to realize how good it was for me.”

Former federal prosecutor Neema Rahmani says that, per Harry’s U.S. visa status that allows him to live in the country, “an admission of drug use is usually grounds for inadmissibility. That means Prince Harry’s visa should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms, and other drugs.” Rahmani adds that there is “no exception for royalty or recreational use.”

To every point there is a counterpoint, and attorney James Leonard—who represented *The Real Housewives of New Jersey*’s Joe Giudice in his immigration case—says that Harry is not at a high risk of his visa being overturned.

“Absent any criminal charge related to drugs or alcohol or any finding by a judicial authority that Prince Harry is a habitual drug user, which he clearly is not, I don’t see any issue with the disclosures in his memoir regarding recreational experimentation with drugs,” he says.

Leonard explains that drug users who are not U.S. citizens would have to give immigration officials a reason to launch an investigation into the individual—like a criminal act.

“You’ve got to give them something that would trigger it and revealing it in a book—that you experimented with drugs when you were a young man—I don’t think gets you there,” he says. “Immigration is not going to do anything based on that. If he got arrested or he got a DWI, then we’re having a different conversation.”

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use could not be a problem in the immigration process, but in this circumstance, it is unlikely that this would present an issue. It isn't clear to me what the Duke's visa status is in the U.S., but breaking the law could be an issue in getting a visa renewed or for readmission to the U.S. But recreational drug use that has not been the subject of criminal scrutiny is unlikely to present an issue for someone's visa status."

Rahmani argues that there is "no requirement that the person actually be convicted of a drug offense" and adds that there is a loophole for drug users to stay in the U.S. if they can get a waiver to prove that their substance abuse is in remission. "Someone is considered in remission after one year of sobriety," Rahmani says. "A waiver request requires a doctor to submit medical records, but it's unclear whether Prince Harry made such a request, because immigration files are not public."

Adair says past recreational drug use is "not something that is likely to have been raised in a visa interview," so it was likely not an issue during Harry's approval process. "The drug use could be an issue if there had ever been an arrest, charge, or conviction, but recreational use would not likely come up in the visa interview," he says.

Page Six cites a 2021 article from [The Times](#) that states that Harry has no plans to seek a permanent U.S. residency, citizenship, or a "green card at any point."

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Why Prince Harry is at risk of being deported from US over visa issues | Explained

Prince Harry's US visa is at risk now because of his memoir Spare in which the Duke of Sussex admitted to using recreational drugs before he left the UK after stepping down from the royal duties and shifted to the United States.

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Harry's visa at risk; to be deported from US for drug addiction

According to reports, a conservative think tank is calling for Prince Harry's US visa application to be released so Americans can see whether or not he admitted to his past drug use before moving to California in the summer of 2020. Now the question is what will happen to Meghan Markle if Harry gets deported from USA over visa issues? Will Harry go back to Britain? Will Meghan continue to live in US? Lets wait and watch.

The Heritage Foundation, one of the country's preeminent right-wing think tanks, is arguing that US officials should release the details of the prince's application so Americans can see whether or not he was properly vetted before being allowed to enter the country. Applicants for US visas are typically asked about their criminal history and drug use.

The Duke of Sussex, 38, wrote that he smoked marijuana while he and his family were staying at US actor Tyler Perry's house in Los Angeles in 2020, after they left Canada. In the memoir he wrote: "Late at night, with everyone asleep, I would walk the house, checking the doors and windows. Then I would sit on the balcony or the edge of the garden and roll a joint."

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<p>In his memoir, <i>Spare</i>, Harry also reflects on sharing a ‘spliff’ with friends in his Eton days in a tiny washroom. He writes in the memoir, “I knew this was bad behaviour. I knew it was wrong. My mates knew too. We talked about it often, while stoned, how stupid we were to be wasting an Eton education.”</p> <p>“This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince Harry’s visa for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince’s drug use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States,” Mike Howell, director of the foundation’s Oversight Project, told the <i>Daily Mail</i>.</p> <p>The foundation’s push for information on Harry’s visa application comes after the Prince revealed his use of a range of substances including marijuana, mushrooms, and cocaine during his promotion of his new book <i>Spare</i>.</p> <p>Harry writes in the book that he first took cocaine at the age of 17 and used it sparingly since then but has said that his use of marijuana and mushrooms helped him deal with past trauma. The recreational use of marijuana is legal in California, while the state has also taken steps towards decriminalising the use of psychedelics like mushrooms.</p> <p>Oregon, just to the north, legalised the use of small amounts of hallucinogenic mushrooms in 2020.</p>	<p>Front Page</p> <p>Politics</p> <p>Sports</p> <p>World</p> <p>Business</p> <p>Further questions</p> <p>Opinion</p> <p>Tech</p> <p>Health</p> <p>Photos</p> <p>Videos</p> <p>Press Release</p> <p>Firstculture</p> <p>Long Reads</p> <p>Latest Mobiles</p> <p>Latest Tablets</p> <p>Latest Laptops</p>	<p>Sponsored Links by Taboola</p> <p>Cricket Live Score</p> <p>New Delhi</p> <p>Mumbai</p> <p>Fp Exclusives</p> <p>Board Exam Results 2022</p> <p>Cocaine</p>	<p>Rss Feeds</p>

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Harry also confessed to taking cocaine, ketamine and magic mushrooms, and described how he hallucinated that a bin was talking to him. He felt that the use of psychedelic drugs helped him deal with the grief and trauma he felt after the death of his mother, Lady Diana. He said using psychedelics when he got older ‘cleared away the idea’ that he needed be sad to prove he ‘missed’ his mother. During an interview to promote his book, Harry told Dr Gabor Maté in an interview that his use of the psychedelic drug ayahuasca “brought me a sense of relaxation, release, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold on to for a period of time” and were a “fundamental part” of his life.

In the memoir *Spare*, the Duke of Sussex also describes being dragged into the office of an unnamed member of the Royal Household staff during his grandmother the Queen’s Golden Jubilee in 2002 after a journalist asked the Palace about his drug-taking habits.

He revealed that he was offered a line of cocaine during a hunting weekend. Admitting that he lied to the Royal Household staff during his interrogation, Harry mentioned that taking cocaine wasn’t much fun and he did it partly to be different and because he was a seventeen-year-old willing to try almost anything that would upset the established order.

He wrote: ‘It wasn’t much fun, and it didn’t make me feel particularly happy the way the others seemed to, but it did make me feel different, and that was my main goal. To feel. To be different.’

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Heritage Foundation Requests Records on How Drug User Prince Harry Acquired US Visa

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A leading American think tank is trying to determine how Britain's Prince Harry acquired a U.S. visa after revealing his affinity for drugs such as cocaine, marijuana, "magic mushrooms" and other psychedelics.

The Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project submitted a request under the Freedom of Information Act to find out if the Duke of Sussex admitted his once-heavy drug use before moving to Montecito, California, from London with his American wife, former actress Meghan Markle in May 2020. (The Daily Signal is the multimedia news organization of The Heritage Foundation).

"This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince Harry's visa for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the prince's drug use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States," Mike Howell, director of Heritage's Oversight Project, said in a request for documents March 8.

The Oversight Project first submitted the FOIA request Feb. 22. It currently is appealing a denial of the request March 9 by U.S. Customs and Border Enforcement, which along with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is one of two agencies of the Department of Homeland Security that the Oversight Project's request also names.

If the Department of Homeland Security was aware of Harry's drug use, it may have given special treatment to the prince because of the couple's fame, according to the Oversight Project. Usually, the U.S. throws out visa applications from candidates with any history of illicit drug use.

The Immigration and Nationality Act, Howell wrote, "should make him inadmissible to the United States absent the requisite waiver available to non-immigrants."

The prodigal prince chronicles his drug use in his bestselling memoir "Spare," published Jan. 10. Harry, now 38, has said that psychedelics "really helped" him to deal with mental health issues following the 1997 death of his mother, Princess Diana, sparking criticism that he glorifies dangerous drug use.

Samuel Dewey, the lawyer representing The Heritage Foundation on the FOIA request, said it seeks documents to help determine whether U.S. officials enforced immigration laws fairly. Dewey said he wants to find out whether the Department of Homeland Security appropriately processed Harry's paperwork or gave him preferential treatment based on his left-leaning political ideology.

Prince Harry has commercialized every part of his life, and the legitimacy of his U.S. visa is of public interest, Dewey said, so Harry's visa application should be released to the public.

"He has no reasonable expectation of privacy because he's commercialized every aspect of his life, which is his decision to make," Dewey told The Daily Signal. "And the second point is that there is a public interest. Did someone who's very politically active, aligned with one agenda, get preferential treatment?"

"If a bunch of people are spending a lot of time to give him preferential treatment, they may not be able to spend that time processing an applicant who doesn't have those issues, who did everything right," Dewey said.

Media outlets, including CBS News, The Daily Mail, The Daily Beast, and The Daily Mirror, have reported on Harry's abuse of illicit substances.

"From media reports, it appears this drug use was continuous and substantial, at the very least from the prince's teenage years into his 'late 20s,'" Heritage's Howell said.

Neither Prince Harry nor the Department of Homeland Security responded to The Daily Signal's request for comment.

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Intimate details of Taliban kill count and drug use in Prince Harry's book Spare could have repercussions for Sussex family

The future of Prince Harry's US visa has come into question as a result of the drug confessions made in his tell-all memoir Spare, while his kill count admission is also "not helping".

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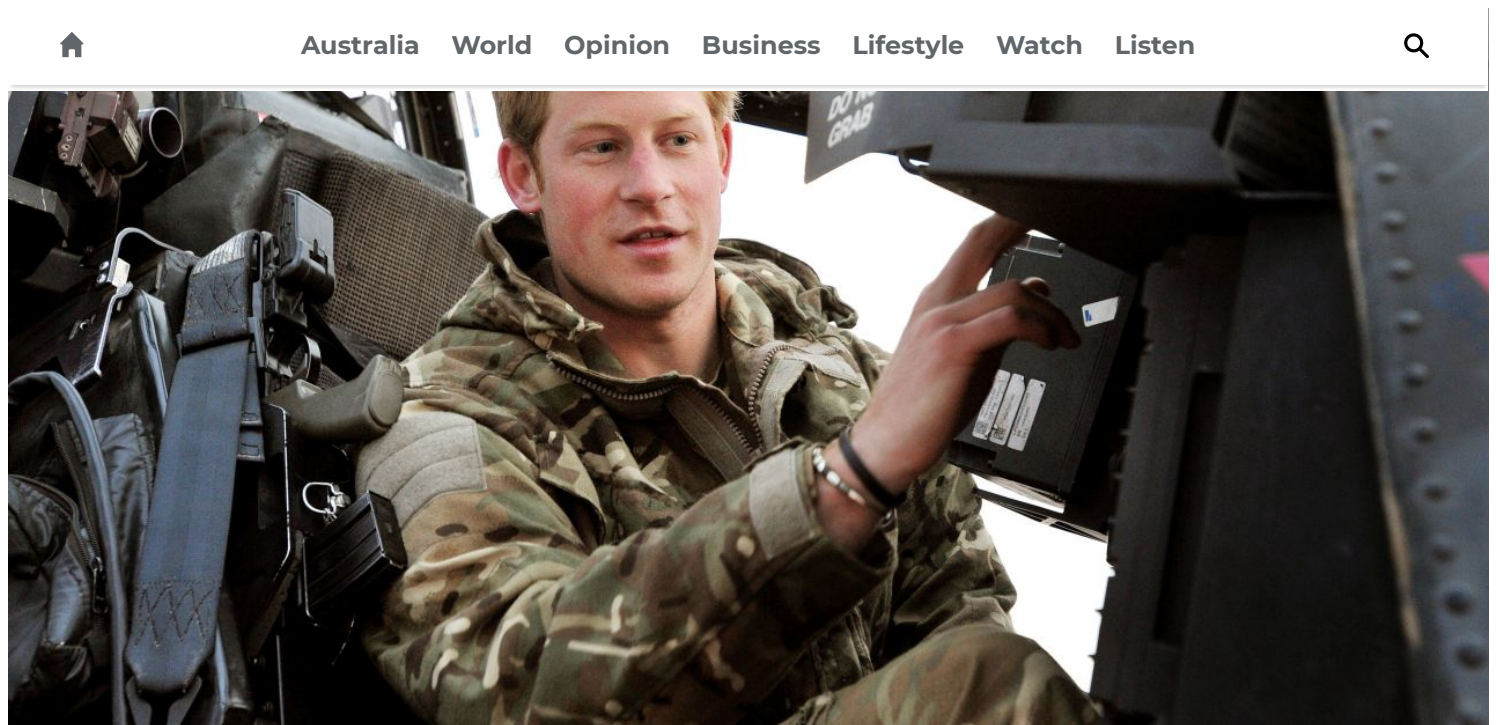
A royal commentator has slammed Prince Harry as "not very bright" for sharing intimate details in his book that may negatively impact his family's safety.

Prince Harry penned in his memoir Spare that he killed 25 Taliban fighters, an admission that writer and broadcaster Esther Krakue fears could place his family under a potential threat.

"The reality is the man is not very bright," Ms Krakue told Caroline Di Russo Sunday night's The Royal Report.

"I'm sure many people would've told him that if you're in an illegal dispute with the home office regarding your

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Prince Harry killed 25 people while serving the British Army in Afghanistan, he revealed in Spare. Picture: John Stillwell - WPA Pool/Getty Images

[Iranian officials accused Harry of committing war crimes in January](#) following his death count revelation.

The Iran Foreign Ministry took to Twitter to publicly criticise the 38-year-old's actions in Afghanistan.

"The British regime, whose royal family member, sees the killing of 25 innocent people as removal of chess pieces and has no regrets over the issue, and those who turn a blind eye to this war crime, are in no position to preach others on human rights," the tweet read.

Spare was released in January, offering a further look into the life of the Duke of Sussex after the release of the Netflix series Harry and Meghan.

The couple's high profile in the media - despite not being working members of the royal family - has led to Ms Krakue suggesting they have the wrong priorities.

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"It just goes to show how short-sighted the couple are, putting 'my truth' ahead of logic and reason, even ahead of the safety of their own family because there will be repercussions," she said.

The royal writer said that as two mature-aged adults, they should be capable of making the right choices without the need for guidance.

"I've made the point that the people that were around the Sussexes at the time that they've done all these media exposes just saw dollar signs when they saw the couple so I don't think they got any decent counsel but at the same time these are grown people," she said.

"The reality is this is a short-sighted couple that had clearly other priorities other than ones that would more concern the average-day person like safety, security and dignity for that matter."

Prince Harry also publicised his history of recreational drug-taking including marijuana, magic mushrooms and cocaine which may bring his United States visa under scrutiny.



Prince Harry admitted to drug use in his younger years. Picture: Chris Jackson/Getty Images.

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Different laws apply to US and non-US citizens and punishment for the revelations in his tell-all could force him to return to the United Kingdom.

“You have to remember that Prince Harry is not an American citizen and even some states that have legalised the use of marijuana – that’s just for American citizens,” Ms Krakue said.

“Federal law with regards to non-citizens is far, far stricter with regards to drug use and any sort of illegal activities that include DUIs.

“All eyes will be on him because obviously situations that involve high-profile individuals you want to fairly apply the law because it could become quite scandalous if it’s seen that Prince Harry is getting favourable treatment.”

Harry and Meghan are yet to confirm their attendance at the coronation of King Charles, which is set to occur at Westminster Abbey on May 6.

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Lawyers discuss if Prince Harry risks US visa status over drug use

The Duke of Sussex admitted to having used cocaine, marijuana, and magic mushrooms in the past.

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Prince Harry revealed in "Spare" that he used cocaine, magic mushrooms, and marijuana in the past. (PHOTO: REUTERS)

Prince Harry may find himself having his U.S. visa revoked following revelations that he used illegal drugs during his wild partying days.

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The Duke of Sussex admitted in his memoir "Spare" that he has tried magic mushrooms and marijuana, snorted cocaine when he was a teen, and used other drugs. "Of course, I had been taking cocaine at that time. At someone's house, during a hunting weekend, I was offered a line, and since then I had consumed some more," reads a passage from his book quoted by HuffPost.

Being candid about his past experience with illicit drugs may land him back in the U.K. Former federal prosecutor Neema Rahmani said that is "usually grounds for inadmissibility" telling Page Six, "That means Prince Harry's visa should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms, and other drugs" and there is "no exception for royalty or recreational use."

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However, Attorney James Leonard, who represented "The Real Housewives of New Jersey" alum Joe Giudice in his immigration case, does not agree with Rahmani. He does not see any risk to the 38-year-old's visa status unless there was a criminal charge involved.

He explained, "Absent any criminal charge related to drugs or alcohol or any finding by a judicial authority that Prince Harry is a habitual drug user, which he clearly is not, I don't see any issue with the disclosures in his memoir regarding recreational experimentation with drugs."

The New Jersey-based celebrity lawyer added that Prince Harry would have to give immigration officials valid reason to launch an investigation into his visa status, like criminal acts.

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"You've got to give them something that would trigger it, and revealing it in a book, that you experimented with drugs when you were a young man, I don't think gets you there. Immigration is not going to do anything based on that. If he got arrested or if he got a DWI, then we're having a different conversation."

Immigration lawyer Sam Adair, an executive partner at Graham Adair, agrees with Leonard and said it is unlikely that the royal's "admissions will present a problem." He pointed out that had there "been a conviction, it would have likely been a significant issue in getting a visa."

"This isn't to say that drug use could not be a problem in the immigration process, but in this circumstance, it is unlikely that this would present an issue. It isn't clear to me what the duke's visa status is in the US, but breaking the law could be an issue in getting a visa renewed or for readmission to the US. But recreational drug use that has not been the subject of criminal scrutiny is unlikely to present an issue for someone's visa status," he explained.

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Adair said that past recreational drug use is "not something that is likely to have been raised in a visa interview" so this was likely not an issue during Prince Harry's visa approval process. He reiterated that "drug use could be an issue if there had ever been an arrest, charge or conviction, but recreational use would not likely come up in the visa interview."

Leonard agreed and said that if Prince Harry had a criminal charge, then it could absolutely affect his U.S. visa status and "whether it gets renewed or terminated." But just to admit that you used illicit drugs in the past does not.

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revoked. This would require a doctor to forward medical records to immigration. But the duke has not disclosed whether or not he had to go to rehab for his past drug use.

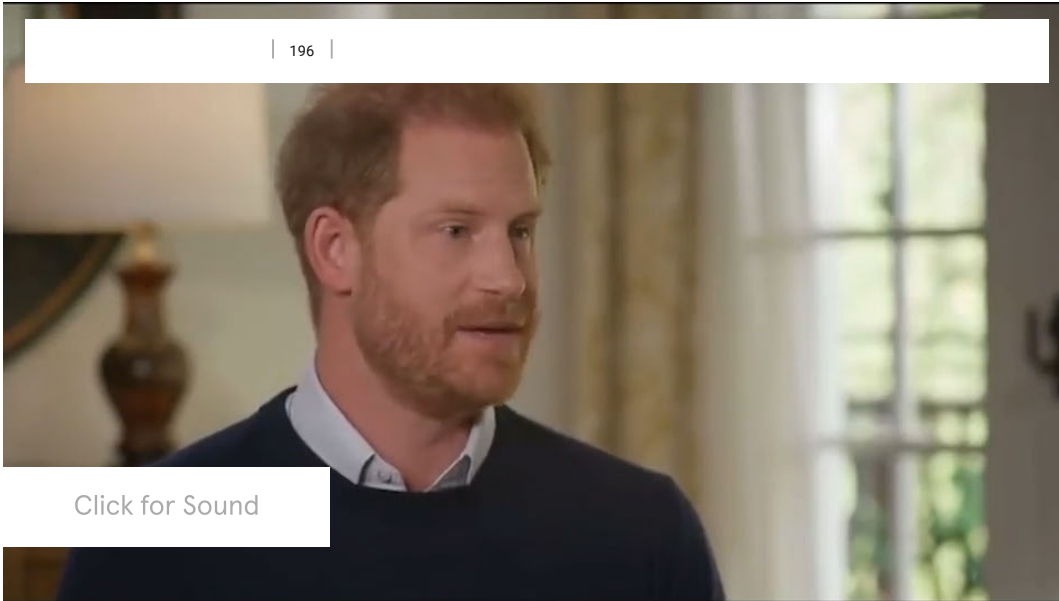
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Prince Harry could lose his US visa after admitting taking cocaine and magic mushrooms

The Duke of Sussex's shock revelation in his Spare memoir could see him miss out on extending his visa

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Prince Harry 's shock cocaine and magic mushrooms admission could put his US visa at risk.

The Duke of Sussex, who moved to the US in 2020, admitted taking drugs in leaked extracts from his upcoming **Spare** memoir.

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Entry to the States is granted on a "case-by-case" basis with rules stating an individuals "current or past actions, such as drug or criminal activities" could cause the applicant to be ineligible for a visa.

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The 38-year-old has revealed he took cocaine when he was 17 and on a shooting weekend and had done "a few more lines" on other occasions.

He has also taken magic mushrooms at a celebrity party in California, which caused him to hallucinate, as well as admitting to smoking cannabis after his first date with **Meghan Markle** in London back in 2016.



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In Harry's new book he reveals he first took cocaine at the age of 17 (Image: Tim Graham Photo Library via Get)

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It's unknown what visa **Prince Harry** has, with most suggesting it would most likely be a spousal visa due to the Duchess of Sussex's US citizenship.

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Prince Harry could lose US visa for being a 'druggie': expert

The Duke of Sussex admitted in "Spare" that he used cocaine, marijuana, and magic mushrooms.

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Prince Harry's revelations about his use of illicit drugs may have dire consequences, according to an immigration expert who said that substance abusers are normally barred from getting visas to the U.S.A.

In his memoir "Spare," the 38-year-old admitted to having used cocaine, marijuana, and magic mushrooms during his wild, partying days. He said that it was his coping mechanism since it helped him numb the pain he felt from losing his mother, Princess Diana.

But this revelation puts the Duke of Sussex in danger of being evicted from the Montecito mansion he shares with Meghan Markle and their children Archie and Lilibet. It could allegedly lead to his U.S. visa being revoked.

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Prof. Alberto Benitez, director of the Immigration Clinic at George Washington University, pointed out that when Prince Harry applied for a U.S. visa he would have been asked about drug use.

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He told Globe, "If he was truthful in his answers, he should have been denied" and added that if he did deny using illicit drugs, then he would be guilty of perjury.

Prof. Benitez noted, "If he wasn't Prince Harry, if it was "Fred Jones" and he had this kind of a background, he'd have a lot more scrutiny and I could certainly see the green card being denied."

It is believed that the duke currently has a three-year "O-1" U.S. visa given to athletes and celebrities, which would expire at the end of 2023. He might face hurdles getting it renewed following his revelations in "Spare."

Prince Harry moved to the U.S.A. after he and Meghan Markle left their royal duties in 2020. They initially lived in Canada but after King Charles III removed their security detail and with the paparazzi stalking them, they had to act quickly and move out of the country.

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U.K. as the duke himself told Anderson Cooper in an interview that he has no intention of returning as a working royal.

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P rince Harry's account of taking an array of illegal drugs in his memoir *Spare* has led a conservative think tank to raise the prospect of "the potential revocation of Prince Harry's visa for illicit substance use."

The Washington, D.C.-based Heritage Foundation wants U.S. authorities to



to disclose any drugs such as cocaine, marijuana, mushrooms,



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such as cocaine,

Mike Howell, director of the foundation's Oversight Project, told the *Daily Mail*:
"This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince Harry's visa for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's drug use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States."

In 2020, Harry and Meghan Markle left Britain for a new life in America to escape a wave of hostile media coverage, which they said the royal family was not helping them deal with. Much of their criticism focused on the British press, particularly the tabloids, which the couple said were uniquely intrusive and hostile.

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Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are seen onstage at Global Citizen Live in New York City's Central Park on September 25, 2021. The Heritage Foundation wants U.S. officials to release Prince Harry's visa application.

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Some observers may have expected the couple's experience in America to be more positive. For a long time it was, though this has become more complicated during their time in California and particularly in the months since the publication of *Spare*.

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By contrast, a majority of Brits liked Meghan as late as November 2019, two months before they announced they were stepping down as working royals and moving to Canada. That data, collected by YouGov, showed 54 percent liked the duchess and 34 percent disliked her, giving her a net approval rating of +20.

Harry was liked by 31 percent and disliked by 38 percent of Americans in January, giving him a net approval rating of -7. This compares with the 72 percent of Brits who liked him and 21 percent who disliked him in November 2019, adding up to a net approval rating of +51.

In addition, some American comedians have ridiculed Harry's memoir, including Jimmy Kimmel, Jimmy Fallon, Chris Rock and Trevor Noah.

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Harry and Meghan have faced genuine threats to their security, including a suspicious white powder—which turned out to be harmless—that was intercepted in a racist letter sent to St. James's Palace in 2018. However, nothing in Britain has yet had consequences comparable to the prospect of Harry being deported from the U.S.

In *Spare's* account of his drug use, Harry wrote: "Psychedelics did me some good as well. I'd experimented with them over the years, for fun, but now I'd begun to use them therapeutically, medicinally. They didn't simply allow me to escape reality for a while, they let me redefine reality.

"Under the influence of these substances I was able to let go of rigid preconcepts, to see that there was another world beyond my heavily filtered senses, a world that was equally real and doubly beautiful—a world with no red mist, no reason for red mist. There was only truth."

He went on: "After the psychedelics wore off my memory of that world would

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Prince Harry to be deported from US? He's at risk. Here's why

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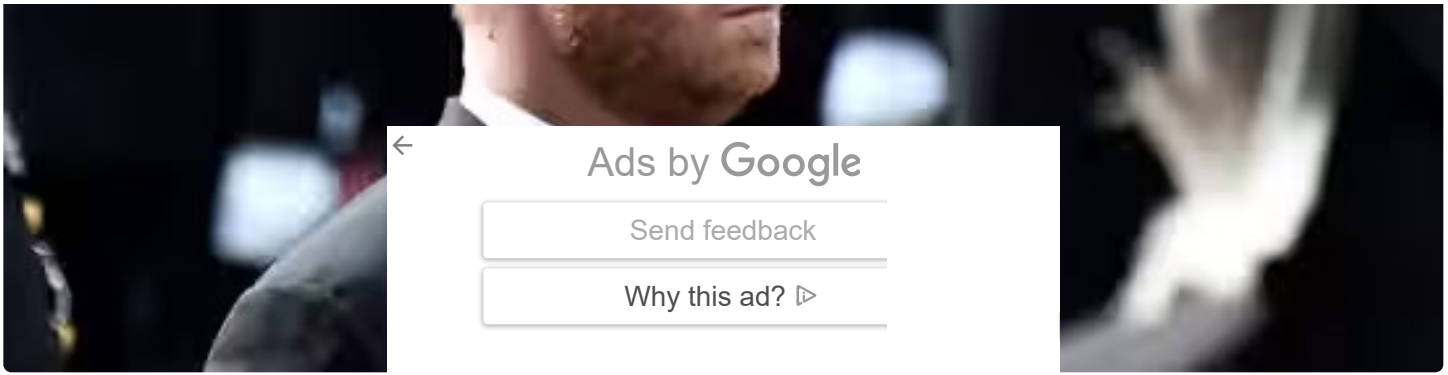
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[Prince Harry](#) may be struggling to keep his US visa in place following the release of his memoir Spare in which the Duke of Sussex admitted to using recreational drugs before he left the UK after [OPEN APP](#) down from the royal duties and shifted to the United States. A report in the Daily Mail revealed that a conservative research institute is in a heated dispute with US officials who are rejecting requests to publish details of Prince Harry's visa application.

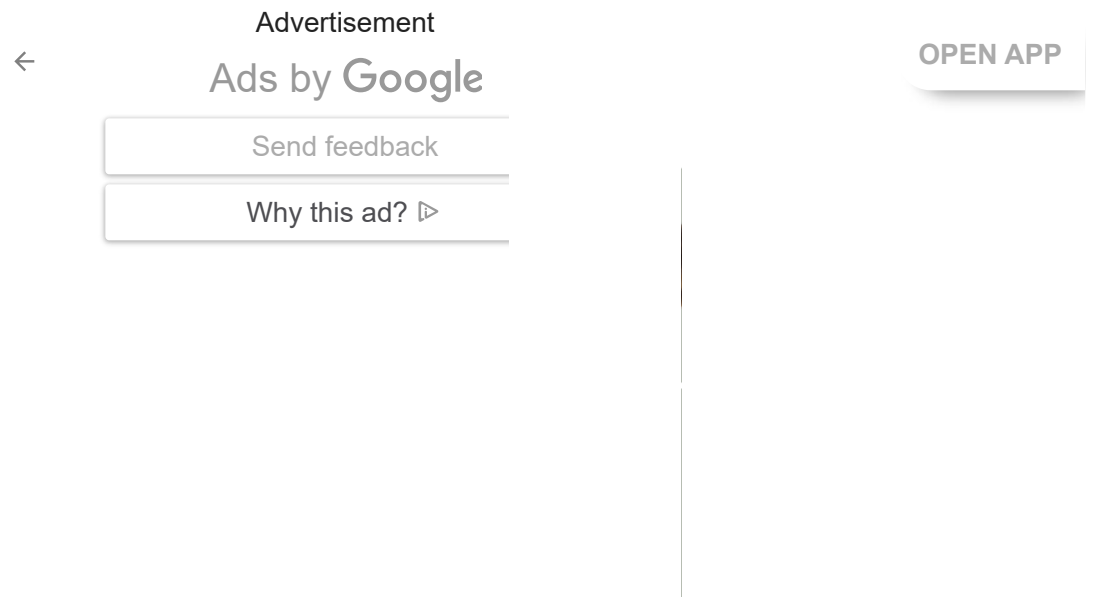




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The Heritage Foundation claimed that Prince Harry's visa application should be made public so that it can be known whether he revealed about his use of drugs before entering the US or not. The director of the Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project, Mike Howell, said as per Daily Mail, "This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince Harry's visa for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's drug use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States".

A spokesman for the US State Department said as per the report, "Visa records are confidential under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA); therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual visa cases."



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In his tell-all memoir Spare, Prince Harry admitted to using cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms, claiming that psychedelics and marijuana “really helped” him deal with his “trauma”, while cocaine use for him was more of a “social thing”.

Prince Harry said in an interview while promoting his memoir, "(Cocaine) didn't do anything for me, it was more a social thing and gave me a sense of belonging for sure, I think it probably also made me feel different to the way I was feeling, which was kind of the point. Marijuana is different, that actually really did help me."

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In his bombshell memoir, *Spare*, Prince Harry, 38, admitted using the drugs cocaine, cannabis, and magic mushrooms in the past. A lawyer says that this could threaten his US visa, saying that there was "no exception for royalty." The conservative think tank, Heritage Foundation, is calling for the Duke of Sussex's US visa application to be released to see whether he admitted his drug use before coming to California with his wife Meghan Markle, 41, in 2020.



Prince Harry's US Visa Could Be At Risk After Admitting To Drug Use In Memoir

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Prince Harry' (<https://theblast.com/444011/prince-harry-virginity-taker-slams-meghan-markle/>)s US visa status is reportedly being questioned following his admission to using drugs in his memoir, *Spare* (<https://theblast.com/412760/prince-harry-spare-records-sales-leaks/>). One argument posits that the Duke's visa should have been revoked as there is "no exception for royalty."

Harry admitted to using cocaine, weed, and mushrooms, in his memoir and interviews. In a chat with trauma expert Gabor Maté, the Prince said hallucinogenic drugs are "fundamental" in his life. He moved to America with his family in 2020 and doesn't plan to "seek a permanent US residency" soon.

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Lawyers Are Debating On Prince Harry's Visa Status



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Former Federal prosecutor Neema Rahmani is one of the multiple lawyers who recently spoke to [Page Six](https://pagesix.com/2023/03/21/lawyers-reveal-prince-harrys-drug-use-could-affect-us-visa/) (<https://pagesix.com/2023/03/21/lawyers-reveal-prince-harrys-drug-use-could-affect-us-visa/>) about the possibility of Prince Harry's admission to using drugs affecting his visa to stay in America. He said, "An admission of drug use is usually grounds for inadmissibility."

Rahmani continued, "That means Prince Harry's visa should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other drugs." He insisted that there should be "no exception for royalty or recreational use."

Attorney James Leonard, who famously represented reality star [Joe Giudice](https://theblast.com/431036/joe-giudice-shady-comment-theresa-giudice/) (<https://theblast.com/431036/joe-giudice-shady-comment-theresa-giudice/>) in his immigration case, disagreed with Rahmani's statement that Harry's visa is at any real risk. He explained that the Royal has no "criminal charge related to drugs or alcohol" and is clearly not a "habitual drug user."

Prince Harry Admitted To Using Various Drugs



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In Harry's recently released memoir, *Spare*, he admitted that he used to drink heavily and used weed and cocaine multiple times in the past. During an online interview with trauma expert Gabor Maté, Harry said hallucinogenic drugs are a "fundamental" part of his adult life.

He stated, "It was the cleaning of the windscreen, the removal of life's filters — these layers of filters — it removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, relief, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold back for a period of time."

The Duke of Sussex explained that he only ever did cocaine as a teenager and said it was a social thing that "wasn't much fun." However, about weed, Harry said he "started doing it recreationally and then started to realize how good it was for me," so it's still present in his life.

It's Unlikely His Visa Will Be Affected



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Attorney Leonard explained to *Page Six* that normally, all drug users have to raise certain red flags to make immigration officials investigate their status. He said, "You've got to give them something that would trigger it, and revealing it in a book, that you experimented with drugs when you were a young man, I don't think gets you there."

Sam Adair, another immigration lawyer and specialist with decades of experience, also agrees that it's unlikely Harry's drug admissions will "present a problem." He said, "If there had been a conviction, it would have likely been a significant issue in getting a visa."

Adair also added that usually, drug use could still be an issue in many cases, but "in this circumstance, it is unlikely that this would present an issue." Despite the contrary opinions, Rahmani insisted that there's no specific "requirement that the person actually be convicted of a drug offense."

Prince Harry Moved To America With His Family



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Prince Harry moved to America with his wife, Duchess Meghan Markle, and their young son, Prince Archie, in 2020. The move came after the couple quit their roles as senior officials in the British Royal Family.

Harry and Meghan now live in an £11 million mansion in Santa Barbara with their son and daughter, Princess Lilibet. In 2021, a source claimed to *The Times* that Harry has made no plans to obtain US citizenship, permanent residency, or a “green card at any point.”

If any issues do come up with Harry’s visa, another immigration attorney has told *Page Six* (<https://pagesix.com/2023/03/21/lawyers-reveal-prince-harrys-drug-use-could-affect-us-visa/>) that Markle, a US citizen by birth, can sponsor her husband. One method could be through the O-1 visa, which is already used by non-American celebrities like Justin Bieber and Rachel McAdams.

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Prince Harry's past drug use raises questions about US visa

A conservative think tank wants to know if the Duke of Sussex failed to disclose his past drug use on his visa application, a potential violation that could lead to deportation



Prince Harry pointed out that he has done everything for the past six years privately to get through to his family. (Henry Nicholls/WPA Pool/Getty Images)

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Prince Harry continues to learn that not everyone in his adopted homeland is happy about him being here. The latest group of Americans to come after the renegade British royal is the Heritage Foundation, which is pushing to find out whether the husband of Meghan Markle admitted to his past drug use when he applied for a visa to live in the United States.

The conservative think tank said it is in a battle with the U.S State Department, which is refusing to release any details about the Duke of Sussex's visa application, [the Daily Mail said](#). The group wants to know if Harry admitted using marijuana, cocaine and psychedelics on his application when he moved to the United States in 2020. If he failed to disclose his prior drug use, he could be accused of lying on his application, the group says. U.S. immigration law imposes harsh penalties for visitors and potential immigrants who lie to officials, including deportation and being barred from applying for citizenship.

The demand to see Harry's application comes after Harry openly discussed using marijuana and cocaine in his book "Spare" and in the accompanying media blitz. While Harry claimed he only used cocaine as a teen, he admitted to experimenting with psychedelics well into his adulthood. In a recent online conversation with trauma expert Gabor Maté, Harry spoke openly about his recreational use of psychedelics and said the drugs helped him deal with past traumas.

"I started doing it recreationally and then started to realize how good it was for me," Harry said. "I would say it is one of the fundamental parts of my life that changed me and helped me deal with the traumas and the pains of the past."

Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project, told the Daily Mail that Harry's admitted use of illegal substances raises questions about what he said on his application, whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States and whether he continues to use drugs.

Thus far, the State Department has refused to make Harry's visa application public, with a spokesperson telling the Daily Mail: "Visa records are confidential under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA); therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual visa cases."

Legal experts are divided over whether Harry's past drug use jeopardizes his ability to stay in the United States to live and work. Harry and Meghan, a former Hollywood TV actor, live in Montecito, where they are raising their two young children. The son of King Charles III also has a position as "a chief impact officer" for a San Francisco mental health startup, BetterUp, and presumably uses Montecito as his base for working on the couple's production deals with Netflix and Spotify.

"An admission of drug use is usually grounds for inadmissibility," former federal prosecutor Neema Rahmani [told Page Six](#). "That means Prince Harry's visa should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other drugs."

Rahmani, president of Los Angeles-based West Coast Trial Lawyers, also said that there is "no exception for royalty or recreational use."

But James Leonard, a New Jersey-based attorney who represented "The Real Housewives of New Jersey" star Joe Giudice in his immigration case, disagreed with Rahmani that Harry's U.S. status was at risk.

"Absent any criminal charge related to drugs or alcohol or any finding by a judicial authority that Prince Harry is a habitual drug user, which he clearly is not, I don't see any issue with the disclosures in his memoir regarding recreational experimentation with drugs," Leonard told Page Six.

Leonard said immigration officials need a reason to launch an investigation into a person's status, such as the person being arrested for a criminal act. "You've got to give them something that would trigger it, and revealing it in a book, that you experimented with drugs when you were a young man, I don't think gets you there," he said.

It's not known what type of visa Harry holds, but analysts speculate he either holds a spousal visa — sponsored by his American wife — or an O-1 visa which is given to people with "extraordinary ability," the Daily Mail said. Other celebrities known to be in the United States on an O-1 visa include Canadian singer Justin Bieber and Australian actor Hugh Jackman.

That the Heritage Foundation has made Harry's visa an issue probably shouldn't come as a surprise. Since Harry and Meghan's acrimonious departure from royal life, the couple have irked U.S. conservatives with their progressive politics and

The foundation said that “public confidence” in the U.S. government would be undermined if it appeared that its agencies failed to properly vet such a high-profile individual or if Harry admitted his past drug use but “received preferential treatment” and was allowed to stay in the United States anyway.

US officials can stop people who have committed drug offenses from entering the country. Suspected drug abusers applying for visas also may be required to answer additional questions about their medical history or take a medical exam to prove that they are not still using drugs. For example, TV chef Nigella Lawson was initially banned from flying to the United States in 2014, four months after she admitted she once used cocaine with her husband in 2010.

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PRINCE Harry's US visa could be under scrutiny after he admitted using drugs, a lawyer has claimed.

[The Duke of Sussex](#) detailed his past drug use in his





Harry's Visa status could be called into question because of his past drug use, lawyers claim





In his explosive autobiography, Prince Harry confesses to snorting cocaine several times

In his memoir, Harry admits he [regularly smoked cannabis](#) and [misused alcohol](#) as a teenager.

And in a TV interview, he admitted using [Class A ayahuasca](#), a high from Amazon rainforest vines, to

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“That means Prince Harry’s visa should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other drugs.”

She added that there is “no exception for royalty or recreational use.”

However, Immigration expert Attorney James Leonard, disagrees, saying Harry is "clearly not" a "habitual drug user" currently.

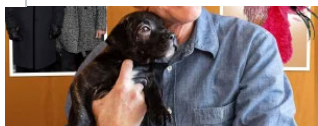
In his book Harry wrote: “Of course I had been doing [cocaine](#) around this time.

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“But it did make me feel different, and that was the main goal. Feel. Different.

“I was a deeply unhappy 17-year-old willing to try almost anything that would alter the status quo. That was what I told myself anyway.”

He goes on to describe his experiences under the effects of magic mushrooms.

Harry described how his pals went to the fridge for a drink, writing: “While the door was open, we spotted a huge box of black diamond mushroom chocolates.

“Someone behind me said they were for everybody. Help yourself, boys.

“My mate and I grabbed several, gobbled them, washed them down with tequila.”

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EXCLUSIVE: 'Did he lie or was he given special treatment?' Conservative group insists government comes clean on Prince Harry, demanding to know how he got his US visa despite his admitted illegal drug use

- The Heritage Foundation is investigating Prince Harry's immigration filings to determine if he disclosed his previous illegal drug use or got a special waiver
- Harry admitted to taking cocaine, mushrooms and cannabis – an admission that could have resulted in his visa application being denied if declared on the form
- 'I think the public will be really outraged if he was admitted to the US through a system of preference and privilege,' a think tank rep told DailyMail.com

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A think tank's probe into Prince Harry's immigration filings could have 'major implications' for his future in the United States, investigators told DailyMail.com – and could soon end up in court.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative research institute focused on public policy, is currently battling with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to get a copy of the **Duke of Sussex's** visa filings under the Freedom of Information Act.

A director at the think tank and their lawyer told DailyMail.com the immigration documents could expose a thorny diplomatic issue: whether Harry declared his previous illegal drug use, and whether DHS officers gave him special treatment.

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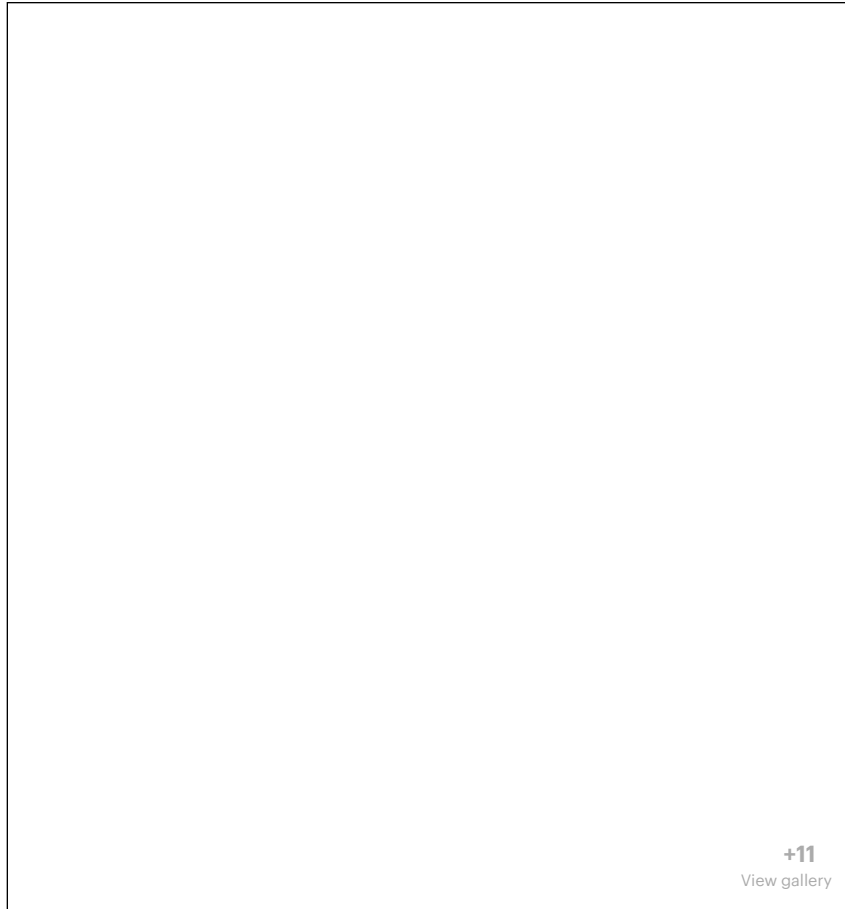
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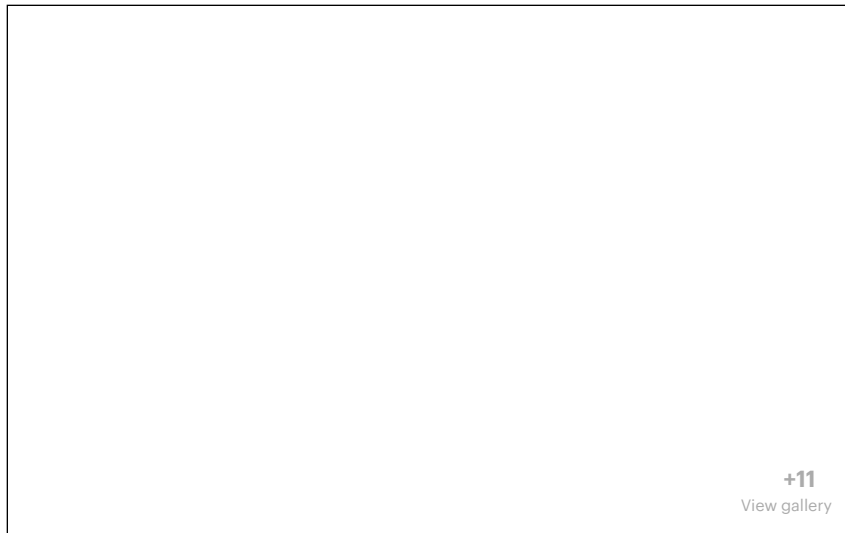
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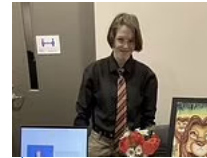
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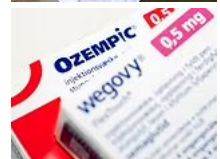
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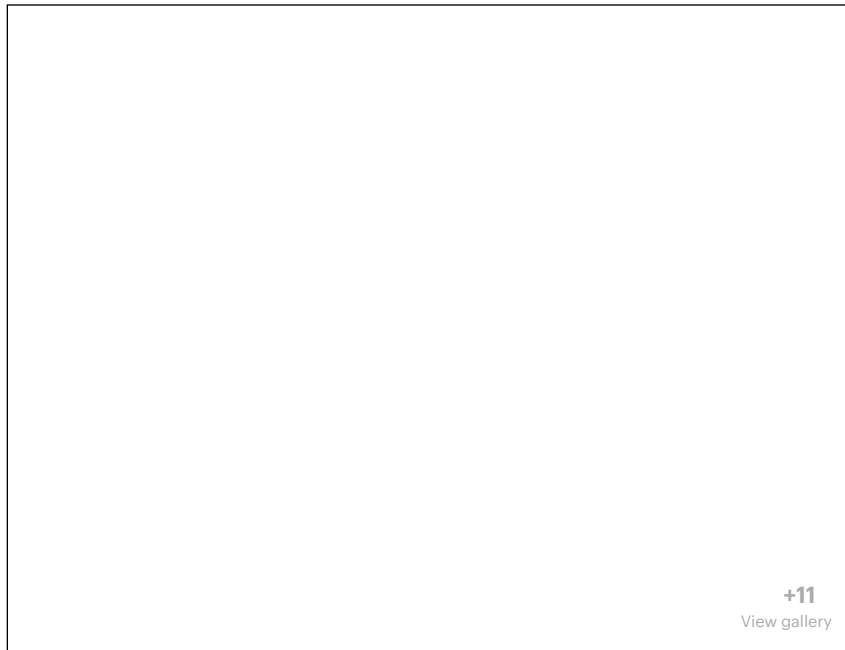
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A rather tipsy and red faced Prince Harry is pictured leaving the Embassy nightclub in London with several boozy pals and his brother William in 2006

Harry admitted to taking **cocaine, magic mushrooms and cannabis in his memoir, Spare, and in interviews.**

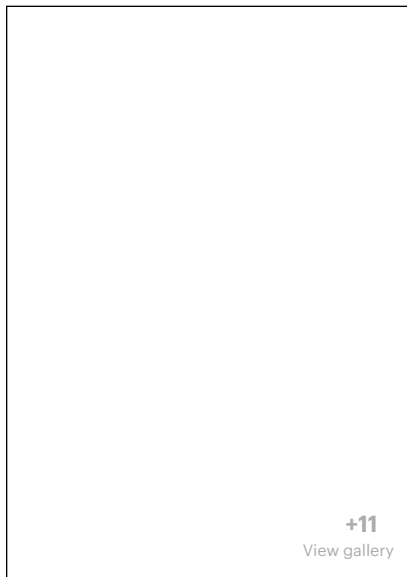
The Heritage Foundation argues that means he either lied on his form – usually a surefire way to get kicked out of the country – or DHS gave him a special waiver.

In an attempt to find out, they filed a request with the government agency under the Freedom of Information Act on March 8 this year.

In an exclusive interview with DailyMail.com, the Foundation's attorney and former top Congressional counsel Samuel Dewey revealed that DHS officials are currently scrambling to find records on the Prince, who has several different official titles and legal names that he may have used on his US immigration application.

Dewey added that if he doesn't get a satisfactory response by April 12, they will be suing the government in a Washington DC federal court.

'Even if he came in through a visa, it still has to be cleared by DHS, because you also have to be admissible to the country,' Dewey said.



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In Spare and the TV interviews that followed, Harry admitted taking cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms

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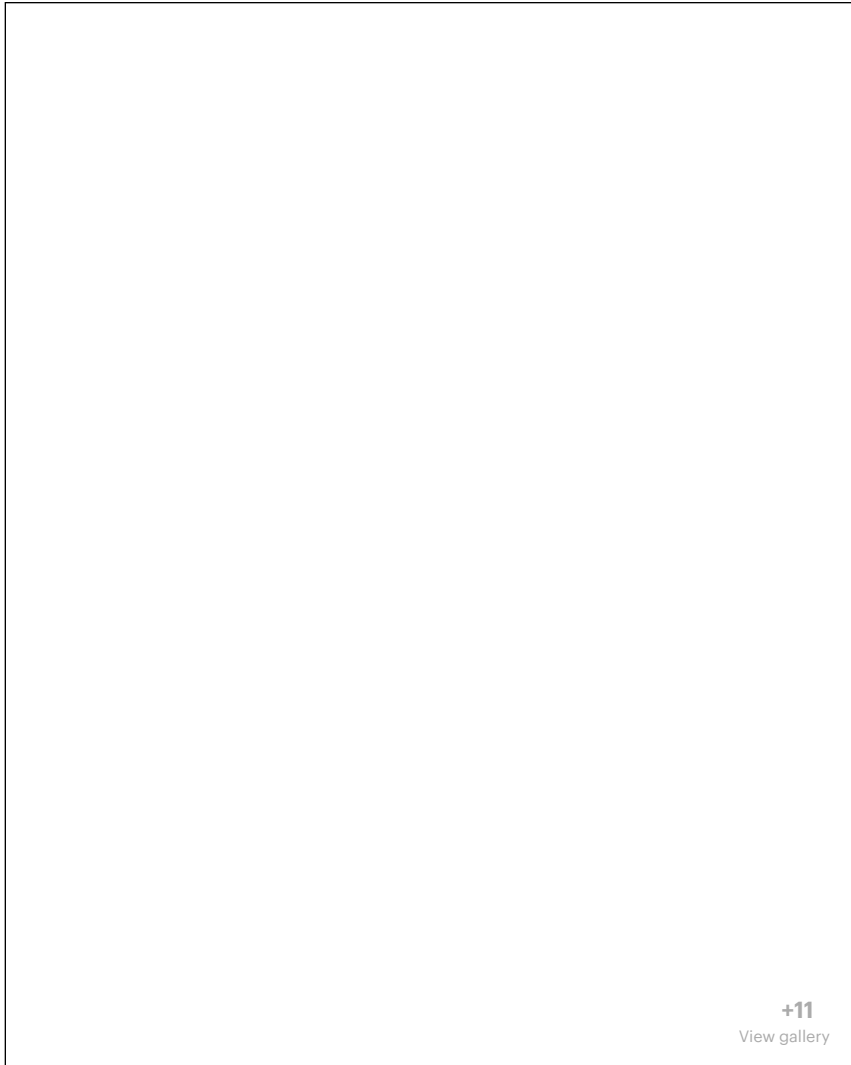
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'Our request concerns whether or not he's admissible without a waiver, given his long history of narcotics use.

'Individuals in the past with that history have not been let into the country.'

In 2014 celebrity chef Nigella Lawson was banned from flying to the US because she confessed to taking drugs.

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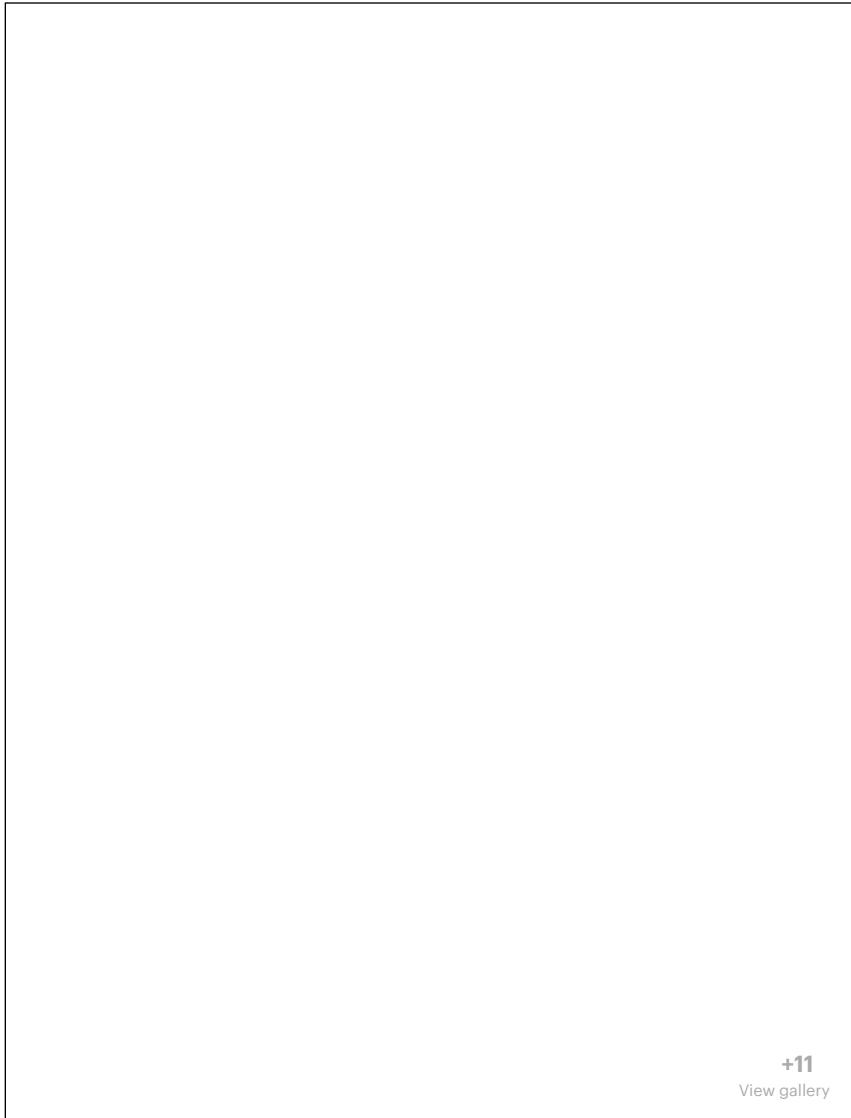


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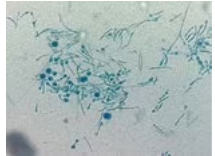
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The attorney, who was formerly in charge of oversight and investigations on the US House of Representatives Financial Services Committee, told DailyMail.com that in order to get Harry's records, there needs to be a public interest that defeats any privacy concerns.

'There's a precedent for getting this immigration information from the immigration authorities,' he said.

'The first question that a court will ask is, how much of a privacy interest is there here? And we think it's as low as it can be.

'This is a public figure who's been notoriously open for commercial gain,' the attorney said.

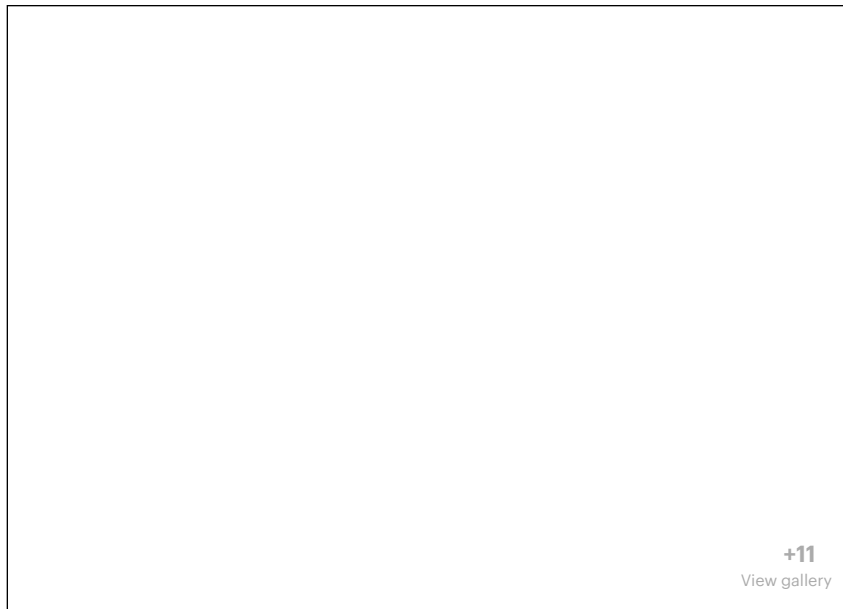
'He has so aggressively put himself into the public for his commercial benefit that it's a perfect storm of diminished privacy rights.'

The lawyer joked that he would ask the judge to 'watch the South Park episode' - referring to the satirical, irreverent cartoon which skewered Prince Harry and Meghan Markle by portraying 'the Prince of Canada and his wife' embarking on a 'worldwide privacy tour', loudly demanding 'privacy' while also hawking a tell-all book and media appearances.

'The second question the court will ask is what is the public interest?' Dewey said.

'We've got a serious problem with our immigration system in this country. And a big part of that problem is laws are not being enforced.

'So the question is, was preferential treatment given to Prince Harry because of who he was? Was the process not followed? If it wasn't, that's a big deal.



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Harry spoke about his 'positive' experience of psychedelic drug ayahuasca which allegedly helps treat people suffering from mental illness

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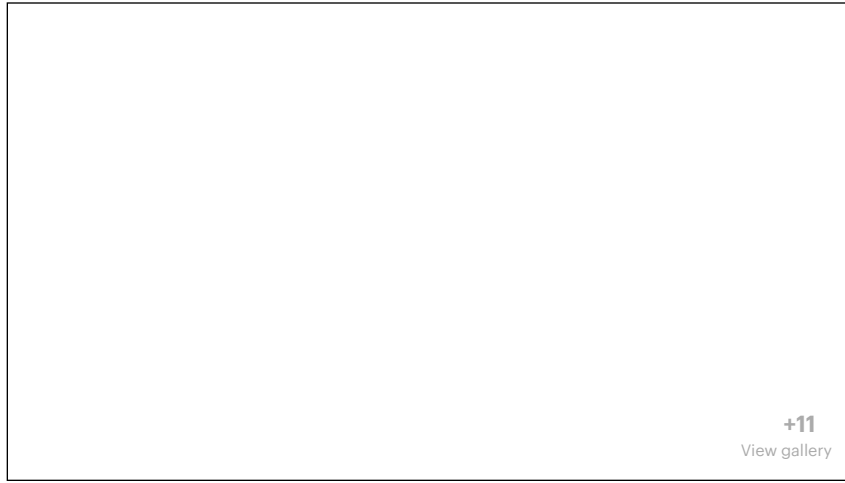
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Ayahuasca is a drink made by boiling together vine stems along with leaves from a chacruna shrub – both native to the Amazonia region

'If they're spending a lot of time giving a special unjustified preference to Prince Harry, how does that affect the common immigration applications where people have carefully dotted every I and crossed every T?'

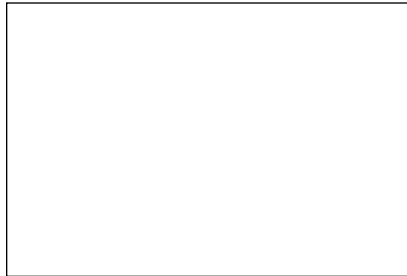
In his autobiography 'Spare', Harry revealed that he first took cocaine on a shooting weekend at age 17. He did a 'few more lines' on other occasions.

He also admitted to hallucinating during a celebrity-filled event in California and smoking cannabis after his first date with Meghan.

He spoke about his 'positive' experience of psychedelic drug ayahuasca saying it 'brought me a sense of relaxation, release, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold on to for a period of time'. Ayahuasca is illegal in the United States unless it is for religious use.

The duke, 38, made the comments in an interview with therapist Dr Gabor Maté, an outspoken supporter of decriminalizing drugs who has allegedly used the Amazonian plant to treat patients suffering from mental illness.

Nile Gardiner, Director of the Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom at the Heritage Foundation, told DailyMail.com that the FOIA request could have severe consequences for Harry's ongoing immigration status – if it is shown that he lied on official forms.



The Duke of Sussex , 38, claimed he used psychedelics like ayahuasca and magic mushrooms (pictured) as 'medicine' after the death of his mother Princess Diana in 1997

'I think what happens with this FOIA request has a direct impact on what happens with Harry's future in the US, if indeed he wants to become a permanent US resident or a US citizen,' he said.

'The stakes are very high here. This issue of a visa application has major implications for his future in the United States.'

Gardiner added that he believes the Prince has now given up any credible claims of privacy regarding the DHS documents.

'Harry can talk all he likes about protecting privacy, but he's just written a massive book outlining all of his drug use. I'd say this isn't a very smart move,' he said.

'No one should be above the law. It doesn't matter if you're a member of the Royal Family, everyone should be treated the same.'

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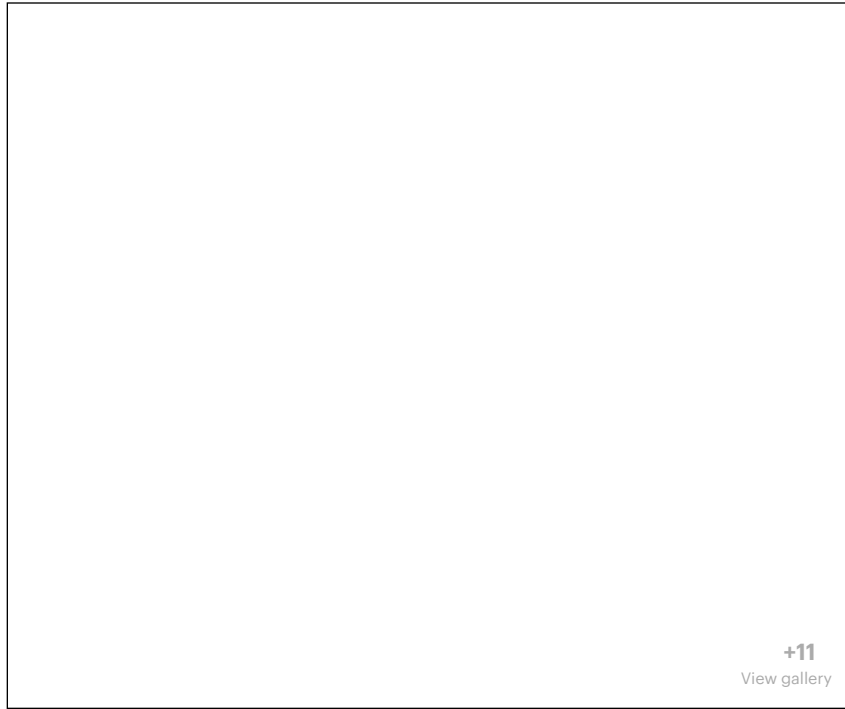
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Prince Harry is pictured after a night out at the Cuckoo Club in London in August 2006

'I think it's in the public interest to know whether or not Harry was completely transparent in documenting all of his drug use that he outlined in Spare.

'I think that the public will be really outraged if he was admitted to the United States through a system of preference and privilege, or he got in without revealing the full information.'

The State Department told DailyMail.com that an immigration law makes visa records confidential.

'Visa records are confidential under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA); therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual visa cases,' a spokesperson said.

But Dewey said this law only pertains to a 'small slice' of immigration documents held by the Department of State, and not to the main bulk of files held by DHS departments such as United States Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS) or Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

He said DHS routinely publishes immigration documents related to notable individuals, pointing to records of Kamala Harris's mother Shyamala Gopalan Harris in 2020, actor Peter Mayhew in 2019 and George Harrison in 2001 on the department's website.

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Conservative group America's Heritage Foundation want to know more details on the prince's American visa.

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An American group called **The Heritage Foundation** is calling for the U.S. government to **release details about Prince Harry’s visa to see if he admitted to drug use prior to receiving it.**

The Heritage Foundation is a **conservative think tank that was created in 1973** that took a prominent position in creating policies during Ronald Reagan’s presidency in the 1980s.

Harry openly admits drug use in ‘Spare’ memoir

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The Heritage Foundation is battling with Washington to get **details of Prince Harry's visa application released to the public**. No details have been released out of respect for the Duke of Sussex's privacy.

substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's drug use and whether **he was properly vetted before entering the United States**," said Mike Howell, the director of The Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project, which seeks to spot questions of accountability in Washington.

The foundation's interest in Prince Harry's visa application came after the **prince revealed his past drug use in his recent memoir 'Spare'**. In the book, he opened up about his family life as a royal and his time as a young person, including his experimentation with drugs while visiting friends in the United States.

Harry explains that he first tried cocaine when he was 17 years old, but says that he **found marijuana and hallucinogenic mushrooms to be most useful in helping him come to terms with his past trauma**.

In his recent live interview with Dr. Gabor Maté earlier this month, Harry also explained how taking the psychedelic drink known as ayahuasca brought him a **"sense of relaxation, release, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold on to for a period of time."**

Does it matter if Prince Harry disclosed past drug use on his visa application?

Some experts say that admitting to past drug use can be **used as grounds to reject someone's visa application**.

"An admission of drug use is **usually grounds for inadmissibility**," Neema Rahmani said, who is a former federal prosecutor.

"That means Prince Harry's visa **should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other drugs**," he added.

Meanwhile, other lawyers, such as James Leonard, who represented Joe Giudice from 'The Real Housewives of New Jersey' for his immigration case, say otherwise.

"Absent any criminal charge related to drugs or alcohol or any finding by a judicial authority that Prince Harry is a habitual drug user, **which he clearly is not**, I don't see any issue with the disclosures in his memoir regarding recreational experimentation with drugs," Leonard said.

"**You've got to give them something that would trigger it**, and revealing it in a book, that you experimented with drugs when you were a young man, **I don't think gets you there**," he added.



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Will Prince Harry's Admission Of Drug Use In Memoir 'Spare' Affect His Visa? Lawyers Speak Up

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KEY POINTS

- Neama Rahmani believes Prince Harry's admission of drug use puts his visa at risk
- James Leonard said there's no issue unless Harry would give immigration officials a reason for an investigation
- Sam Adair agreed with Leonard and said breaking the law could be an issue in the visa renewal

Prince Harry's admission of drug use in his memoir, "Spare," has drawn mixed responses from legal experts.

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The Duke of Sussex got candid about his history of drug use in his bombshell memoir that dropped in January. However, a legal expert claimed that being too honest about his previous drug use might put him in trouble.

"An admission of drug use is usually grounds for inadmissibility," former federal prosecutor Neema Rahmani told Page Six.

"That means Prince Harry's visa should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other drugs."

Rahmani, the president of West Coast Trial Lawyers, added that there is "no exception for royalty or recreational use."

Attorney James Leonard, who represented "The Real Housewives of New Jersey" alum Joe Giudice in his immigration case, argued that Prince Harry's admission would cause him trouble.

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"Absent any criminal charge related to drugs or alcohol or any finding by a judicial authority that Prince Harry is a habitual drug user, which he clearly is not, I don't see any issue with the disclosures in his memoir regarding recreational experimentation with drugs," the high-profile lawyer told the outlet.

The New Jersey-based lawyer explained that drug users who are not U.S. citizens would have to give immigration officials a reason to launch an investigation like a criminal act. Otherwise, the officials won't do anything about it.

"You've got to give them something that would trigger it, and revealing it in a book, that you experimented with drugs when you were a young man, I don't think gets you there," the celebrity lawyer said. "Immigration is not



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Sam Adair, an immigration lawyer with more than two decades of experience, agreed with Leonard that it is "unlikely that these admissions will present a problem."

"If there had been a conviction, it would have likely been a significant issue in getting a visa," Adair noted. "This isn't to say that drug use could not be a problem in the immigration process, but in this circumstance, it is unlikely that this would present an issue."

He added, "It isn't clear to me what the duke's visa status is in the U.S., but breaking the law could be an issue in getting a visa renewed or for readmission to the U.S. But recreational drug use that has not been the subject of criminal scrutiny is unlikely to present an issue for someone's visa status."

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Prince Harry's memoir Spare (2023) documents salacious accusations about the Royal Family and describes, in detail, Prince Harry's past and continued use of marijuana, cocaine, psychedelic mushrooms, and other drugs. The author admits to his prior and ongoing addictions to drugs, as well as his possession and continued use. Prince Harry writes that his past use was necessary for him to handle his then-royal duties, ongoing rifts within the Royal Family, and public scrutiny of his life. He writes that more recently, psychedelic mushrooms were critical in helping him find peace in his life – opening his eyes to a world that is not as he first imagined it.

While Prince Harry's candor is admirable, his words may seriously impact his immigration status in the United States. It is reported that the prince has never applied for lawful permanent residence in the United States by virtue of his marriage to Megan Markle – a United States Citizen. Rather, he is in the United States under a non-immigrant **visa**. When someone seeks a non-immigrant **visa**, attempts to enter the United States with a non-immigrant **visa**, or seeks to become a lawful permanent resident, questions about prior and current **drug** use, addictions, and for that matter, prior simple possession of **drugs**, are fair game. Prince **Harry's** admissions in Spare could bar him from renewing **visas** or entering the United States, and quite possibly prevent the approval of any future applications for lawful permanent resident status.

Admitting to **drug** use can have serious implications for non-citizens in the United States, regardless of an arrest or conviction. In general, **drug** use can be seen as a violation of federal law, and non-citizens who admit to **drug** use can be found inadmissible to the United States DOJ.

Drug Use and United States Immigration Law

Under United States immigration law, non-citizens who admit to **drug** use or have been convicted of **drug** offenses can be found inadmissible to the United States. Moreover, the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) prohibits the admission of non-citizens who are "**drug** abusers or addicts." This includes both recreational **drug** users and those who use **drugs** for medical purposes without a prescription. A conviction is not required; rather, admitting to certain actions can form sufficient basis for denying a non-citizen entry into the United States.

Non-citizens who are found to be inadmissible due to **drug** use can be barred from entering the United States or denied certain immigration benefits, such as a **visa** or green card. Non-citizens may be eligible for a waiver of inadmissibility, but this can be a difficult and time-consuming process.

Prince Harry's Admissions to Drug Use in Spare

In Spare, Prince Harry details his drug use throughout his life. His own words provide a basis for findings that he has possessed, used, and been dependent on drugs that are unlawful under federal law in the United States. These admissions, in and of themselves, could provide a basis for denial of non-immigrant visa renewals, requests to enter the United States after traveling internationally, and any future application by Prince Harry to become a lawful permanent resident of the United States.

It is important to note, however, that Prince Harry's admissions to drug use do not necessarily mean that he would be found inadmissible to the United States. A finding of inadmissibility based on an admission of unlawful conduct, rather than a conviction, requires one to affirm violating specific elements of a particular federal controlled substance offense. Arguably, Spare makes it clear: Prince Harry says, in no uncertain terms, that he used marijuana, cocaine, and psychedelic mushrooms, and, when using those drugs, he effectively possessed them. For purposes of determining if an individual is a drug abuser or drug addict, the abuse and/or addiction must be current or recent. In Spare, Prince Harry writes of his ongoing use of psychedelic mushrooms as a tool to help alleviate the pressures of his past royal life and the ongoing public and media scrutiny.

Should the prince seek lawful permanent residence in the United States, his admissions to drug use will present an additional barrier. Federal law requires non-citizens who apply for lawful permanent residence to undergo a medical examination. This medical examination necessitates a detailed review of current and past drug use, which, in turn, becomes a factor in determining whether a non-citizen is medically admissible to the United States. Lacking medical admissibility because of drug abuse and addiction is a stand-alone basis to deny an application for lawful permanent residence in the United States.

Will Prince Harry Be Spared?

Admitting to drug use creates serious implications on the immigration status and applications of non-citizens. While Prince Harry's admissions to drug use may not immediately impact him, the future is uncertain. Words are not "just" words, particularly when those words make up the biographic life story of an individual as published in a globally-circulated memoir. The day may very well come when a United States Immigration or Customs Officer who read, or was briefed on, Spare interviews Prince Harry for a non-immigrant visa renewal, lawful permanent residence, or permission to enter the U.S. upon arrival at an airport after international travel.

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Prince **Harry** tipped to avoid US deportation as pressure mounts for **visa** papers release
Prince **Harry** has been facing calls to release the details of his **visa**
application after his **drug** use admission sparked questions about his entry in...

Aurora Bosotti

Prince **Harry** has been facing calls to release the details of his **visa** application after his **drug** use admission sparked questions about his entry into the US.

Prince **Harry** could be spared the ignominy of being deported from the US for his **drug** use, a celebrity lawyer has claimed. The Duke of Sussex has been facing mounting pressure to release his **visa** details after admitting in his book, Spare, he had taken recreational **drugs** to cope with his trauma when he was younger. Hundreds of Britons have been denied entry into the US because of their **drug** use but attorney James. J Leonard argued **Harry** is unlikely to face any consequences for his actions.

Leonard, who represented Real Housewives of New Jersey's Joe Giudice in his deportation hearing, argued the only scenario likely to result in a threat of deportation would be if the Duke had been involved in a criminal case over his **drug** use.

Speaking to The Mirror, he said: "I do not envision any viable scenario where revelations in a memoir related to experimental and recreational **drug** use would lead to any immigration consequences for Prince **Harry**."

"Where this would become an absolute issue is if there was a criminal case of any kind and if those allegations were related to **drugs** or alcohol and it was determined that he was a habitual user, which I do not believe is the case here, that would raise concerns and create real problems."

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Leonard added: "Should a scenario like that occur, which I don't see happening, Prince **Harry's** status as a royal would make subject the review of his matter to heightened scrutiny which would likely have a detrimental effect on the outcome."

Harry has been facing demands from the conservative think tank The Heritage Foundation to release the details of the **visa** application he filled out to enter the country in 2020.

The foundation argues US taxpayers are entitled to know whether he declared his **drug** use – and if so, to question if he received preferential treatment and was allowed in despite strict immigration regulations.

Responding to The Heritage Foundation's demands, a spokesman for the US State Department said: "Visa records are confidential under Section 222 of the Immigration and Nationality Act ; therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual visa cases."

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Harry opened up about his drug use in Spare and later expanded on what had brought him to use psychedelics in a televised therapy session with Dr Gabor Maté;

The Duke claimed the drugs helped him peel back the "filters" of his life and made him feel relaxed.

He said: "It was the cleaning of the windscreen, the removal of life's filters — these layers of filters — it removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, relief, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold back for a period of time," he shared.

"I started doing it recreationally and then started to realise how good it was for me.

"I would say it is one of the fundamental parts of my life that changed me and helped me deal with the traumas and the pains of the past."

He added: "They're unlocking so much of what we've suppressed."

Harry said he was first offered cocaine while on a weekend shooting and continued taking the drug because it did "make him feel different".

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Prince **Harry** won't be deported or face US **visa** probe after **drug** admissions, lawyer claims
Prince **Harry** has faced calls to have his US **visa** application made public
after he admitted taking **drugs** in the past -but one lawyer says it's unlik...

By, Amber O'Connor & Jennifer Newton

Prince **Harry** has faced calls to have his US **visa** application made public after he admitted taking **drugs** in the past -but one lawyer says it's unlikely the duke will face action

There were calls for Prince Harry's US **visa** application to be made public after he sensationally confessed to using **drugs** in the past.

In his controversial memoir Spare, the Duke of Sussex admitted to taking cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms

And in a recent interview, he also spoke of how psychedelic **drugs** have helped him "deal with the traumas and pains of the past".

However, despite strict laws and harsh penalties surrounding America's immigration policies -including deportation -a lawyer claims **Harry** is unlikely to face any 'immigration consequences'. Hundreds of Brits are banned from the US after over their **drug** misuse.

But celebrity lawyer James. J Leonard -who represented the Real Housewives of New Jersey's Joe Giudice in his deportation case -has said he does not envision a probe into **Harry's** immigration status.

The Atlantic City-based attorney told the Mirror: "I do not envision any viable scenario where revelations in a memoir related to experimental and recreational **drug** use would lead to any immigration consequences for Prince **Harry**."

"Where this would become an absolute issue is if there was a criminal case of any kind and if those allegations were related to **drugs** or alcohol and it was determined that he was a habitual user, which I do not believe is the case here, that would raise concerns and create real problems.

"Should a scenario like that occur, which I don't see happening, Prince **Harry's** status as a royal would make subject the review of his matter to heightened scrutiny which would likely have a detrimental effect on the outcome."

America's Heritage Foundation has been calling for **Harry's visa** application to be released so the US taxpayer can understand whether the royal declared his **drug** use.

The Heritage Foundation argues if immigration officials did know about the royal's **drug** use, **Harry's** case raises questions over whether he was given special treatment because he is a prince and his wife is a TV star, which they insist would be illegal.

In response to the Foundation's calls, a US State Department spokesman said: "**Visa** records are confidential under Section 222f of the Immigration and Nationality Act INA; therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual **visa** cases."

And Mr Leonard added: "From what I have seen, I believe that Prince **Harry** is going to acclimate quite well to life in America thanks in large part to the way that he was raised by his mother, Princess Diana.

"I think that she was well versed in the social and cultural ways of the west and raised both Harry and Prince William to honour and respect the traditions of their lineage, but also with an understanding of how the rest of the world works. I think Prince Harry is going to do just fine."

It comes as earlier today, Prince Harry back in UK as he makes surprise court appearance in latest legal row, where he was seen arriving at the High Court to attend a hearing in his latest legal row.

It is believed to be the first time he has been back in the UK since his grandmother the late Queen's funeral in September.

His surprise return also comes nearly three months after he laid bare his troubled relationship with his father King Charles and brother William in his controversial autobiography Spare.

The hearing today was also due to coincide with Charles and Queen Camilla's state visit to France, which was meant to start yesterday but was shelved due to unrest in the country.

But according to the Telegraph, Harry is not expected to meet up with his father while in the UK -e Prince Harry 'won't meet up with Charles' on surprise UK trip as King is 'busy'

Buckingham Palace said the King was not in Windsor or London and would be leaving for a state visit to Germany on Wednesday morning.

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Harry and Meghan 'cannot win campaign' against Royal Family as King Charles has upper hand
As their popularity plummets, Meghan Markle and Prince **Harry** are "losing
the power struggle" against King Charles, according to one royal expert.

Matthew Dooley

Meghan Markle and Prince **Harry** "cannot win" their campaign against the Royal Family, suggests one royal commentator. Daniela Elser cited the Sussexes' falling popularity as well as jokes made at their expense as evidence that the couple's "PR campaign" against the royals has backfired.

"**Harry** and his wife Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, might have spent the last two years waging an exhausting, never-ending battle of wits and PR strategy against The Firm, but they have actually ended up on the losing side," claimed Ms Elser.

She added: "Over the last two years, the Sussexes have thrown a hell of a lot of criticism at Charles, Queen Camilla, William and Kate, and the institution of the monarchy as a whole."

Most recently, Prince Harry released a tell-all memoir, Spare, which slammed several members of the Firm and revealed numerous intimate moments in the Duke's life. The book became an overnight best seller but has cost the Sussexes, according to Ms Elser.

She pointed out that Meghan and Harry had become the butt of jokes in the US with comedians Chris Rock, Jimmy Kimmel and Trevor Noah all hitting out at the Duke and Duchess while the hit TV show South Park dedicated a whole episode to mocking the couple.

Meghan Markle 'should have warned' Prince **Harry** about **drug** use **visa** risk Meghan Markle should have warned Prince **Harry** that revealing his past **drug** use could put his US **visa** status at risk, a royal biographer has said.

In his tell-all memoir Spare, **Harry** detailed his past use of cocaine, magic mushrooms and marijuana. Now the Duke has been warned that his admission could see him booted out of America.

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"This is the price that the Sussexes are paying for their Palace campaign having failed to really gain a huge amount of PR ground," Ms Elser added, writing for news.com.au.

She continued: "Harry might be fighting to squeeze some sort of admission or acknowledgment or even an apology gluten-free muffin basket from his family, but instead he ended up with an immovable palace, a King who has refused to give an inch and large chunks of Americans having gone off them."

Polls show the Duke and Duchess's popularity has fallen significantly in America since the release of Spare. Prince Harry has a net approval rating of -10, down 38 points since December, according to a Redfield & Wilton for Newsweek taken in February after the release of Spare.

Similarly, Meghan Markle had a dismal net approval rating of -17, a drop of 40 points since December.

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"**Harry** cannot win the campaign he has been waging against the royal family. Soz," Ms Elser quipped.

Although she admitted that no one could be certain what would happen in the future, she said: "Right now, it certainly looks like the Duke and Duchess of Sussex are losing the power struggle with Charles."

Meghan and Harry have been invited to King Charles's Coronation, but it's unclear whether the Duke and Duchess will attend. The Coronation will take place on May 6 but, so far, there has been no RSVP from the Sussexes.

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Denise Welch fumes at 'disgusting' Harry and Meghan attack amid GB News backlash Denise Welch hit out on social media at GB News presenter Nana Akua's brutal commentary of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Michelle Marshall

Denise Welch was admittedly left stunned after Nana Akua took aim at Prince **Harry** and Meghan Markle on Saturday's instalment of her GB News programme. The Loose Women panellist branded the broadcaster's scathing monologue "disgusting".

It comes after Nana took aim at **Harry's visa** affair adding it would be "hilarious" if **Harry** had to leave the United States before branding Meghan "narcissistic".

She began: "Prince **Harry** might be in a spot of bother after being evicted from Frogmore [Cottage] in replace of disgraced Prince Andrew.

"The Duke of Montecito may well be objected from America as well. Oh, my heart bleeds. It's hilarious."

She continued: "After Prince **Harry** opened his big mouth and admitted to taking cocaine and magic mushrooms and cannabis before moving to the States in his pathetic memoir Spare...

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Prince **Harry** bumps into cameraman as he arrives at High Court for privacy case hearing Prince **Harry** has made a surprise return to the UK to attend in person a high-profile hearing at the Royal Court of Justice.

The Duke of Sussex was spotted by reporters as he walked inside the building.

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"An investigation is now underway to confirm whether he disclosed his **drug** taking when he applied for his residency permit."

She laughed: "If Prince **Harry** has lied he may find himself out on his big old ear - hilarious."

Taking to Twitter, Denise shared the video with her 535,000 followers as she hit out at the coverage.

The Loose Women presenter tweeted: "Wow!! Nana professed to care about mental health when she had me on her show to talk about my own struggles."

Denise added she thought the opening monologue was "disgusting".

Nana also highlighted how the couple is in partnership with a group which wants boyhood to be seen as "fluid" and aims to eradicate the phrase "boys will be boys".

Earlier this week, it was reported Meghan and **Harry's** organisation Archewell and podcast Archetypes have teamed up with the Global Boyhood Initiative.

Nana fumed: "Who wants a **drug** addict Prince and his narcissistic wife telling the world how to live?"

"From what I can see when they advise you to do something, do the opposite of what they tell you to do."

The Duke of Sussex has faced criticism in recent weeks after detailing his repeated **drug** use in his controversial memoir, Spare.

Earlier this month **Harry** revealed during an online chat with trauma expert Gabor Maté; that **drugs** have helped him deal with his past traumas.

"I started doing it recreationally and then started to realise how good it was for me," **Harry** added.

"I would say it is one of the fundamental parts of my life that changed me and helped me deal with the traumas and the pains of the past."

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Prince **Harry** appeared before a London court over a defamation claim against a British newspaper

Prince **Harry** was in a London courtroom Monday as the lawyer for a British tabloid group prepared to ask a judge to dismiss lawsuits by the prince, Elton John and several other celebrities alleging wiretapping and other invasions of privacy.

The hearing involves one of several lawsuits **Harry**, also known as the Duke of Sussex, has filed against the media. It is expected to last four days.

Harry's presence in London's High Court is a sign of the importance he attaches to the case.

Associated Newspapers, which publishes titles including the Daily Mail, is asking the High Court to stop claims brought by a group of high-profile individuals seeking damages for the misuse of private information. Other plaintiffs include John's husband David Furnish and actresses Liz Hurley and Sadie Frost.

The complaint is against the publisher dates back to a text published in February 2022 alleging that the Prince tried to keep quiet about a family dispute over the British government's refusal to allow him to pay for a private police security service after it was taken away from him when he stepped down from the throne.

The media outlet then published a text that read: "Exclusive: How Prince Harry tried to keep his legal battle with the Government over police bodyguards a secret... then, just minutes after the story broke, his PR machine tried to put a positive spin on the dispute."

According to Duque's defense, the newspaper slandered him by claiming that he lied in his initial public statements about the lawsuit against the Government and asserts that the facts presented in the text do not support the argument presented by the counterpart that it is, in fact, an "honest opinion".

The article is "fundamentally inaccurate," argued attorney Justin Rushbrooke.

The conflict over the personal safety of Harry and his family began in 2020, after they decided to settle in the United States. Since then, the couple has been battling with the British government to provide them with police security during their visit to the country, which is financed with public funds.

Faced with the refusal of this request, the Prince has asked to pay personally for the security so that he can travel with his partner and their two children -Archie, almost 4 years old, and Lilibet, almost 2. However, he was again denied, although in 2022 a judge authorized Harry to sue the government - a case that has not yet gone to trial.

The publisher's lawyer, Andrew Caldecott, defended the media, arguing that the complaint amounted to "straitjacketing the newspaper's right to comment" and stressed the importance of the media being able to speak truths, even to those who govern the country.

"Expressing an opinion to power is just as important, if not more so", as long as the opinion is based on facts, he added.

(with information from AP)

Warning to Prince **Harry**: his U.S. **visa** could be revoked after admitting to **drug** use

Prince **Harry** filed a libel suit against a British newspaper

Archie and Lilibet, **Harry** and Megan's children, claimed the titles of prince and princess

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Prince **Harry** puts his U.S. residency at risk after revealing he used **drugs**

After revealing that he tried different types of **drugs** in his youth, Prince **Harry** could be putting at risk the **visa** that allows him to be in the United States, where he resides with his wife Meghan Markle since 2020.

It was in a promotional interview he conducted for his autobiographical book *In the Shadow*, with the therapist Gabor Maté, a specialist in addictions, where Harry gave revealing details about his substance use. Among them, cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms.

In these moments of honesty, Harry also said he had tried ayahuasca, a drink with hallucinogenic effects that is used as medicine by indigenous peoples of Latin America.

According to the youngest son of Charles III, cocaine was more of a "social thing. It gave me a sense of belonging and probably also made me feel different from the way I felt." While marijuana, in his view, delivered feelings of liberation and really helped him heal.

"I started doing it recreationally and then I started to realize how good it was for me. I would say it's one of the fundamental parts of my life that changed me and helped me deal with the traumas and pains of the past," he said.

Prince Harry's risk

The prince's confessions had almost immediate effects. It should be recalled that at the time of applying for his residence permit in the United States, **Harry** - like all those who make this application - completed a declaration in which he was asked if he had ever used **drugs**.

Sometimes, if the applicant admits to having used such substances, the **visa** application is rejected or a series of additional tests are required in order to obtain the **visa**.

On the other hand, U.S. law establishes harsh penalties for those who are identified as having lied in their statements to immigration officials. The harshest measures involve expulsion from the country, as well as a ban on applying for citizenship.

Due to the above, a conservative group in that country decided to take action to verify if the Duke of Sussex lied in his declaration to apply to live in the United States, and at the same time, if there was any kind of preferential treatment because he comes from the British royal family and because his wife is a famous actress.

According to information from the British website Daily Mail, it is the Heritage Foundation, a conservative institute dedicated to public policy research.

The entity would be asking the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for a copy of the 38-year-old prince's **visa** application, within the framework of a U.S. law.

Speaking to Page Six, former federal prosecutor Neema Rahmani noted that "an admission of **drug** use is usually grounds for inadmissibility."

"That means Prince **Harry's visa** should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other **drugs**," he added. "There is no exception for royalty or recreational use."

While journalist and royal family expert Kinsey Schofield told GB News that "immigration lawyers here in the U.S. say there are two ways deportation could threaten Prince **Harry**."

"That's if he's caught committing a crime, which we heard him say in his pay-per-view interview, where he talked openly about illegal **drug** use, or if on this **visa** application he lied about his **drug** use, that could also result in deportation," she adds.

Despite Heritage Foundation's wishes, a U.S. State Department spokesperson cautioned Daily Mail that "**visa** records are confidential under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA); therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual **visa** cases."

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'This is serious!' Harry slammed over drug use as Americans ask 'do we still want him'

Prince Harry has found himself in the crosshairs of a conservative think-tank demanding to see his visa application now a royal expert claims Americans are rethinking whether they want the Duke to remain in the US.

Prince Harry: Jobson on possible issues with US citizenship

Prince Harry ([latest/prince-harry](#)), has been slammed over his drug use. With Americans asking whether they still "want him" in the US, according to a [royal \(/latest/royal-family\)](#) expert. The Duke admitted to using cocaine, marijuana and psychedelics, something which has drawn the ire of a group in Washington which is demanding to look over Harry's [US visa \(/latest/united-states\)](#) application to make sure he didn't receive special treatment.

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Typically in the United States, visa applicants are asked about their criminal history and past drug use and experts have warned that [Prince Harry \(https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry\)](https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry) could even face deportation if he lie on his application.

"When you apply for a visa in any country, it's the same when you come here, you're essentially a guest. You might come to work or to live but you're basically expected to be on your best behaviour," royal expert Richard Eden said on [Palace Confidential \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eunIRLsO93o&ab_channel=DailyMailRoyals\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eunIRLsO93o&ab_channel=DailyMailRoyals).

He added: "When you move to a country, like Harry has to the USA, and then you start bringing out a book [detailing drug use, talking about how great it was for you and then you appear in that interview with [Dr Gabor Maté], again, I was talking about the benefits of drug use - I think people in America, from what I hear, they're starting to ask 'do v still want him here? Is he a guest that we welcome?'"

The visa row kicked off when the conservative think-tank The Heritage Foundation demanded to view the Prince's application after he admitted to using illegal drugs. Although the Duke said cocaine "did nothing for me" he touted the use of marijuana and psychedelics to help him with his mental health issues.



Americans may be turning on Prince Harry as a think-tank demands to see his visa application. (Image: GETTY)



Meghan and Harry moved to the US in 2020 after stepping down as working royals. (Image: GETTY)

Meghan Markle ‘should have warned’ Prince Harry about drug use visa risk

In a televised therapy session with trauma expert and outspoken proponent of decriminalising drugs Dr Gabor Maté the Prince said that psychedelics helped him as a "cleaning of the windshield [and] removal of life's filters." **APP. C 095**

Meghan Markle should have warned Prince Harry that revealing his past drug use could put his US visa status at risk, a royal biographer has said.

In his tell-all memoir Spare, Harry detailed his past use of cocaine, magic mushrooms and marijuana. Now the Duke has been warned that his admission could see him booted out of America.

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But those comments drew the attention of The Heritage Foundation, which says it wants to make sure Harry was "properly vetted" before entering the States.

"This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince Harry (<https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry>)'s visa for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's drug use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States," Mike Howell, director of the foundation's Oversight Project, told the Daily Mail (<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11884759/So-DID-Prince-Harry-visa-despite-drug-use-Campaigners-demand-know.html>).

Richard Eden said the action was "serious" and shows Americans may be rethinking the Prince's move across the pond.

He said: "From what I can see, this is serious. It's a conservative think-tank now but there are people asking to see application form for the visa and what he put in that. Also there are people saying 'should we rethink whether we allow him to stay?'"

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Prince Harry is married to American actress Meghan Markle. (Image: GETTY)

Meghan Markle and Prince Harry's daughter are US citizens while Archie is likely eligible. (Image: GETTY)

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Visa applications in the US typically remain confidential under the Immigration and Nationality Act, however, Prince Harry (<https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry>),s admission could come back to haunt him over any new visa applications.

Additionally, if the Duke lied on his original application he could be deported back to the UK and barred from ever applying for US citizenship. It's long been speculated Harry holds an O-1 visa for people with an "extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics" or an "extraordinary achievement in motion picture or television industry".

That visa typically runs out after three years meaning that Prince Harry (<https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry>) could need to reapply in the near future as he's been living in the States for almost three years.

The Duke's immediate family are all likely US citizens: Meghan Markle (<https://www.express.co.uk/latest/meghan-markle>) is an American and Princess Lilibet Diana was born in the US granting her automatic citizenship. Prince Archie Harrison, although born in London, is likely eligible for US citizenship though his mother. **APP. C 097**

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Meghan and **Harry** 'used LA club front door when secret entrance was offered instead'
Meghan Markle and Prince **Harry** were pictured going out for dinner at an elite Hollywood hotspot on the same day the news broke that the couple were...

Matthew Dooley

Meghan Markle and Prince Harry were pictured going out for dinner at an elite Hollywood hotspot on the same day the news broke that the couple were being kicked from their UK residence of Frogmore Cottage.

It has been claimed that Meghan Markle and Prince **Harry** called people ahead of time to "take their photo" as they arrived at an elite Hollywood restaurant. The Duke and Duchess were pictured arriving at A-lister hangout San Vicente Bungalows in Hollywood earlier this month.

Prince **Harry**, 38, is now believed to be a member at the elite club which has a £3,400 a year membership price tag. The hotspot is a hangout for celebrities and film industry figures in Tinsel Town.

However, a club member told Page Six there was no reason for the Sussexes to enter the club through the front as it has a private "celebrity door". It's also a two-hour drive each way from Meghan and Harry's Montecito mansion.

The outing came just hours after the news broke that the Sussexes would have to give up their UK home, Frogmore Cottage, something which the club member called a "bold move".

"I think it was definitely a statement coming on the evening of the Frogmore news," they said, adding: "I know that San Vicente has a back door for celebrities, so no one needs to see you coming and going. They're really all about privacy."

Meghan Markle 'should have warned' Prince **Harry** about **drug** use **visa** risk Meghan Markle should have warned Prince **Harry** that revealing his past **drug** use could put his US **visa** status at risk, a royal biographer has said.

In his tell-all memoir Spare, **Harry** detailed his past use of cocaine, magic mushrooms and marijuana. Now the Duke has been warned that his admission could see him booted out of America.

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The member continued adding that "bigger stars" than Meghan and **Harry** come into the restaurant meaning, if they wanted to, the couple most likely could have quietly entered the establishment.

The member claimed: "They have way bigger stars than **Harry** and Meghan coming in and no one will ever know they're there. But **Harry** and Meghan said, 'We're fine' and that they didn't need to use it. And even when they left, they used the main entrance."

The Page Six article caught the eye of royal commentator Kinsey Schofield, who accused Meghan and **Harry** of calling paparazzi ahead of time to photograph them entering the restaurant.

Sharing a screengrab of the article's headline to Twitter, the To Di For Daily podcast host said: "I will save you a click, it's so the people they called ahead of time will take their photo."

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Meghan and **Harry** moved to Montecito, California in 2020 after stepping back from the Royal Family. In a Netflix documentary released in December last year, the Duke and Duchess blamed, at least partly, the paparazzi and Britain's tabloid media for the move.

However, someone who knows Meghan and Harry told Page Six that the outing didn't mean the couple were going "all Hollywood" and added that the Duke and Duchess had "only been out for dinner with friends and at the Archwell office recently, as well as a meeting with Netflix".

At the San Vicente, the Sussexes were reportedly joined by two friends and chatted with actress Kate Hudson who was also at the club. The following week, Meghan, 41, drove to West Hollywood and celebrated a ladies lunch with Archwell employees to celebrate International Women's Day.

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Prince **Harry** must 'waive' **drug** use on US **visa** to avoid deportation, lawyers claims
The Duke of Sussex has faced criticism in recent weeks after detailing his repeated **drug** use in his controversial memoir, Spare.

Claire Anderson

Prince **Harry** has been warned his US **visa** status could have "major implications" on his future as the royal is facing demands to reveal his immigration filings after revealing he has used **drugs** in the past. The Conservative research institute, the Heritage Foundation is investigating the Duke of Sussex's immigration documents to find out if he disclosed his **drug** use. But CEO of West Coast trial lawyers Neema Rahmani has explained **Harry** could waive any issues with his **visa** with three simple steps.

He told Us Weekly: "Normally an admission of **drug** use can get a **visa** denied or revoked even if it's recreational.

"There is an exception however that if you've been sober for a year, you're in remission and you have a note from a physician that may be able to grant you a waiver.

"The prince's admitted **drug** use was when he was a lot younger, I think about 17 years old."

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Harry detailed in his memoir, Spare that he smoked cannabis with Tyler Perry and took magic mushrooms at Courtney Cox's house.

It comes as Sarah, the Duchess of York, said she wouldn't judge the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their decision to move to the US and publicise their lives.

The couple quit as senior working royals in 2020 in favour of more freedom and the ability to earn their own money in the US, before giving a bombshell interview with Oprah Winfrey in March 2021.

A controversial six-part Netflix series titled **Harry** & Meghan was released in December 2022 before **Harry's** memoir titled Spare, which also contained a string of revelations, was published in January.

Sarah, who is affectionately known as Fergie, related her own experience of divorcing Andrew, the Duke of York in 1996 and giving an interview to Winfrey declaring that royal life was "not a fairy tale".

She told the PA news agency: "I divorced, went to America, wrote a book, went on Oprah and did 12 years as the longest running spokesperson of Weight Watchers.

"I looked to America to support me and to help me and I really can't thank the American people enough for what they gave me and what they did for me.

"So, I believe very strongly that I have absolutely no judgment on any other person's life, and I look at how much she loves him and loves the children and gives him a love that he's never had before. That's how I look at it."

The charity founder and author, 63, also spoke about Harry and Meghan's children Prince Archie and Princess Lilibet, and Harry's mum, Diana, the Princess of Wales, who died in August 1997.

She said: "The most important thing is that the sun will come up tomorrow and the day will move on.

"The most important thing is, Diana would be so very proud of Archie and Lili. She would have adored every moment of it."

Sarah has most recently co-written her second historical romantic novel co-authored with Marguerite Kaye, who has written more than 50 Mills & Boon books, which will be published on March 30.

A Most Intriguing Lady is inspired by Sarah's relative Lady Mary Montagu Douglas Scott, who in the fictional tale is born into the highest society, fighting to define her place in life.

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GB News backlash as Nana Akua branded 'vile' for attack on Harry and Meghan
The Duke and Duchess of Sussex were torn apart by GB News host Nana Akua,
but her scathing monologue about the couple did not sit well with viewers.

Rebecca Jones

Presenter Nana Akua took aim at Prince **Harry** and Meghan Markle on Saturday's instalment of her GB News programme over their new charity partnership and the Duke of Sussex's **visa** affair. The broadcaster even told viewers it would be "hilarious" if **Harry** had to leave the United States before branding Meghan "narcissistic".

Nana began: "Prince **Harry** might be in a spot of bother after being evicted from Frogmore [Cottage] in replace of disgraced Prince Andrew.

"The Duke of Montecito may well be objected from America as well. Oh, my heart bleeds. It's hilarious."

She continued: "After Prince **Harry** opened his big mouth and admitted to taking cocaine and magic mushrooms and cannabis before moving to the States in his pathetic memoir Spare...

"An investigation is now underway to confirm whether he disclosed his **drug** taking when he applied for his residency permit."

Nana also said a Freedom of Information request is trying to obtain the finer details.

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She laughed: "If Prince **Harry** has lied he may find himself out on his big old ear - hilarious."

After composing herself, Nana continued to hit out about **Harry** and Meghan to GB News viewers.

She highlighted how the couple is in partnership with a group which wants boyhood to be seen as "fluid" and aims to eradicate the phrase "boys will be boys".

It was reported earlier this week that **Harry** and Meghan's organisation Archewell and podcast Archetypes have teamed up with the Global Boyhood Initiative.

The group sets out to promote gender equality by "fostering positive masculinity in boys and men".

Nana fumed: "Who wants a **drug** addict Prince and his narcissistic wife telling the world how to live?"

"From what I can see when they advise you to do something, do the opposite of what they tell you to do."

She then moved on to King Charles III's upcoming Coronation, stating how the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have not confirmed whether they will be attending.

Nana concluded: "I feel sorry for the Royal Family, having to appease these two?"

"Are there actually people who still feel sorry for them? Come on, surely the penny has dropped."

Nana's monologue caused a stir with GB News viewers, with Bernadette Bragg commenting: "Grow up and stop the name calling for God's sake."

Nikki Aura said: "Nana Akua is a vile human being. She needs to get a job away from people."

@ElmopotneyVs said: "I'm pretty sure this is just another vile smear against **Harry** and Meghan calling him a **drug** addict is low and untrue. Either call to #AbolishTheMonarchy or stop slagging them off."

@ProjectReality8 shared: "Who wants a narcissistic 'not news' channel presenter telling us anything?"

Meanwhile, Anne penned: "**Harry** has become an embarrassment to Britain and the RF... They wanted superstardom and they have got it. Unfortunately, they will go down in history and be well remembered."

A supportive Jasmine **Harris** commented: "Love you, Nana."

GB News is available to watch on Freeview 236, Sky 512 and Virgin 6034.

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Meghan and **Harry** trying to recreate 'royal court' in US after failed Megxit deal
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Matthew Dooley

Meghan Markle and Prince **Harry** have been accused of trying to recreate their own "royal court" in the United States by a royal commentator after they failed to get what they wanted out of Megxit.

Meghan Markle and Prince **Harry** are attempting to create their own "royal court" in the US, according to a royal commentator. The comments come amid a slew of media appearances by the Duke and Duchess - particularly by Prince **Harry** - which left one commentator asking "what was the point?"

In recent months, Prince **Harry** has been in the spotlight. Before and after the release of his memoir Spare in January he gave numerous explosive interviews on primetime television. In December of last year, Meghan and **Harry** released a six-part Netflix series describing their relationship and eventual exit from royal life.

"I ask myself this all the time. What was the point for **Harry** and Meghan? Were they trying to make themselves look better? Were they trying to make themselves more popular than the royals? Are they trying to recreate their own royal court in the United States?" asked a royal commentator and founder of popular YouTube channel the Royal News Network who goes by Brittany.

She added: "Number one, yes they do definitely want to create their own royal sphere in the United States. Obviously, we do not have a monarchy here and nor do we want one, so they're welcome to live here like other royals do but don't make yourself a royal of the United States - huge difference there."

She cited the Megxit deal which saw Prince **Harry** and Meghan Markle leave the Royal Family for North America.

Prince **Harry** could have his 'visa revoked' after admitting to using drugs Prince **Harry** could see his visa revoked after admitting to using **drugs** in a televised therapy session, Piers Morgan pointed out.

Speaking to famed therapist Dr Gabor Mate for his programme The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture, Prince **Harry** said he started using **drugs** after realising they helped him cope with his trauma.

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"I think they are just trying to recreate what they wanted, what their vision was for themselves that they couldn't have in the UK, in the US," she said.

The host of the show added: "They could not get their way, I think at the end of the day that was their big anger point. They were not going to get their way."

Brittany pointed to the role the couple wanted to play in the Commonwealth, claiming Meghan wanted to be "Queen of the Commonwealth". She also claimed the Sussexes wanted to "supersede" the Royal Family in popularity.

During the Meghan and Harry's separation from the rest of the Firm, dubbed Megxit, the pair appeared to want to become hybrid royals who were financially independent but still represented the Queen.

On their now defunct website sussexroyal.com, the couple touted "progressive" new roles which would "continue to carry out their duties for Her Majesty the Queen, while having the future financial autonomy to work externally".

However, in 2020, Buckingham Palace released a statement making it clear Meghan and Harry were "required" to step back from royal duties.

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It appeared the couple failed to negotiate a half-in, half-out Megixt deal and in 2020 they moved to Montecito, California with their son Archie, completely stepping back from royal duties.

Since then, the pair have engaged in numerous media endeavours, including the now famous 2021 interview with Oprah. The couple released a Netflix documentary in December 2022 flush with never-before-seen footage and photos.

Arguably the biggest bombshell to date, however, was the release of Prince **Harry's** memoir Spare in January 2023 and the multiple interviews the Prince gave both before and after the book hit the shelves.

The book contains numerous allegations against the rest of the Royal Family and details Prince **Harry's** life, including his time in Afghanistan and his **drug** use.

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Prince **Harry** makes surprise appearance on Car SOS to send a message to disabled veteran who had his Jeep Grand Cherokee restored

Amie Gordon Rory Tingle

The Duke of Sussex last night congratulated a disabled veteran saying he is 'the definition of inspiration' during a surprise appearance on a car renovation show.

Former Lance Corporal Stephan van Niekerk, 36, had his Jeep Grand Cherokee taken in for persistent mechanical problems on the National Geographic's Car SOS.

Duke of Sussex congratulated veteran saying he is 'the definition of inspiration' Ex Lance Corporal Stephan Van Niekerk, 36, had his Jeep Grand Cherokee fixed

The former serviceman, from Taunton in Devon, joined 3rd Battalion, the Rifles, at the age of 21 before he was hit seven years later by an improvised explosive device.

After the vehicle restoration was shown to Mr Van Niekerk, **Harry** said in a video message: 'Stephan, congratulations. I hope at this point you're sitting in your brand new, or certainly what looks like a brand new Jeep.

'Good on you mate, well done, fully, fully, fully deserved. I can't think of anyone that deserves this more than you.'

Prince Harry expressed his admiration for Stephan van Niekerk's (pictured) resilience and determination and praised the Car S.O.S team for their outstanding work

The 36-year-old served in Afghanistan before losing his left leg at the hip, his right leg below the knee, and five fingers in 2009

Harry is known for his work supporting injured veterans, and helped set up the Invictus Games - an event for wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women.

Addressing Stephan, he added: 'After getting injured at such a young age after two tours of Afghanistan, you are the definition of inspiration because you are not defined by your injury. You are defined by your selflessness to others, to your community, your inspirational talks to young people.

'And, of course, to your four kids, and your amazing wife Sadie, who no doubt has got you this far. So full respect, well done you, and I heard, someone told me, that you're planning to cycle from Canada to Mexico – just a mere 2,745 miles, I think.

'Good luck with that, I know you're going to do it, I know you're going to smash it. I know you're going to raise a lot of money for Blesma as well. Other than that, mate, just a huge congratulations. And thank you, thank you for your service. Thank you for your continued service and commitment to others.

'I'm sure your whole family is incredibly proud of you. I'm proud of you. We're all proud of you... there's a reason you were chosen for this. So yeah, saddle up and enjoy your new wheels. And then make sure that you get as fit as you can for this next huge adventure that's coming your way and then you can smash that.

'And at the end of that. I would love to meet you even if it's over a Zoom, but yeah, full respect, mate. Well done, love it and catch you soon, cheers.'

The duke, who recorded the clip last year at his home in the US, was a battlefield air controller when he first went on a ten-week tour of duty in 2007 fighting the Taliban in Helmand province.

Stephan van Niekerk had bought himself a used Jeep Grand Cherokee, which had the potential to be a contender, but it was off the road due to persistent mechanical problems

Prince Harry expressed his admiration for Stephan's resilience and determination and praised the Car SOS team for their outstanding work

He then retrained and qualified as an Apache helicopter pilot and in September 2012, he returned to Afghanistan for a second time.

Mr Van Niekerk lost his left leg at the hip, his right leg below the knee, and five fingers when he stepped on an IED in Sangin while on his second tour of the country in 2009.

He was medically discharged, and with the support of his wife and Army rehabilitation has reinvented himself as a motivational speaker for Blesma, The Limbless Veterans charity.

His best friend Ian and wife Sadie wanted to reward him for his bravery and positivity by fulfilling his ambition to become an off-road driving champion with his used 2002 car.

The Jeep was restored by presenters Tim Shaw and Fuzz Townshend to competition-level standards, modified for disabilities, and has a roll cage, high lift axle kit and wheel arch extensions as well as having the suspension upgraded.

Mr Van Niekerk is also set to raise money for Blesma by cycling from Canada to Mexico.

He said Harry's message was 'insane' and he could not believe he was talking about him.

The former serviceman, from Taunton in Devon, joined 3rd Battalion, the Rifles, at the age of 21 before he was hit seven years later by an improvised explosive device

It comes as **Harry** continues to face pressure over his immigration status in the US, where a think-tank has raised questions over his **drug** use.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative research institute focused on public policy, is currently battling with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to get a copy of the Duke of Sussex's **visa** filings under the Freedom of Information Act.

A director at the think-tank and their lawyer told DailyMail.com the immigration documents could expose a thorny diplomatic issue: whether **Harry** declared his previous illegal **drug** use, and whether DHS officers gave him special treatment.

While applying for his residency permit, **Harry** had to fill out a form asking if he has ever used illegal **drugs**.

An answer of 'yes' often results in the application's denial, or a raft of extra hurdles that can even include **drug** tests and interviews before getting a special waiver to allow a **visa**.

Harry admitted to taking cocaine, magic mushrooms and cannabis in his memoir, Spare, and in interviews.

The Heritage Foundation argues that means he either lied on his form – usually a surefire way to get kicked out of the country – or DHS gave him a special waiver.

This episode of Car SOS will be repeated on National Geographic on Sunday at 7pm.

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The Duke of Sussex has come under fire over his drug use with a Washington-based organisation demanding to know the details of his immigration status.

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Harry may have run afoul of the United States' famously strict immigration laws with the admission of his drug use. conservative think tank called The Heritage Foundation is demanding to know the details of the Duke's US visa application.

"This might be illegal, he might have to pack his bags and move back home," said host of the [Royally Us](#) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOfSZwIH8vQ&ab_channel=UsWeekly) podcast Christina Garibaldi.

Co-host Christine Ross added: "I can't imagine if [Prince Harry](#) (<https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry>) gets deported, what a drama it would be. You know, this is true. When you apply for a visa you sort of have to prove that you are a really upstanding citizen, that there's no chance you're going to be in any trouble in your new country.

"You do have to declare that you've never taken part in illegal substances. I do wonder how [Prince Harry](#) (<https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry>) answered that question."

Prince Harry has come under fire over his visa status in the US. (Image: GETTY)

Prince Harry is married to US citizen Meghan Markle and lives in California. (Image: GETTY)

Prince Harry brutally mocked again as author releases parody version of book: 'Spare Us!'

The Duke of Sussex's book Spare is being parodied in a spoof biography of Prince Harry which promises to go "deep inside the castle walls" and expose "every shouting match, fist-fight, betrayal, teddy bear, awkward hug and tear-stained wedding rehearsal".

In a clear mockery of the bestselling memoir, the upcoming work has been described in a press release as a "frostbite-and-all book", and is titled Spare Us! A Harrody.

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[Prince Harry admitted his drug use in Spare \(/news/royal/1717680/prince-harry-memoir-drugs-cocaine-mushroom-royal-family-ont\)](/news/royal/1717680/prince-harry-memoir-drugs-cocaine-mushroom-royal-family-ont) and in several interviews including a live-streamed therapy session with trauma expert Dr Gabor Maté.

He said cocaine "didn't do anything" for him but [lauded the use of marijuana and psychedelics \(/news/royal/1742759/prince-harry-should-not-have-praised-class-a-ayahuasca-drug\)](/news/royal/1742759/prince-harry-should-not-have-praised-class-a-ayahuasca-drug). He claimed the latter helped him as a "cleaning of the windshield [and] removal of life's filters".

Now, however, the Prince has come under fire for his comments. The right leaning Heritage Foundation is now arguing that US officials should release the details of his visa application to make sure he was "properly vetted" before entering the US.

"This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince Harry (<https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry>)'s visa for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's drug use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States," Mike Howell, director of the foundation's Oversight Project, told the [Daily Mail](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11884759/So-DID-Prince-Harry-visa-despite-drug-use-Campaigners-demand-know.html) (<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11884759/So-DID-Prince-Harry-visa-despite-drug-use-Campaigners-demand-know.html>).

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The Duke admitted to using cocaine, marijuana and psychedelics. (Image: GETTY)

Of Meghan and Harry's children, Lili is already a US citizen while Archie is likely eligible. (Image: GETTY)

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Those applying for US visas are typically asked about their past criminal history and drug use. Usually, visa applications remain confidential under the Immigration and Nationality Act, but Prince Harry (<https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry>)'s admission could affect future applications.

In addition, if he lied on his application he could potentially be deported and barred from applying for US citizenship. Although it's unknown what type of visa Harry holds, the Daily Mail previously reported that he likely has a spousal visa or an O-1 visa for people with an "extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics" or an "extraordinary achievement in motion picture or television industry".

That visa typically runs out after three years, meaning Harry - who has lived in California for almost three years - may need to apply for another in the near future.

Prince Harry (<https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry>)'s wife, Meghan Markle (<https://www.express.co.uk/latest/meghan-markle>), is a US citizen. His daughter, Princess Lilibet Diana, was born in the United States granting her automatic US citizenship. Prince Archie Harrison is likely eligible for US citizenship though Meghan.

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Prince **Harry** warned 'royals not exempt' from US **visa** law in deportation row
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Speaking exclusively to Express.co.uk, retired Department of Homeland Security Special Agent Kristofor Healey revealed exactly what protocols **Harry** would have had to follow when he applied for citizenship and whether he thinks the Duke breached them.

It's unclear what **visa Harry** was issued when he applied as that has not been publicly released.

Harry likely obtained a **visa** based on his marriage to Meghan Markle, Healey said

Given that the Duke's married to a US Citizen and has chosen to reside in the US, he is eligible to obtain some type of "immigrant **visa**", the former DHS official explained.

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According to Healey, the bone of contention appears to refer to the section on the form under "Security and Background", which specifically asks: "Are you or have you ever been a **drug** abuser or addict?"

While illegal **drug** use can absolutely be grounds for inadmissibility, applicants can also provide additional context on an application that mitigates the issue, he explained.

"An individual could note that they had been in recovery for years or were no longer engaged in **drug** use at the time of the application, for instance," Healey said, adding: "In that case, absent other issues with the application, the **visa** might still be issued".

However, even if **Harry** concealed past **drug** use in his **visa** application, Healey thinks it's highly unlikely that the Duke's at risk of having his **visa** status revoked.

"Unless a **visa** recipient is involved in other criminal activity, DHS doesn't typically move to investigate someone for **visa** fraud or revoke their status," the former DHS agent explained.

He continued: "And while there is no provision of the law that exempts members of the British Royal Family from being truthful in their **visa** applications, **Harry** would almost certainly be given the benefit of the doubt by anyone looking into the issue based upon his notoriety and status.

"In short, he isn't a threat to national security or a likely criminal, which is the point of screening applicants in the first place."

While it is illegal to knowingly make a false claim in a **visa** application, and such false claims can be charged federally, Healey said he rarely encountered this infraction during his time as a DHS agent.

"I investigated subjects for **visa** fraud many times in my career, but when we charged them, it was typically part of a larger investigation in which the individual committed other crimes – money laundering, wire fraud, mail fraud – and used their **visa** to enter and remain in the United States in furtherance of those crimes," he explained.

Healy added: "Regardless of the type of **visa** that he obtained, I highly doubt that DHS will open a criminal matter or try to revoke his **visa** administratively.

"While it can be argued that **Harry** made a false claim if he failed to acknowledge past **drug** use on his application, it is unlikely to be seen as material to his overall suitability to reside in the United States."

Regardless of the facts on the ground, the lawyer pushing for the release of **Harry's visa** application believes the public has a right to know.

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"The Heritage Foundation is seriously concerned about migration policy, and the laws on the books being properly enforced. That's what led to this," lawyer Samuel Dewey told Express.co.uk.

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A US lawyer is demanding the release of [Prince Harry](#)'s visa application over concerns he was given "preferential treatment" after recent admissions about [drug](#) use. The Duke of Sussex, 38, revealed in his tell-all memoir *Spare* and in recent TV interviews that he had taken cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms in the past. The lawyer, taking on Washington officials on behalf of conservative think tank [The Heritage Foundation](#) (<https://www.heritage.org/>), believes the public has a right to know whether Harry declared his past drug use on his visa application.

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The lawyer said the Heritage Foundation is agnostic over whether Harry should or shouldn't get a waiver based on facts, but it's a matter of principle that the truth comes out.

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Campaign: Samuel Dewey is pushing for the release of Harry's visa over drug use admission (Image: Getty Images/SamuelDewey)

King Charles follows 'track record' to bring Harry and Meghan back into royal fold

The King is following a familiar footprint as he battles to include Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex in family events, a royal commentator has said. His Majesty had the Duke and Duchess of Sussex added to the guest list for his Coronation, but the couple has yet to confirm whether they will attend.

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It's not known exactly what questions Harry was asked when applying for his US visa, because it is not yet clear which visa received.

However, the question on the ESTA application which most U applicants would use is: "Have you ever violated any law relate to possessing, using or distributing illegal drugs?"

"We just want to know what happened because if improper treatment has been given that's a huge concern as it relates t the enforcement of the law," Dewey said.

If it turns out that Harry was given preferential treatment, this has ramifications that go beyond Harry's visa status, the lawy

suggests.

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Besides legality, Americans have a right to know the truth, claims Dewey, because it relates to what he calls the "American stance of fairness".

The lawyer explained: "We don't have royalty here but there's a sense of unfairness in taking your hereditary title and using it very directly to profit

without engaging in public service."

How strong is the case?

Dewey says he has had "very productive conversations" with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

"Unfortunately, we've been told by US Customs and Border Protection they won't produce records without a waiver from Prince Harry (<https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry>), because it's private," the lawyer continued.

However, Dewey believes Harry has forfeited his right to privacy by going "enormously" out of his way to "put his stuff in the public spotlight".

Secondly, the public interest argument is strong, the lawyer believes.

"Obviously there's a clear public interest here. Was Harry given preferential treatment because of his status? That's a really important question," Dewey said, adding: "I can't say but the public has a right to know".

The lawyer says he is "fully expecting" to have to go to federal court to get these documents "but we are prepared to do that".

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Admission: Harry revealed in his memoir that he had taken cocaine as a teen (Image: Getty Images)

Who is Sam Dewey?

Dewey specialises in white-collar investigations, including compliance and litigation, as well as complex public policy matters.

The legal professional has served as the Senior Counsel in charge of Oversight & Investigations with the US House Representatives Financial Services Committee, as Chief Investigator & Counsel with the US Senate Special Committee on Aging, and as the Senior Advisor with the United States Agency for Global Media.

He has also worked for a number of private legal firms over the years, including Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and McDermott, Will & Emery.

Dewey graduated from Brandeis University with a BA in Political Science in 2006. He proceeded to Georgetown University Law Center in Washington DC, and earned his Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 2009. He was a Senior Editor of Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy and an Executive Board Member at Harvard Federalist Society.

In response to [Express.co.uk \(/news/us\)](https://www.express.co.uk/news/us)'s request for comment, the State Department said: "Visa records are confidential under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA); therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual visa cases."

[Express.co.uk \(/news/us\)](https://www.express.co.uk/news/us) has approached Harry's representatives for comment.

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Royal Family LIVE: Florida boss admits Americans find Harry and Meghan 'annoying'
Ron DeSantis said he admired the Queen's "stoicism" but added
that he is a "little mixed" when it comes to younger royals.

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Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are "annoying" to some Americans, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has said.

Mr DeSantis is a high-profile figure in the US, and is likely to run against Donald Trump for the Republican nomination ahead of the 2024 election.

In an interview with Piers Morgan on TalkTV, Mr DeSantis compared the Queen to the younger generation of royals.

He said: "I really respected the Queen. I think she was really elegant. And I think her stoicism was really good."

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Mr DeSantis then drew comparisons between the "younger generations" of Royals, saying it was a "little more mixed".

He added: "I mean that's just the reality."

The Florida governor then said that he had no view on the Sussexes.

But when quizzed further by Mr Morgan over whether Harry and Meghan were "annoying", he said: "I think for some they are."

He added: "I mean look, I'm not involved in that... But I think for some Americans they can be."

During another part of the interview, Mr DeSantis said he admired Winston Churchill and added that personal conduct matters.

This was seen as an apparent jibe at Donald Trump. The Republican figures have clashed in recent months as they prepare to battle for the nomination.

22:42 Lauren Welch

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Queen Rania of Jordan, 52, celebrated a family "Iftar" on the first day of Ramadan along with her husband, King Abdullah. An "Iftar" is the first meal eaten after sunset during the holy month of Islam.

Queen Rania arrived at her family Iftar looking incredibly stunning. The Jordanian Queen wrote on Instagram: "Grateful to be sharing Iftar on the first day of the holy month with people we love. From today's family Iftar." Rania accessorised with a handbag that showed how much love she has for the country of Jordan.

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21:38 Lauren Welch

The Duke and Duchess have not confirmed whether they will attend the Coronation, nor whether Archie and Lilibet have received an invite.

Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, will likely need a babysitter if they attend King Charles III's Coronation. While the couple is yet to confirm whether they plan to support King Charles III on May 6, their children are likely too young to follow. The Sussex Prince and Princess are just three and one-and-a-half years old, respectively, and their attendance would mark a departure from tradition.

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The King and Queen Consort's planned state visit to France has been put off due to the violence that erupted this week.

The cancellation of the King's first overseas visit has been deemed an "embarrassment to France". Speaking of the visit, former head of Royal Protection, Dai Davies claimed he has "never heard of" a visit cancellation before. The King and Queen Consort were due to travel to France on Sunday, March 26.

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The King was delivered the then-latest Land Rover, the Discovery 3, back in 2007.

The royal Land Rover, previously owned by the then-Prince Charles, has been offered for sale at a motoring auction. The car, which is currently on its third owner in Ilminster, has now racked up 117,816 miles. Whilst handling the sale, Collecting Cars described the vehicle as "a handsome example of the Land Rover Discovery 3, with excellent documented royal provenance".

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Prince William's two-day trip to Poland saw him visit British and Polish troops, Ukrainian refugees, the Polish President Andrzej Duda and make a poignant visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Warsaw, echoing Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip's in 1996. Longstanding royal commentator Richard Fitzwilliams noted the significance of the trip lay with him "being the ideal diplomat" to visit such a sensitive area.

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19:03 Lauren Welch

The Palace has furiously denied rumours published by a French magazine the glamorous royal couple could be on the verge of separating after nearly 12 years together.

Princess Charlene of Monaco has furiously denied the "malicious" rumours she and husband Prince Albert of Monaco are divorcing as the Royal Family broke cover for the first time since the sensational claims emerged. Rumours about the couple's marriage have been swirling across the internet after French magazine ROYAUTE claimed the prince and princess are in the process of separation. But the Palace has furiously hit back at the claims and have "formally denied the malicious rumours peddled by the magazine".

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18:02 Lauren Welch

The Royal Family's approval rating has slumped to its lowest level in 12 months following the publication of Spare, the Duke of Sussex's tell-all memoir.

Prince Harry's tell-all campaign has tarnished the reputation of the whole Royal Family in the eyes of the public, a devastating new poll suggests. The Duke and Duchess of Sussex's popularity has slumped to a new low following the release of the Duke's memoir, Spare, and the controversial revelations the Duke has subsequently made about the Firm. But the latest Ipsos poll also suggests that all senior royals' have been negatively affected by the fallout.

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17:35 Lauren Welch

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's status as former senior members of the Firm will likely ensure their treatment at the King's Coronation this spring.

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle have been invited to the King's forthcoming Coronation in May. However, if the pair do accept their invite, they are set to have a very different experience to other members of the Royal Family. The couple's Coronation will be distinct from their non-official roles to the clothing they wear for the historic ceremony.

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Prince **Harry's** US **visa** is under scrutiny after the Duke revealed in his memoir that he had previously experimented with a number of illegal substances.

The Duke of Sussex is unlikely to see his his US **visa** revoked over his admission of past **drug** use as he is "somebody important" and therefore probably struck a "special deal", a royal expert claims. It comes after critics are calling for his **visa** application documents to be made public over concerns he lied on the forms.

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The Duke and Duchess of Sussex may be snubbed from making an appearance on the Buckingham Palace balcony alongside the Royal Family after the Coronation ceremony.

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle have received an invitation to King Charles III's Coronation ceremony at Westminster Abbey on May 6 but are yet to publicly confirm their attendance. As part of the festivities, the Royal Family are expected to make an appearance on the Buckingham Palace balcony, but should the Duke and Duchess of Sussex join them? Vote in our poll.

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The Princess of Wales's iconic ring has a fascinating history that dates back centuries - but its day-to-day "routine" is something the royals remain "tight-lipped" on.

It's been over a decade since Kate, Princess of Wales, and Prince William's engagement, but the dazzling 12-carat oval sapphire engagement ring that marked the occasion remains a phenomenon. The iconic ring once belonged to William's late mother Diana, Princess of Wales, which then-Prince Charles used to propose in the Eighties. It dates back to the 19th century, when Prince Albert had a sapphire-and-diamond brooch created for his wife, Queen Victoria. It has been passed down through royal generations ever since. However, while the history of the piece is well-known, its current usage remains quite private, with the royals staying "tight-lipped about the day-to-day locations and routines regarding their jewellery," according to an expert.

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The Duke of Sussex attacked his stepmother in his autobiography Spare, referring to her as "the villain" and the "third person in the marriage".

Prince Harry may not have to pay homage to Queen Consort Camilla at the Coronation in May, as Buckingham Palace is still hopeful the Sussexes will be there to witness King Charles be crowned. According to reports, Harry has been struggling with the idea that Camilla will wear the crown that he believes should have been his mother's and that she will be anointed close to where Diana's coffin had rested at Westminster Abbey.

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14:49 Catherine Meyer-Funnell

King Charles is planning on asking more members of the Royal Family to vacate their London accommodation as he plans to let the houses out for profit, according to sources.

Some royals enjoy subsidised accommodation in the capital, or their "London pads", but now Charles is King this is about to change.

The source told the Evening Standard of the eviction plans and said: "Properties will be let at commercial rates going forward and to people outside the family. Where it is in a palace environment they will of course be security vetted."

The insider did not state what royals were at risk, or which London residences would be targeted.

Read the full story here

13:17 Catherine Meyer-Funnell

Prince **Harry** could have a "serious problem" after he shared he took **drugs** while in the US, a royal correspondent said.

Under US immigration law, people who admitted to taking **drugs** are not eligible for **visas**.

But **Harry** is described in Spare smoking cannabis with Tyler Perry and taking magic mushrooms at Courtney Cox's house, all of which he claimed took place in America.

Now, royal journalist Robert Jobson has said that if **Harry** lied on his **visa** application, he could have a "really serious problem"

He said he found out "very early on" when he and photographer Arthur Edwards "had been filling out forms to go to America" that **drugs** can bar you from entering the US.

"On it, it's pretty damn clear 'have you taken **drugs**' and all these things, and basically, if you have, you haven't got a prayer of getting a **visa**," he said.

Read the full story here

12:35 Catherine Meyer-Funnell

Prince **Harry** and Meghan Markle have been warned that "America is waking up" to the Sussexes ahead of the release of a spoof of **Harry's** book Spare, an expert has claimed.

The Duke of Sussex, 38, released his much-anticipated memoir in January and returned to TV screens with a series of high-profile interviews.

But the father-of-two looks set to be the butt of some more US-based jokes with Spare Us! A Harrody hitting the shelves on April 1.

TalkTV's Royal Tea panel sat down to discuss how the couple could be impacted by the spoof book.

Royal photographer Arthur Edwards said: "It's better than the book that Harry wrote because I didn't enjoy that, seeing the way he rubbished some of the people that work hard for this country. I thought that was outrageous."

[Read the full story here](#)

11:50 Catherine Meyer-Funnell

Emmanuel Macron has come under fire after it was confirmed King Charles III's state visit to France would be postponed due to violent protests across the country.

Generation Frexit leader, Charles-Henri Gallois told Express.co.uk the move proves the French leader no longer has control of the turmoil in his country.

He said: "It's a terrible sign for Macron. It means he does not have control of his country anymore. He can no longer pretend it's business as usual."

Fellow researcher at the Henry Jackson Society Dr Helena Ivanov also told this website President Macron will not be seen in a favourable light at home and internationally after this decision.

[Read the full story here](#)

10:21 Catherine Meyer-Funnell

Russian propagandists have seized on Prince William's trip to Poland as an opportunity to further escalate tensions with the West.

Maria Zakharova, the spokeswoman of the Russian foreign ministry, cited an unfortunately-worded article on the historic visit to imply that British troops were not only supporting Ukrainians, but were actively involved in the fighting.

Ms Zakharova quoted from an article on Tatler magazine's website, which described William visiting "British and Polish troops involved in the war in Ukraine".

She claimed this statement "completely dispels any doubts, if anyone has them, whether Britain and Poland are involved parties."

[Read the full story here](#)

09:47 Catherine Meyer-Funnell

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles on May 6 at Westminster Abbey, the Cosmati pavement, generally closed off from the public, will be part of a guided barefoot tour allowing visitors to stand on the exact spot where Charles will be crowned.

One of the country's medieval art treasures, the mosaic dates back to the 13th century, with kings and queens being crowned on it for over 700 years.

The mosaic is normally covered with carpet for the ceremony, but this time it will be left uncovered.

Anyone visiting the artwork will be asked to walk in socks to help protect the geometric patterns of marble, stone, glass and metal, with tourist groups to be kept to a maximum of 10 at a time.

[Read the full story here](#)

08:34 Catherine Meyer-Funnell

Most Britons would "be delighted" if Meghan Markle and Prince Harry stayed home for the Coronation, claims one royal biographer.

A recent survey found that one in five Britons said they were "less likely" to watch the event if the Sussexes attended.

Although the couple has been invited, its unclear if they will attend and reports have surfaced that Meghan and Harry are locked in negotiations with the Palace over their role during the event.

"I think, certainly in the UK, most people will be delighted if they don't turn up...there will be boos like you've never heard, they are so badly regarded now," claimed royal biographer Angela Levin on Sky News Australia.

The comments come as a survey by WatchTVAbroad.com showed that a number of viewers would switch off if the Sussexes do attend.

[Read the full story here](#)

07:28 Catherine Meyer-Funnell

While Meghan Markle chose a British-based designer, Clare Waight Keller, to design her wedding dress in a nod to what was meant to be her new home, Princess Eugenie made a different decision for her bridal gown.

The Princess of York's wedding dress was created by two designers, one Austrian-Italian and the other Belgian-Peruvian.

Traditionally, UK royals have worn wedding designs by British brands.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex tied the knot on May 19, 2018, and royal fans eagerly anticipated the gown that Meghan would wear.

[Read the full story here](#)

07:11 Charlie Bradley

Good morning, we will be bringing you all the latest Royal Family news throughout the day.

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Section: News

Call to make **Harry's visa** forms public

CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN US Editor

PRINCE **Harry** is facing calls to have his US **visa** application made public, after admitting **drug** use.

The Duke of Sussex, 38, admitted in his autobiography Spare to taking cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms.

America's Heritage Foundation is behind the calls for **Harry's visa** application to be released.

The think-tank's director Mike Howell said it was in the public interest, as the admission meant the **visa** could be revoked.

It also raised questions of whether **Harry** was "properly vetted" before entering the US, he said.

Hundreds of people have US bans due to **drug** use. The US State Department said it could not discuss individual **visa** cases.

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Section: World

Coke use may be a **visa** blow for **Harry**

LOS ANGELES: Prince **Harry** is facing questions over whether he lied to enter the US after admitting to illegal **drug** use in his memoir Spare; with a government oversight group launching a new legal challenge over his **visa** application.

While it is unknown which immigration **visa** Prince **Harry** used to enter the US, his revelations of cocaine, magic mushroom and marijuana use could put his legal status in the country at risk if it was not declared to Homeland Security.

The new challenge to **Harry's** immigration status comes as he considers attending the King's coronation in the UK, placing his **visa** under additional scrutiny on a subsequent re-entry to the US.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative American think tank, said it had launched a legal dispute over the US State Department's refusal to release details of **Harry's visa** application.

Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project, said **Harry** either lied on his application, which can be rejected over **drug** use, or he received special treatment as a royal and celebrity, which would be illegal.

A US State Department spokesman said **visa** records were confidential under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

"Therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual **visa** cases," the spokesman said in an emailed statement.

Eyebrows were raised over **Harry's** legal status in the US after the release of Spare in January, and the subsequent media blitz that mined the depths of his **drug** use. He admitted to using cocaine from the age of 17, taking magic mushrooms at a celebrity party in California and smoking marijuana after his first date with Meghan Markle in 2016. **Harry's** memoir and public comments have been sent as a dossier by Mr Howell to the Department of Homeland Security, US Customs and Border Protection, and the US Citizenship Immigration Services as part of his bid to view **Harry's visa** application under freedom of information laws.

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Harry could get 'kicked out' of US if Republicans win next election, suggests royal expert
EXCLUSIVE: The Duke of Sussex will likely remain safe in the
US as long as a Democrat is in power, a royal expert has said.

Rosie Jempson

Prince **Harry** has been warned that he could be at risk of having his US **visa** revoked if Republicans win the next election, a royal expert claims. The Duke of Sussex, 38, has faced scrutiny since openly admitting to taking a list of illegal substances in his memoir, *Spare*, and in recent interviews, which officials have warned could jeopardise his **visa** status in the UK.

Royal expert Richard Palmer spoke to Daily Express about the likelihood of **Harry's visa** being revoked.

Reporter Pandora Forsyth asked Palmer if he felt there was any possibility of this happening, noting **Harry's** revelations of **drug** use.

He replied: "The US **visa** does have quite a strict no-**drugs** policy.

"What I do know to apply for a **visa** last year, the **visa** questionnaire runs to around 100 questions and they are very detailed about it."

Conservative think tank The Heritage Foundation is calling for **Harry's visa** application to be released so the American taxpayer can understand whether the Duke declared his **drug** use.

Prince William's Poland trip savagely mocked by Russia as they give him insulting nickname Prince William has been given a cruel nickname by Vladimir Putin as the future King made an unexpected visit to the Polish-Ukrainian border this week. The Russian leader's foreign ministry belittled the prince as merely being the "son of Charles", and have tried to use the opportunity to heighten tensions with the West, however the prince has been welcomed warmly on his trip by both Polish and Ukrainian supporters.

Read more [HERE](#).

US immigration law regards any failure to declare drug use to immigration officials a serious violation that can result in deportation and being permanently barred from applying for citizenship.

"It's not quite clear on what terms he is residing in the US at the moment but this group is saying he should basically be kicked out because he has admitted to being a **drug** user," Palmer noted.

"Is that going to happen in the near future? I very much doubt it.

"Not least because we have a Democrat president in charge."

READ MORE: Meghan left options open for blog relaunch before marrying **Harry**

He added: "But this particular group has been quite influential in the past. Particularly, I believe, when Ronald Reagan was President. I think he essentially followed its programme in the first few years he was president." So if the Republicans win the next election, perhaps this becomes more likely."

The right-wing think tank is arguing that US officials should release the details of the prince's application so Americans can see whether or not he was "properly vetted" before being allowed to enter the country.

Applicants for US **visas** are typically asked about their criminal history and **drug** use.

Harry admitted to using a range of substances including marijuana, mushrooms, and cocaine in his memoir Spare.

He wrote that he first took cocaine at the age of 17. He also said his use of marijuana and mushrooms helped him deal with past trauma.

Palmer said the call for **Harry's visa** to potentially be revoked, is "more evidence of the political divide in the US over this couple".

He added: "How they have become a touch paper of political differences between liberals, who are generally in favour and conservatives who really don't like them."

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Kate and William 'won't tell Sussexes anything' as 'everything for sale'
A royal columnist says the Prince and Princess of Wales are "terrified" of
giving Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, any information about...

Richard Ashmore,Alice Scarsi,Liam Doyle

A royal columnist says the Prince and Princess of Wales are "terrified" of giving Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, any information about the Coronation for fear of it being "for sale".

Kate, the Princess of Wales, and Prince William "won't tell anything" to the Sussexes about the upcoming Coronation plans because of fears "everything's for sale" when it comes to the Royal Family, a commentator has claimed. News Corp columnist Louise Roberts says everyone close to Prince Harry and Meghan is "terrified" given every indiscretion or every "aside comment" could be magnified for an American audience in order for the pair to make a profit.

Talking to Sky News Australia, Ms Roberts spoke about King Charles III's upcoming Coronation and discussion around recent issues relating to the Sussexes. She claimed Harry and Meghan are becoming "increasingly more outrageous in their claims". She said: "Who knows what they'll say after they leave the UK and go back to America after the Coronation. But the problem is that anyone who could be close to them, for example, William and Kate, won't tell them anything. Everyone's terrified, everything's for sale, every indiscretion or every aside comment could be magnified for an American audience in order to get them a profit."

THIS LIVE BLOG IS NOW CLOSED

22:45 Liam Doyle

An old clip reportedly shows the Duchess of Sussex in a "wobble" with a studio audience.

The then future royal, who was working as an actress at the time and writing for her now defunct blog The Tig, discussed her experiences and shared her knowledge of the industry.

Body language expert Judi James said that, after the pause and "no-questions wobble", the Duchess is quick to rebuild her brand.

Ms James said: "Meghan very deftly re-builds her brand via some name and event-dropping that puts her squarely back in A-list status again after the no-questions wobble,"

[Read more here](#)

21:59 Liam Doyle

Senior royals have experienced a popularity sink in the months following the release of Spare.

Approval ratings in the Royal Family's upper ranks have sunk to their lowest level in a year after the Duke of Sussex released his tell-all memoir, pollsters have found.

A survey conducted by Ipsos discovered that no senior royal was left untouched, with even the most popular, Prince William, having slipped 10 percent since December to 59 points.

The Princess Royal and Princess of Wales saw their popularity drop by seven and 11 points respectively.

The Royal family's overall approval has slipped to 47 percent, down six percent over the last 12 months.

21:09 Liam Doyle

Prince **Harry** could be "kicked out" of the US by Republicans if they retake the presidency in 2024, an expert has claimed.

Conservatives in the US are less than enthused about the Prince's admitted experimentation with **drugs**, with the Heritage Foundation calling for his visa application to be released.

Daily Express royal editor Richard Palmer said he is not likely to get "kicked out" any day soon, "not least", he said, because the country currently has a Democrat president.

He suggested that might change if a Republican takes President Joe Biden's place following the next election cycle in 2024.

Mr Palmer said the Heritage Foundation was "quite influential" during the Ronald Reagan presidency.

He said the President "essentially followed its programme in the first few years he was president".

Mr Palmer concluded: "If the Republicans win the next election perhaps [the Heritage Foundation getting their way] becomes more likely."

Read more here

19:20 Liam Doyle

Prince **Harry** is likely "in the clear" over his US **visa**, a royal expert has claimed.

The Duke of Sussex has come under fire for admitting that he has used cocaine, marijuana and psychedelics, including Ayahuasca.

While a conservative group has called for his application to be rejected, royal expert Rupert Bell said he is likely in the clear on this front due to a lack of criminal charges.

He said: "He hasn't had any criminal charges against him for taking drugs so therefore he's probably in the clear from that respect."

He conceded that his admitted drug experimentation is "not a good look for him in any sense of the imagination".

He added: "What he was up to and some of the stuff he comes up with regarding what drugs are helping him cope with his mental health issues."

[Read more here](#)

17:37 Liam Doyle

Blackadder and Time Team star Tony Robinson has revealed his early thoughts on King Charles III.

The actor and presenter has said that, while he is impressed by the King's record and his mother's service, he once thought he was a "bit of a twit".

He told Jane Garvey and Fi Glover on Times Radio's Off Air podcast that he was a former republican whose stance on the monarchy has softened after years of watching the royals work.

He told the presenters people have given "man of integrity" Charles "so much stick" over the years.

Mr Robinson said the King's early passions and outspoken championship of the environment seemed early on like a "mad old man talking to trees".

He added: "And now, an awful lot of what he said was profoundly prescient.

"And although I don't necessarily agree with him about modernist architecture, nevertheless, he was continually looking at the world around him."

[Read more here](#)

16:44 Liam Doyle

Prince William was spotted dining at an LGBT restaurant in Poland during his royal tour, offering a stark comparison to his brother's high-flying life in the US.

The Prince joined staff at the Butero Bistro in Warsaw today, where meals on offer cost less than £10, as he toured the country while proffering the UK's thanks for sending troops to Ukraine.

He opted for a Kanapka w chalce, a type of pulled pork sandwich costing just £7.37, and sat down with staffers, delighting locals.

One, posting a picture on social media, said that "Warsaw can surprise".

They added: "I ate dinner today with the Prince."

Prince Harry, on the other hand, was most recently pictured with his wife, Meghan Markle at the Polo Lounge at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

The high-profile location is known for its extravagance, and offers an \$85 , seafood risotto, 4oz wagyu steak for \$190 and an ounce of Imperial caviar for \$290 .

Read more here.

15:37 Liam Doyle

Princess Eugenie has a network of Hollywood friends with whom she can "party", a royal expert has said.

Speaking to Express.co.uk, Nick Ede, a TV presenter, said Eugenie's recent debut in LA has fuelled rumours she is considering a move stateside.

Mr Ede said she is already ingratiated with Hollywood celebrities.

He first brought up her mother's connections, stating Fergie is "big friends with Lisa Marie Presley".

The Princess and her sister Beatrice are thought to be friends with Karlie Kloss, the US supermodel who married Josh Kushner, the brother of Donald Trump's former son-in-law and adviser.

Other friends of Eugenie in the Hollywood elite include Demi Moore, who attended her 2018 wedding to Jack Brooksbank.

Liv Tyler, the actress who portrayed Arwen in Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings film series, is also reportedly a friend.

Royals like the Princess who spend less time in the public eye are free to "have fun and party" with these friends, Mr Ede added.

Read more here

15:23 Alice Scarsi

Meghan should have warned Prince **Harry** that revealing his past **drug** use could put his US **visa** status at risk, a royal biographer has said.

In his tell-all memoir Spare, **Harry** detailed his past use of cocaine, magic mushrooms and marijuana.

Now the Duke has been warned that his admission could see him booted out of America.

Conservative activists in the US are pushing for **Harry's visa** application to be made public as the future of his **visa** status looks uncertain.

Royal biographer Angela Levin claimed Meghan should have done more to prevent her husband from speaking out on the matter.

Speaking to GB News' Dan Wootton, she said: "I don't understand why his wife didn't warn him."

Read the full story here

14:22 Alice Scarsi

The Princess of Wales is a proud mother-of-three, with Prince Louis being her youngest child.

The three young royals are often kept out of the spotlight with some occasional royal appearances scheduled.

The four-year-old has shared some special moments with his mother whilst out on royal engagements.

Express.co.uk took a look at some of those special mother-and-son moments.

See them here

14:02 Alice Scarsi

Prince William had a meal at an LGBTQ+ restaurant last night, a move which was seen by a local as a "valuable" gesture of support for the community amid the crackdown on its rights it is experiencing in Poland.

The Prince of Wales amazed fellow diners as he was spotted at the Butero Bistro in Warsaw on his first evening in Poland.

Read the full story here

12:49 Alice Scarsi

A left-wing French politician has issued a warning to King Charles ahead of his visit to Paris on Sunday.

The King and Camilla, Queen Consort, are planning a three-day State Visit to France before moving on to Germany.

But Paris has been plagued with night-time riots and protests after President Emmanuel Macron decided to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64 without a parliamentary vote - and millions are set to gather next week.

A lavish banquet was due to take place on Monday at the Palace of Versailles - with the event aimed at being the highlight of the monarch's trip to France. However, it is believed to have been moved.

Jean-Luc Melenchon, a regular presidential candidate and leader of the France Unbowed party, warned Charles that "it's not the right time" for a State Visit.

Read the full story here

11:54 Alice Scarsi

Prince William confirmed through his spokesman Poland's President Duda and his wife have been invited to the Coronation of King Charles - and will be in attendance.

The prince's spokesman, speaking after William met President Duda in Warsaw, said: "The Prince said he was very much looking forward to seeing the President and first lady at the Coronation. He also thanked him for attending the late Queen's funeral."

Read more here

11:20 Alice Scarsi

The King is following a familiar footprint as he battles to include Prince Harry and Meghan in family events, a royal commentator has said.

His Majesty had the Duke and Duchess of Sussex added to the guest list for his Coronation, but the couple has yet to confirm whether they will attend.

Author Gareth Russell said the invite should not come as a surprise as the King has a "track record" for trying to broker deals between feuding sides of the Royal Family.

[Read the full story here](#)

10:31 Alice Scarsi

Prince William is continuing his trip to Poland. This morning, he stepped out in Warsaw to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

This floral arrangement featured the white feathers of the Prince of Wales and was first used by William in November, when he attended for the first time in his new royal role the National Service of Remembrance.

The wreath also included a message penned by the royal, which read: "In memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice".

The heir to the throne echoed his grandparents Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, who in 1996 visited the site and also laid a wreath to pay tribute to the fallen.

[Read the full story here](#)

08:59 Alice Scarsi

Prince Philip once "terrified" Secret Service agents protecting Barack Obama on a state visit to the UK.

The late Duke of Edinburgh, never one to shy away from fun and good humour, asked Mr Obama, his wife Michelle and their security detail to pile into his Range Rover.

It was the only time the Democrat president and First Lady were driven by someone other than security detail while working.

[Read the full story here](#)

08:15 Alice Scarsi

Sarah Ferguson, while promoting her upcoming novel *A Most Intriguing Lady*, spoke to Access Hollywood where she was asked about her "favourite guilty junk food pleasure".

Royal fans pointed out Sarah's choice wasn't the usual "ice cream or chocolate" most people name when speaking about junk food.

Sarah told the reporter: "OK, ready? Baked potato."

The reporter asked: "What do you put on it? Do you do the bacon, the sour cream, the butter?"

The Duchess nodded and said: "Butter." But then, Sarah shocked the reporter by saying "mayonnaise".

The reporter sounded surprised and added: "Mayonnaise? On your baked potato?" Fergie simply said: "Yeah, yeah! Mayonnaise, butter, cheese, and really crispy skin."

[Read the full story here](#)

07:35 Alice Scarsi

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex may still have "plenty of time" before they need to confirm whether they will travel across the Atlantic to attend the Coronation of King Charles, an expert said.

Dr George Gross, visiting research fellow in Theology at King's College London, said that, unless the official invitations sent presented a set RSVP deadline after which guests can no longer express their wish to attend, Meghan and Prince Harry don't need to be in a hurry to make up their mind about heading to Westminster Abbey for the historic event.

He told Express.co.uk: "In a bygone era, if we're going back to the Tudors and the Stewards, if you received a summons to the Coronation, attendance wasn't optional, you couldn't say 'I'm not free', you'd attend. But obviously in the 20th and 21st century, things have been different.

"Given that we don't really know that all the formal invitations have gone out yet, I think they've still got plenty of time."

[Read the full story here](#)

07:30 Alice Scarsi

Good morning from London. I'm Alice Scarsi, I'll be bringing you all the latest developments on the Royal Family. Please feel free to get in touch with me as I work if you have a story or tips to share! Your thoughts are always welcome.

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King Charles follows 'track record' to bring **Harry** and Meghan back into royal fold
The King has extended Prince **Harry** and Meghan, the Duchess of
Sussex an olive branch by inviting the couple to his Coronation.

Aurora Bosotti

The King is following a familiar footprint as he battles to include Prince **Harry** and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex in family events, a royal commentator has said. His Majesty had the Duke and Duchess of Sussex added to the guest list for his Coronation, but the couple has yet to confirm whether they will attend. Author Gareth Russell said the invite should not come as a surprise as the King has a "track record" for trying to broker deals between feuding sides of the Royal Family.

Speaking to US Weekly, Russell said: "This has been a recurring theme in his life, actually. I found out that in the late 1960s, and early 1970s, when Charles was still pretty young, he was one of the only members of the Royal Family who was prepared to go over to Paris to visit his great-uncle, Edward VIII, and Wallis Simpson.

"He said to the Queen Mother and to the Queen, 'I think we should try to build bridges between this side of the family.'"

"He thought his great-uncle and aunt should be brought back into the fold a bit.

"So there is a past track record of Charles doing things like this and, in that sense, it tracks as consistent with what we know of him as a person."

JUST IN: Meghan and Prince **Harry** 'still have plenty of time' to accept King's Coronation invite

Prince **Harry** warned **drug** use could 'bite him on the butt' after US **visa** threat Prince **Harry's drug** use could "come back and bite him on the butt" in the 38-year-old's US **visa** row, a royal commentator has claimed. The 38-year-old is also facing fresh scrutiny after a request was submitted to release his **visa** application.

Find out more [HERE](#).

Following his abdication in 1936, Edward VIII moved to France and quickly married his long-time lover, Wallis Simpson.

The former king took on the title of Duke of Windsor and spent the majority of the rest of his life in de facto exile abroad.

The couple did briefly return to the UK on several occasions over the decades, but never quite reconciled with the Royal Family.

Russell argued the Coronation invitation could also prove to be a wise PR move from the King.

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Speaking to the Royally US podcast, he added: "I also think you catch more with honey than vinegar. If one side, rightly or wrongly, is perceived as being the side that complains and has had a real run of publicity, of interviews that are stating the same thing then a very sensible PR move is for you to say nothing.

"Or when you say something, to say something positive so I think it's a mixture of personal and pragmatism that has prompted him to do that."

A spokesperson for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex said earlier this month the couple would not yet confirm if they will be returning to the UK to attend the Coronation.

It has since emerged Harry and Meghan made a series of demands for the Palace to meet before they guarantee they will attend.

Among the alleged requests is for them to appear alongside the rest of the Royal Family on the balcony of Buckingham Palace following the ceremony.

But the King has been tipped to follow in the footsteps of the late Queen and limit the traditional outing to only his direct heir, Prince William, and his family.

During Her late Majesty's last appearance at the Palace, she only had then-Prince Charles with his wife Camilla, the then Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and their three children.

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Meghan Markle 'should have warned' Prince **Harry** about **drug** use **visa** risk
A Prince **Harry** biographer lashed out at Meghan Markle for not
warning the Duke about his past **drug** use putting his US **visa** at risk.

Dylan Donnelly

Meghan Markle should have warned Prince **Harry** that revealing his past **drug** use could put his US **visa** status at risk, a royal biographer has said. In his tell-all memoir Spare, **Harry** detailed his past use of cocaine, magic mushrooms and marijuana. Now the Duke has been warned that his admission could see him booted out of America.

Conservative activists in the US are pushing for **Harry's visa** application to be made public as the future of his **visa** status looks uncertain.

Royal biographer Angela Levin says Meghan should have done more to prevent her husband from speaking out on the matter.

Speaking to GB News' Dan Wootton, she said: "I don't understand why his wife didn't warn him."

The royal expert added: "He talked to her about everything he was going to say. She is in charge as we both know.

Prince **Harry's** Coronation 'request' questioned as Duke missed Archie's birthday last year
Royal fans have taken to Twitter to point out Prince **Harry** wasn't at home for the whole day when Prince Archie Harrison turned three in May 2022.

This comes after it was claimed the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have asked for the fourth birthday of their son, which falls on the day of King Charles's Coronation, to be acknowledged in some way before they decide whether to attend the historic event.

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"She didn't say 'be careful, because if you talk too much about the **drugs**, you might be in trouble'.

"Why she left him alone on this, I feel quite concerned about.

"The mental health guru who was talking to him should have said beforehand, 'don't talk about the **drugs**'.

"He made his life extremely difficult."

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According to the US' immigration law, people who have admitted to **drug** offences are not eligible for a **visa**.

In Spare, and in interviews promoting the book, **Harry** admitted to using cocaine as a teenager.

The royal described trying the **drug** at a hunting weekend party in order to feel something different, and also told ITV's Tom Brady that it was "important to acknowledge" his use of the Class A **drug**.

Following **Harry's drug** claims, the conservative-leaning Heritage Foundation called for his **visa** application to be released so American taxpayers can see if the father-of-two declared his **drug** use.

Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project, said: "This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince **Harry's visa** for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's **drug** use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States."

Despite the request, a US State Department spokesman said: "**Visa** records are confidential under Section 222 of the Immigration and Nationality Act ; therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual **visa** cases."

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Prince **Harry** could be deported and lose his **visa** in the U.S.

Prince **Harry**, Duke of Sussex, could face losing his U.S. immigration status, being deported from the country and losing his **visa**. An immigration lawyer has filed a lawsuit challenging the validity of the prince's current **visa**.

The lawsuit is based on the revelation in his autobiographical book "Spare" of **Harry's drug** use, which legal experts say could have been grounds for denying him a **visa**.

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The Heritage Foundation, a conservative association, has demanded that Prince **Harry's** U.S. **visa** application be made public. Mike Howell, the organization's director of Oversight, argues that publication of the **visa** application is in the public interest and could help taxpayers understand whether the prince declared his **drug** use.

Adding to that, there are concerns about whether **Harry** was properly vetted before entering the United States.

It is unclear whether the Department of Homeland Security complied with the law by admitting Prince **Harry** into the country without a waiver or interview with Customs and Border Protection to assess whether, given his background, he was admissible to the United States.

U.S. immigration policies have strict laws and severe penalties for those who lie to officials. Many British citizens have been banned from entering the United States because of their **drug** abuse.

The Heritage Foundation argues that if immigration officials knew about **Harry's drug** use, his case raises questions about whether he received special treatment because of his royal status and his wife's celebrity status, which they insist would be illegal.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex moved to the United States in March 2020 and have since resided at their home in Montecito, California, with their two young children.

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Prince **Harry** could lose U.S. **visa** for admitting **drug** use

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Although Prince **Harry** wrote his memoirs with honesty, one would not expect it to get such a bad reception. In addition to having earned the criticism of war veterans, now his own U.S. **visa** could be denied, after he admitted in the book "Spare" to having used **drugs**.

According to statements given to the Daily Mail by expert lawyers on the subject, the fact that she is royalty does not exempt her from losing her **visa**, should her statements prove to be true. In the book she explained that she had used cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms, mainly to deal with her emotional problems.

Following his statements, he has been asked to publish his U.S. **visa** application to confirm whether he admitted to **drug** use before immigrating to California in 2020.

According to the words given by the Heritage Foundation, his **visa** application would have to be accessible for the American taxpayer to come to understand whether **Harry** declared his **drug** use. American immigration law tends to be incredibly harsh in the immigration process; lying to officials carries penalties such as deportation or a ban on applying for citizenship.

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In the words of former federal prosecutor Neema Rahmani, "Admission of **drug** use is generally grounds for inadmissibility. That means Prince **Harry's visa** should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other **drugs**. There is no exception for recreational use."

Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project, clarified, "This request is in the public interest in light of the possible revocation of Prince **Harry's visa** for illicit substance use and further questions about the Prince's **drug** use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States."

The Heritage Foundation suggests that if border officials knew about the issue, it raises a big question: Was **Harry** free of any penalties just because he was a royal? If that were true, the same officials would end up fined.

But it is complicated to know the situation because it is not even known what kind of **visa** he received, according to the Daily Mail. Generally, the question U.K. tourists receive when applying for a **visa** through the ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) application is "Have you ever broken any laws relating to the possession, use or distribution of illegal **drugs**?"

So far, no further details are available due to the U.S. State Department's confidentiality regarding individual **visa** cases.

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Prince **Harry** is facing a 'serious problem' after confessing he took **drugs** on US soil
Prince **Harry** described taking **drugs** in the US in his tell-all memoir Spare,
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Prince **Harry** described taking **drugs** in the US in his tell-all memoir Spare, prompting headlines but also questions about the Duke's **visa**, which an expert has addressed.

Prince **Harry** could have a "serious problem" after he shared he took **drugs** while in the US, a royal correspondent said. Under US immigration law, people who admitted to taking **drugs** are not eligible for **visas**.

But **Harry** is described in Spare smoking cannabis with Tyler Perry and taking magic mushrooms at Courtney Cox's house, all of which he claimed took place in America.

Now, royal journalist Robert Jobson has said that if **Harry** lied on his **visa** application, he could have a "really serious problem"

He said he found out "very early on" when he and photographer Arthur Edwards "had been filling out forms to go to America" that **drugs** can bar you from entering the US.

"On it, it's pretty damn clear 'have you taken **drugs**' and all these things, and basically, if you have, you haven't got a prayer of getting a **visa**," he said.

TalkTV's Sarah Hewson then suggested that either **Harry** has "lied or he's been given special treatment".

Jobson then told the broadcaster: "If he's lied on the form that would be a really serious problem for him.

"We know he's the husband of an American citizen and that's fine but you know he's gone public with saying he's taken all this stuff, and he can say 'well I haven't done it since' but €!"

After Hewson and commentator Emily Andrews noted **Harry** admitting to taking **drugs** in America, Jobson added: "There's not been an awful lot of thought gone into this, but the fact is that if that form has been signed and he's lied on it, he has got a problem."

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Conservatives in America have pushed for **Harry's visa** application to be made public.

According to the US' immigration law, people who have admitted to **drug** offences are not eligible for a **visa**.

In Spare, and in interviews promoting the book, **Harry** admitted to using cocaine as a teenager.

The royal described trying the **drug** at a hunting weekend party in order to feel something different, and also told ITV's Tom Brady that it was "important to acknowledge" his use of **drugs**.

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Prince **Harry** likely got a 'special deal' over US **visa** as he's 'somebody important'
Prince **Harry's** US **visa** is under scrutiny after the Duke revealed in his memoir that he had previously experimented with a number of illegal substan...

Rosie Jempson

Prince **Harry's** US **visa** is under scrutiny after the Duke revealed in his memoir that he had previously experimented with a number of illegal substances.

The Duke of Sussex is unlikely to see his US **visa** revoked over his admission of past **drug** use as he is "somebody important" and therefore probably struck a "special deal", a royal expert claims. It comes after critics are calling for his **visa** application documents to be made public over concerns he lied on the forms.

A top lawyer has warned **Harry** that there is "no exception for royalty" when it comes to an admission of **drug** use, which is usually grounds for inadmissibility of a US **visa**.

Former federal prosecutor Neama Rahmani said: "That means Prince **Harry's visa** should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other **drugs**."

However, royal photographer Arthur Edwards disagrees with this assessment, suggesting that **Harry** won't need to worry unless a state department official says it is a problem.

He explained: "I think the fact a lawyer said it, is all you need to know. I think when someone in the state department says it, you've got to worry."

Five ways Prince Harry and Meghan will be treated different to other royals at Coronation Prince Harry and Meghan Markle have been invited to the King's forthcoming Coronation in May.

If the pair do accept their invite, they are set to have a very different experience to other members of the Royal Family.

Here are the five ways Harry and Meghan will be treated differently from other royals at the Coronation.

"I think Harry's going to be safe here. It's not going to be a problem."

He said this is because Harry is "somebody important".

Edwards added: "He'll have had a special deal done, I'm sure. After all, he was a prince of the realm here.

"He's somebody important here and he would be treated like that."

He reiterated: "And a lawyer said it, that's a lawyer talking. But it's when it's someone from the state department says it, that's when you need to worry."

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The Duke's past **drug** use came under the spotlight after right-wing Heritage Foundation launched a campaign to pressure authorities into releasing details of **Harry's** original **visa** application.

Harry is taking heat as a result of the campaign, with royal editor Robert Jobson, telling TalkTV: "If he's lied on the forms, that will be a very serious problem for him.

"We know he's the husband of an American citizen and that's fine but he's gone public saying he's taken all this stuff.."

Royal commentator Emily Andrews cut in: "And he said he's done it in America as well - at Courtney Cox's house. And smoking cannabis while he was at Tyler Perry's house."

Mr Jobson replied: "It's not great. You know, there's not been an awful lot of thought gone into this but the fact is, if that form has been signed and he's lied, he has got a problem."

There has so far been no public comment made by American officials over whether the Duke's **visa** could be revoked.

Speaking to renowned therapist Dr Gabor Maté; earlier this month, **Harry** said he started taking **drugs** "recreationally" to handle his traumas and "pains of the past."

The Duke said: "It was the cleaning of the windscreen, the removal of life's filters — these layers of filters — it removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, relief, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold back for a period of time."

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Prince **Harry** likely 'in the clear' over US **visa** but still 'not a good look' in America
Prince **Harry** is facing scrutiny from a US-based conservative think-tank
that's demanding the release of his **visa** application following the Duke's a...

Matthew Dooley

Prince **Harry** is facing scrutiny from a US-based conservative think-tank that's demanding the release of his **visa** application following the Duke's admission of past **drug** use.

Prince **Harry** is likely "in the clear" over his US **visa**, however, his **drug** use is "not a good look", according to a royal commentator. The Duke has come under fire for admitting to using cocaine, marijuana and psychedelics and one conservative group is demanding to see his **visa** application to make sure the Prince was "properly vetted".

The demand has sparked uproar with many speculating Prince **Harry** might be deported, however, royal expert Rupert Bell isn't so sure.

"He hasn't had any criminal charges against him for taking **drugs** so therefore he's probably in the clear from that respect," said Mr Bell.

He added: "Look, it's not a good look for him in any sense of the imagination what he was up to and some of the stuff he comes up with regarding what **drugs** are helping him cope with his mental health issues."

However, Mr Bell argued that alone was likely not enough for **Harry's** next US **visa** application to be denied, something which would see the California-based Prince sent back to Britain.

Prince **Harry** could have his **visa** revoked' after admitting to using drugs Prince **Harry** could see his **visa** revoked after admitting to using **drugs** in a televised therapy session, Piers Morgan pointed out.

Speaking to famed therapist Dr Gabor Mate for his programme The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture, Prince **Harry** said he started using **drugs** after realising they helped him cope with his trauma.

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Speaking on TalkTV, Mr Bell said: "In terms of his status in the States, I can't see that being changed. Now, clearly, some people might say 'You're taking it absolutely by the letter of the law' [and] he may have made a mistake but actually I don't think that the law will be upheld."

The uproar over Prince **Harry's visa** emerged as the conservative think-tank The Heritage Foundation demanded that the US Government reveal the Duke's application.

"This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince **Harry's visa** for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's **drug** use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States," Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project told the Daily Mail.

Prince **Harry** admitted to taking cocaine, marijuana and psychedelics in his memoir Spare and several TV interviews including a livestreamed therapy session with trauma expert Dr Gabor Maté;

Dr Maté is an outspoken proponent of decriminalising **drugs** and has used the Amazonian hallucinogen ayahuasca to treat patients suffering from mental health issues.

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During his session with **Harry**, the Duke said that cocaine "didn't do anything for me" and was more of a "social thing" but the Prince lauded marijuana and psychedelics which he said had helped him.

Those applying for US **visas** are typically asked about their past criminal history and **drug** use. Although **Harry** has lived in the US for nearly three years, he could face scrutiny when applying for his next **visa**.

In addition, if he lied on his original **visa** application he could potentially be deported from the US and barred from applying for US citizenship. It has been speculated that **Harry** is on an O-1 **visa** for people with an "extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics" or an "extraordinary achievement in motion picture or television industry".

That **visa** typically runs out after three years, meaning the Duke may need to apply for a new one in the near future. **Harry** is married to American actress Meghan Markle while his daughter, Princess Lilibet Diana, would have US citizenship automatically as she was born in America. Prince Archie Harrison most likely is eligible for US citizenship through his mother.

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Prince **Harry** may have to 'pack bags and move back to UK' after **drug** revelations
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By, **Harry** Thompson

The Duke of Sussex could be in trouble if a request from a right-wing think tank to see his **visa** application is upheld, as anger over his **drug** use continues in the US

Prince **Harry** may have to "pack his bags" and head back to the UK as a **visa** row breaks out over his **drug** use.

The Duke of Sussex has openly admitted to using **drugs** ranging from cocaine to cannabis and psychedelics both on TV and in his explosive memoir Spare.

Royal experts have now claimed that the Prince could be in trouble when it comes to his **visa**, with a possibility that the way in which he obtained it is illegal.

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Christina Garibaldi, host of the Royally Us podcast discussed the issue in the latest episode following demands to see **Harry's** **visa** application from conservative think tank The Heritage Foundation.

"This might be illegal, he might have to pack his bags and move back home," she said.

"I can't imagine if Prince **Harry** gets deported, what a drama it would be. You know, this is true."

She continued: "When you apply for a **visa** you sort of have to prove that you are a really upstanding citizen, that there's no chance you're going to be in any trouble in your new country.

"You do have to declare that you've never taken part in illegal substances. I do wonder how Prince **Harry** answered that question."

Criminal activity is a major factor in the **visa** application process and discovery that he had lied would likely lead to deportation.

His admission could also impact future applications.

The right-wing outfit is now baying for blood over the matter with a desire to see the application based on hopes of checking he was "properly vetted" before entering the US.

Speaking to the Daily Mail , Mike Howell, director of the foundation's Oversight Project said: "This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince **Harry's visa** for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's **drug** use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States".

The Prince may also be in need of renewing his **visa**, with them typically expiring after three years.

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Prince Harry warned drug use could 'bite him on the butt' after US visa threat

The Duke of Sussex said he has taken several illicit substances during interviews ahead of the release of his memoir, *Spare*.

Prince Harry's at risk of deportation over drug use

Prince Harry ([/latest/prince-harry](#))'s drug use could "come back and bite him on the butt" in the 38-year-old's US visa row, a royal ([/latest/royal-family](#)) commentator has claimed. The 38-year-old is also facing fresh scrutiny after a request was submitted to release his visa application.

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The Duke of Sussex's visa scrutiny was discussed by Christine Ross and Christina Garibaldi on the Royally US podcast.

Ms Ross said: "I can't imagine if [Prince Harry \(https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry\)](https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry) gets deported. What a drama that would be.

"You know, this is true, when you apply for a visa application you have to sort of prove that you're a really upstanding citizen, there is no chance you're going to be in trouble in your new country and you have to declare that you've never taken part in illegal substances.

"I do wonder how [Prince Harry \(https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry\)](https://www.express.co.uk/latest/prince-harry) answered that question and that's what they're calling for here."

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'Public has a right to know': Meet the lawyer scrutinising Harry's visa over drug use

A US lawyer is demanding the release of Prince Harry's visa application over concerns he was given "preferential treatment" into the US following the Duke's recent admissions about his past drug use. The Duke of Sussex revealed in his tell-all memoir, Spare, and in recent TV interviews that he had taken cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms in the past.

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She added: "This will be an interesting story to see how it play out.

"I'm not sure that this is a good look for [Prince Harry](#) (</latest/prince-harry>)."

Ms Garibaldi responded: "This can come back and bite him in the butt.

"This cannot be a good thing.

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Prince Harry relocated to Montecito in California with his wife and children. (Image: Getty)

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The Heritage Foundation is calling for Prince Harry's visa application to be released. (Image: Getty)

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Prince **Harry** warned **drug** use could 'bite him on the butt' after US **visa** threat
The Duke of Sussex said he has taken several illicit substances
during interviews ahead of the release of his memoir Spare.

Jack Walters

Prince **Harry's drug** use could "come back and bite him on the butt" in the 38-year-old's US **visa** row, a royal commentator has claimed. The 38-year-old is also facing fresh scrutiny after a request was submitted to release his **visa** application.

The Duke of Sussex's **visa** scrutiny was discussed by Christine Ross and Christina Garibaldi on the Royally US podcast.

Ms Ross said: "I can't imagine if Prince **Harry** gets deported. What a drama that would be.

"You know, this is true, when you apply for a **visa** application you have to sort of prove that you're a really upstanding citizen, there is no chance you're going to be in trouble in your new country and you have to declare that you've never taken part in illegal substances.

"I do wonder how Prince **Harry** answered that question and that's what they're calling for here."

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'Public has a right to know': Meet the lawyer scrutinising **Harry's visa** over **drug** use
A US lawyer is demanding the release of Prince **Harry's visa** application over concerns he was given "preferential treatment" into the US following the Duke's recent admissions about his past **drug** use. The Duke of Sussex revealed in his tell-all memoir, Spare, and in recent TV interviews that he had taken cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms in the past.

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She added: "This will be an interesting story to see how it plays out.

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Prince Henry could be deported from U.S. if he lied to get **visa**

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Not only has he come clean in his voluminous and explosive memoir, 'In the Shadows', but Prince **Harry** has continued to provide details about his past with **drugs** in various interviews and television appearances. The latest, earlier this month, sitting on the couch of controversial doctor Gabor Maté, who is prosecuted in Canada for using psychedelic **drugs** on his patients, he blurted out, "I started using **drugs** recreationally and discovered how good they were for me ." This kind of statement has caused a stir among anti-**drug** activists in the UK . And now, in addition, another association is looking closely at whether the youngest son of King Charles III lied to obtain his **visa**, which would be grounds for his deportation.

The Heritage Foundation , a U.S. conservative foundation based in Washington DC, wants U.S. authorities to make the Duke of Sussex's **visa** application public to determine whether he was asked to disclose any **drug** use. In his memoirs, the 'royal' describes in detail his experience with various substances. He claims to have tried cocaine, cannabis and hallucinogenic mushrooms . He says that his first contact with coke was a weekend at the age of 17, although later he repeated several times.

Conservative foundation

He also admits taking hallucinogenic drugs at a celebrity event in California and smoking cannabis after his first date with Meghan Markle . He even doesn't blush to explain that after trying hallucinogenic mushrooms he ended up conversing with furniture. "It wasn't much fun, it didn't make me feel happy, but it made me feel different," he writes.

Mike Howell, director of the foundation's Oversight Project, has told the 'Daily Mail', "This request is in the public interest in light of the possible revocation of Prince Henry's **visa** for illicit substance use, about whether he was asked about this issue and whether he was properly vetted before entering the US."

Possible deportation

This type of information about **drugs** and narcotics is asked in the questionnaire to obtain the certificate. The U.S. Immigration Department has one of the stiffest penalties for lying on such an application. So much so that if someone is caught making falsehoods, they are subject to possible deportation and prevented from applying for citizenship.

The prince has resided in the U.S. since 2020, after he and his wife, Meghan Markle, decided to abandon their duties as members of the British royal family. After a brief period in Canada, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex moved to a mansion in Montecito (California), where they live with their two children, Archie Harrison (3) and Lili Diana (1), and developing their professional career (mainly focused on the media, series, documentaries, books..., and through their charitable foundation).

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Príncipe **Harry** podría ser deportado y perder su **visa** en Estados Unidos

Elizabeth Flores

El príncipe **Harry**, duque de Sussex, podría enfrentar la pérdida de su estatus migratorio en Estados Unidos, ser deportado del país y perder su **visa**. Un abogado de inmigración ha presentado una demanda que cuestiona la validez de la **visa** actual del príncipe.

La demanda se basa en la revelación en su libro autobiográfico "Spare" del uso de drogas por parte de **Harry**, lo que según expertos legales podría haber sido motivo para negarle la **visa**.

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The Heritage Foundation, una asociación conservadora, ha exigido que la solicitud de **visa** estadounidense del Príncipe **Harry** se haga pública. Mike Howell, director de Supervisión de la organización, argumenta que la publicación de la solicitud de **visa** es de interés público y podría ayudar a los contribuyentes a comprender si el príncipe declaró su uso de drogas.

A eso se suma que hay preocupaciones sobre si **Harry** fue investigado adecuadamente antes de ingresar a los Estados Unidos.

No está claro si el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional cumplió con la ley al admitir al príncipe **Harry** en el país sin una renuncia o entrevista con la Oficina de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza para evaluar si, dado su historial, era admisible en Estados Unidos.

Las políticas de inmigración de Estados Unidos tienen leyes estrictas y sanciones severas para quienes mienten a los funcionarios. A muchos ciudadanos británicos se les ha prohibido la entrada a los Estados Unidos debido a su uso indebido de drogas.

The Heritage Foundation argumenta que si los funcionarios de migración sabían sobre el uso de drogas de **Harry**, su caso plantea dudas sobre si recibió un trato especial debido a su estatus real y el estatus de celebridad de su esposa, lo que insisten sería ilegal.

Los duques de Sussex se mudaron a Estados Unidos en marzo de 2020 y desde entonces residen en su casa en Montecito, California, con sus dos hijos pequeños.

Príncipe **Harry** rompe el silencio, se siente devastado por dejar el cargo

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'There's no exception for royalty': Lawyer warns Prince Harry's drug use could threaten his US visa after he admitted taking cocaine, cannabis and ...

Mark Duell Martin Robinson for MailOnline

'There's no exception for royalty': Lawyer warns Prince **Harry's drug** use could threaten his US **visa** after he admitted taking cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms in his memoir and TV interviews

Prince **Harry's** admission of **drug** taking could threaten his US **visa**, an American lawyer has warned as he insisted there was 'no exception for royalty'.

Duke of Sussex is now facing calls for his US **visa** application to be released Ex-prosecutor says 'admission of **drug** use is usually grounds for inadmissibility' But other lawyers say **Harry's** admissions wouldn't be enough for a probe

The Duke of Sussex revealed in his bombshell memoir Spare and TV interviews that he had taken cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms in the past.

MailOnline yesterday revealed how the duke is now facing calls for his US visa application to be released to see whether he admitted his drug use before emigrating to California with Meghan Markle in 2020.

A conservative think-tank is in the middle of a battle with Washington DC officials who are staunchly refusing to publish any details - including any texts or emails.

The DC-based Heritage Foundation says his **visa** application must now be released so the American taxpayer can understand whether **Harry** declared his **drug** use.

US immigration law has harsh penalties for lying to immigration officials, including deportation and being barred from applying for citizenship.

Former federal prosecutor Neema Rahmani told Page Six last night: 'An admission of **drug** use is usually grounds for inadmissibility.

'That means Prince **Harry's visa** should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other **drugs**.'

Mr Rahmani, president of West Coast Trial Lawyers which is based in Los Angeles, added that there was 'no exception for royalty or recreational use'.

Can drug users be banned from visiting the United States?

US officials can stop foreigners who have committed **drugs** offences entering the country even if they have never been arrested and charged by police.

Under US rules, suspected **drug** abusers applying for a **visa** may be required to answer additional medical history questions and also take a medical exam to prove that they are not still a **drug** abuser before being allowed to enter the country.

In high-profile cases where celebrities who are known to have taken **drugs** want to come to America, they have been invited into the US embassy in London to take a **drugs** test.

Pete Doherty was famously banned from the US due to **drug**-related arrests.

In 2014 chef Nigella Lawson was banned from flying to the US because she confessed to taking **drugs**.

But Texas-based immigration lawyer Sam Adair told Page Six that it was 'unlikely that these admissions will present a problem' because there have been no criminal convictions.

And attorney James Leonard told the publication that revealing in a book that 'you experimented with **drugs** when you were a young man' would not be enough for immigration officials to launch an investigation into **Harry's** status.

It is not known exactly what questions **Harry** was asked when applying for his US **visa**, because it is not yet clear which **visa** he received. However, the question on the ESTA application which most UK tourists would use is: 'Have you ever violated any law related to possessing, using or distributing illegal **drugs**?'

In Spare and the TV interviews that followed, **Harry** admitted taking cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms.

He said marijuana and psychedelics 'really helped' with his 'trauma' while cocaine was more a 'social thing'.

The Heritage Foundation has now called for his **visa** application to be released.

Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project, said: 'This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince **Harry's visa** for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's **drug** use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States'.

Experts have insisted US **visa** applications would usually be thrown out if there is any history of **drug** use.

The Heritage Foundation says if border officials did know, **Harry's** case raises questions over whether he was given special treatment because he is a prince and his wife is a TV star, which they insist would be illegal.

MailOnline has approached representatives for Prince **Harry** for comment.

A US State Department spokesman said: '**Visa** records are confidential under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA); therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual **visa** cases'.

In his autobiography Spare, **Harry** revealed that he first took cocaine on a shooting weekend at age 17. He did a 'few more lines' on other occasions.

He also admitted to hallucinating during a celebrity-filled event in California and smoking cannabis after his first date with Meghan.

He also spoke about his 'positive' experience of psychedelic drug ayahuasca saying it 'brought me a sense of relaxation, release, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold on to for a period of time'.

The duke, 38, made the comments in an interview with therapist Dr Gabor Maté, an outspoken supporter of decriminalising drugs who has allegedly used Amazonian plant ayahuasca to treat patients suffering from mental illness.

Harry told him: '(Cocaine) didn't do anything for me, it was more a social thing and gave me a sense of belonging for sure, I think it probably also made me feel different to the way I was feeling, which was kind of the point.

READ MORE - British tourist 'banned from the US for 10 years after LA customs officials found a text message about taking cocaine on her mobile phone'

In 2019, a British tourist claimed to have been banned from the USA for 10 years after admitting snorting a line of cocaine two years prior.

Isabella Brazier-Jones, 28, flew from London to Los Angeles with her friend Olivia Cura, 26, where they planned to embark on the trip of their dreams.

But when quizzed by immigration officials about the length of their stay, they found a text message on her phone that referred to cocaine.

They asked Ms Brazier-Jones, who is from Wimbledon in south-west London, whether she had ever taken the Class A drug and she confessed to having a line in 2017.

She was immediately thrown in a jail cell and made to wait for 24 hours before being shipped back to Britain, the aspiring actress said.

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'Marijuana is different, that actually really did help me.'

Fiona Spargo-Mabbs, who launched a **drugs** education charity in her son Daniel's name after he died of an accidental MDMA overdose aged 16, said the duke's comments were 'concerning'.

It has long been speculated that **Harry** could be working in the US on a fast track **visa** handed to people with 'extraordinary ability' - known as a O-1 **visa**.

The O-1, also used by Canadian singer Justin Bieber and Australian actor Hugh Jackman, last for three years, meaning that **Harry's** renewal could be due with weeks.

Following the release of Spare in January, where the exiled royal revealed regular **drug** use, immigration experts warned he may have put his **visa** 'at risk' after admitting about his illicit **drug** use.

And the The Heritage Foundation, which took a leading role in the conservative movement during the presidency of Ronald Reagan and had a major influence on Donald Trump's administration, has now asked for the release of his **visa** application demanding to know if **Harry** was 'properly vetted' before coming to America.

The group also wants to know if he admitted to officials that he took **drugs**, which immigration experts note meant he should have been denied residency in the US if he failed to disclose his narcotics usage during the application process.

The Heritage Foundation has also compiled a dossier of evidence, including **Harry's** own admissions in his memoir and various TV interviews about taking cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms.

This has all been sent to the Department of Homeland Security, US Customs/Border Protection and US Citizenship Immigration Services to bolster their freedom of information request.

US officials have so far refused to release his visa application, citing 'privacy' concerns, but Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Oversight Project, insists it is in the 'public interest' to know how Harry's case was handled and has appealed the decision.

Mr Howell has also demanded to see any emails, texts, WhatsApps or other correspondence related to Harry's visa to ensure public confidence in how it was handled.

He said: 'Harry's abuse of multiple illicit substances includes marijuana, cocaine, magic mushrooms and other psychedelic drugs.

'It is unclear at this juncture whether DHS complied with the law in admitting Prince Harry, and did so without a waiver or any interview with CBP to assess whether, given his history, he was admissible to the United States.

'As a result, this widespread media interest in Prince Henry's drug abuse inevitably raises possible questions regarding his application for residency in the United States.

'Public confidence in the government would undoubtedly suffer if DHS, CBP, and USCIS failed to properly vet such a high-profile case.

'Moreover, if Prince Harry was granted preferential treatment that too would undermine public confidence in DHS, CPB, and USCIS's application of equal justice under the law'.

American authorities note entry into the country is granted on a 'case-by-case' basis and it is unclear if **Harry**, who moved to California with his wife Meghan Markle in 2020, detailed his **drug** use on his **visa** application.

It is unclear what type of US **visa Harry** holds, but analysts speculate he either holds a spousal **visa** - sponsored by his American wife - or a O-1 **visa** which is given to people with 'extraordinary ability'.

The Sussexes relocated to California in 2020, meaning his **visa** could be set to expire this year. Any renewal application could be impacted by his newly admitted history with **drugs**.

Anyone seeking temporary or permanent residency in the US must answer a series of questions about their criminal and **drug** history during when applying.

'He would have been asked [about **drug** use]. If he was truthful in his answers, he should have been denied,' Professor Alberto Benítez, director of George Washington University's Immigration Clinic, said recently.

The professor argued that if **Harry** did not detail his **drug** use, he would have been 'perjuring himself on an official US government document'.

He claimed honesty would have been in the duke's 'best interest' and noted he may have received discretion from immigration officials because of his royal status.

'If he wasn't Prince Harry, if he was "Fred Jones" and he had this kind of a background, he'd have a lot more scrutiny and I could certainly see the green card being denied,' Prof Benitez added.

US State Department officials have repeatedly declined to answer whether his admission of drug use would 'cause difficulties' with his immigration status - or if he had detailed any drug use before.

'Visa records are confidential under US law; therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual visa cases. We cannot speculate on whether someone may or may not be eligible for a visa,' a spokesman said in January.

'Whenever an individual applies for a US visa, a consular officer reviews the facts of the case and determines whether the applicant is eligible for that visa based on US law. All visa applications are adjudicated on a case-by-case basis.'

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US group want Prince **Harry** deported as royal 'always finding himself in trouble'
Prince **Harry** is facing calls to have his US **visa** application
made public following his admission of taking **drugs** in the past.

Lauren Williams

Prince **Harry's** memoir Spare saw the Duke admit to taking **drugs** such as cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms. The admission has led to conservative activists calling for Prince **Harry** to be deported over **drug** use as it is one of the requirements an individual must meet when applying for a **visa**. Royal commentator Kinsey Schofield joined GB News presenters Eamonn Holmes and Isabel Webster to discuss the recent "trouble" **Harry** has found himself in.

Eamonn began the segment: "Prince **Harry**, to live and work in the United States he has to have a **Visa**. In that **visa**, it asks whether you have taken **drugs** or used **drugs** in the past. Tell us what the debate is now."

Kinsey explained: "Eamonn and Isabel you and I have had this discussion weeks ago, we broke it first! Could he get in trouble for this?"

"It's the Heritage Foundation here in the States. They're a conservative group that have filed a request through the Freedom of Information Act.

"They're saying they want to know how Prince **Harry** got his **visa** if it was a special privilege because he's a Prince if it was because his wife is a TV star. They say that's illegal."

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In a discussion with Eamonn Holmes and Isabel Webster during Breakfast on GB News, she said: "Immigration attorneys here in the States are saying that there are two ways that deportation could loom over Prince **Harry**.

"That's if he's caught doing a crime, which we heard him say in his pay-per-view interview, where he was openly discussing illegal **drug** use.

"So if he's caught doing a crime, deportation could be one of their resolutions. Or if in this **visa** application, he lied about his **drug** use, that could actually result in deportation, too."

Asked where the debate had reached, Kinsey continued: "We're waiting to see if the Heritage Foundation gets that information about Prince **Harry's visa** application.

"It's just not a good look that Prince **Harry** always seems to be finding himself in trouble."

Eamonn quipped: "And if it's not there then he goes looking for it."

The conservative think tank's director Mike Howell said: "This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince **Harry's visa** for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's **drug** use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States".

Under current immigration rules, people who are found to have lied to border officials can face a hefty fine or even deportation.

During Prince **Harry's** book tour in January, he openly spoke about his **drug** use revealing he first tried cocaine aged 17 while on a shooting weekend.

He also admitted to hallucinating during a celebrity event in California and smoking cannabis after his first date with his wife Meghan Markle.

When speaking to Dr Gabor Mate during his mental health event, the Duck of Sussex admitted that smoking marijuana "really helped him" but taking cocaine "did nothing for him".

He explained: "It was the cleaning of the windscreen, the removal of life's filters — these layers of filters — it removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, relief, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold back for a period of time.

"I started doing it recreationally and then started to realise how good it was for me.

"I would say it is one of the fundamental parts of my life that changed me and helped me deal with the traumas and the pains of the past. They're unlocking so much of what we've suppressed."

Breakfast with Eamonn and Isabel airs weekdays from 6am on GB News.

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William and Kate's big plan to stop Louis being 'offshoot like Harry'
The Prince and Princess of Wales are set to make one major move to stop their youngest son, Prince Louis, from being "left out", one expert has cla...

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The Prince and Princess of Wales are set to make one major move to stop their youngest son, Prince Louis, from being "left out", one expert has claimed.

Prince William and Kate, the Princess of Wales are trying to do all they can to ensure that Prince Louis doesn't feel left out, royal expert Angela Mollard has said.

Ms Mollard has said that the royal couple plan on using the forthcoming Coronation to ensure their youngest child has a strong bond with the monarchy, and in turn, doesn't go down the same route as his uncle, Prince Harry. In order to ensure that Louis is there for when Prince George becomes King, the royal couple are said to want their younger son to have the memories of the royal celebration this spring.

Ms Mollard then suggested that having all three of the couple's children, including Princess Charlotte, at the Coronation will lessen the chance of a repeated rift in the future.

As previously stated on Express.co.uk, Ms Mollard said that, when the time comes, their elder son will need to be "supported by his siblings".

Ms Mollard also stated that the family-of-five show "very much" stick together. She claims that they enforce the "We're a family, we do it all together", adding that they "do not want an offshoot like Harry in the future".

Although prepared to be in attendance, the actual roles of the three children remain unknown.

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21:51 Lauren Welch

King Charles's mix of "personality and pragmatism" is likely the reason he invited Meghan Markle and Prince Harry to the Coronation, claims a royal biographer.

King Charles has a "track record" of trying to "build bridges" within the Royal Family which could be why he invited Meghan Markle and Prince Harry to the Coronation, according to a royal biographer. Gareth Russell drew parallels between Charles's treatment of Edward VIII - who abdicated the throne to pursue a relationship with Wallis Simpson - and that of the Duke and Duchess.

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20:24 Lauren Welch

EXCLUSIVE: Prince Harry's real reason for deciding to "empty the barrel" with his book Spare has been addressed by comedian Katherine Ryan.

Prince Harry, 38, has been the subject of much debate since he released his tell-all memoir Spare in January. Comedian Katherine Ryan, 39, has shared her opinion on the book exclusively to Express.co.uk as well as explaining her reasoning for why she thinks Harry decided to "empty the barrel".

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19:28 Lauren Welch

King Charles III will be crowned on May 6 at Westminster Abbey but royal fans can already celebrate the momentous occasion.

Located in central London, Hotel Café Royal offers guests the unique "Crown Jewels Experience", a brand new and very special stay to celebrate King Charles's Coronation. According to the hotel's website, it is the "ultimate experience of luxury and exclusivity", and costs a staggering £13,000.

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19:11 Lauren Welch

The King's forthcoming Coronation is set to follow tradition by reinforcing royal hierarchy.

Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex could be set to "stand out" at the King's Coronation. If the pair do decide to attend the historical event, they are not likely to wear any form of formal Coronation robes. The couple have, so far, decided to remain silent on whether they will be in attendance.

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18:34 Lauren Welch

Kate, Princess of Wales, met with companies worth billions of pounds in the City as part of her championing of early years development.

Kate, Princess of Wales, is sending a message to Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, with a "power play" to prove the Royal Family "matters". On Tuesday, the 41-year-old mother-of-three donned a cream blazer and went into business mode meeting representatives of huge firms including IKEA, Co-op, Unilever, Lego, finance giants Natwest, Aviva, Deloitte and the Bank of England no less. The Princess was able to host the companies worth billions of pounds as she championed early years development with the launch of her new "Business Taskforce for Early Childhood" later.

Writing in news.com.au, royal writer Daniela Esler called the meeting a "powerhouse" moment for the princess that sent a clear message to any royals thinking the "Firm" was on the wane.

Referencing images of the event of Kate, Princess of Wales, posing business-like with the economic leaders, she wrote: "Kate is proving to be a stealthy powerhouse dynamo of action and machine washable lightweight wool who is busily redefining what a working member of the monarchy can actually achieve.

"And if there is one person who should be looking at these images of Kate with this clutch of business bigwigs who preside over global empires of shampoo and Allen keys, it is her brother-in-law, Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex."

17:43 Lauren Welch

Prince William made an unannounced visit to Poland amid tight security today to visit British and Polish troops helping Ukraine's war effort against Russia.

Prince William, who has begun a two-day visit to Poland, went to military bases in Rzeszów in the south-east of the country near the Ukraine border, where the Royal Artillery and other British units are working with western allies to train Ukrainians and funnel weapons to troops resisting the Russian invasion. He hailed them for "defending our freedoms" and told the British troops: "Everyone back home thoroughly supports you."

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17:10 Lauren Welch

EXCLUSIVE: King Charles's Coronation is just weeks away but Prince **Harry** and Meghan Markle should "avoid" the jubilant celebrations, claimed Apprentice star Ryan-Mark Parsons.

Ryan-Mark Parsons has also addressed King Charles's decision to ask Prince **Harry** and Meghan Markle to vacate Frogmore Cottage. It comes as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's attendance at the coronation still hang in the balance.

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16:20 Lauren Welch

Prince **Harry** had reportedly laid out some key "demands" ahead of the King's Coronation in May.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex's appearance at King Charles III's Coronation reportedly rests on whether **Harry's** "demands" are met. Earlier this month, the Sussexes confirmed they had been invited to the Coronation. However, the couple are yet to confirm if they will be joining the Royal Family at Westminster Abbey on May 6.

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16:01 Lauren Welch

The author posted a copy of the children's book to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex after admiring how Prince **Harry** and William coped with the death of their mother, Princess Diana.

Prince **Harry** had thanked an author who sent him a book that helped children deal with the heartache of losing a parent. The author of the book, Mark Lemon, has shared the letter written by the Duke of Sussex back in 2019 on his Instagram profile.

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15:10 Lauren Welch

Good afternoon from London. I'm Lauren Welch and I'll be bringing you all the latest developments on the Royal Family. Please feel free to get in touch with me. Your thoughts are always welcome.

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14:40 Alice Scarsi

A viral clip of Prince Archie playing with his grandmother Doria Ragland in Prince Harry and Meghan's first hit Netflix series has taken social media by storm.

The Sussexes' oldest son is still a baby in the clip, which shows him sitting in a ride-on toy car pushed by Meghan's mother.

In another segment, he can be seen grabbing onto Meghan's legs while walking around the kitchen.

The Duchess can be heard saying "Are we walking?" in the clip.

Since airing, a clip of the video was later posted to TikTok, where it became an instant hit.

[Read the full story here](#)

13:44 Alice Scarsi

A viral video has taken TikTok by storm after user Becca Brandon reimagined the Prince and Princess of Wales as "council estate parents" in a shocking makeover.

The TikToker, under the handle [electricraspberry](https://www.tiktok.com/@electricraspberry), photoshopped the royal couple to make them look almost unrecognisable in her viral video which has amassed over 4.4 million views since it was posted on Monday.

On her channel, Ms Brandon, who grew up on a council estate, records herself adapting photos of famous figures using the app "Procreate".

[See the pictures here](#)

12:56 Alice Scarsi

The Duke of Sussex's book *Spare* is being parodied in a spoof biography of Prince Harry which promises to go "deep inside the castle walls" and expose "every shouting match, fist-fight, betrayal, teddy bear, awkward hug and tear-stained wedding rehearsal".

In a clear mockery of the bestselling memoir, the upcoming work has been described in a press release as a "frostbite-and-all book", and is titled *Spare Us! A Harrody*.

The book also hit out at the Duke of Sussex's decision to reveal intimate details about his life and private conversations while also seeking a more private existence far from the British press.

This version of Spare has been written by Bruno Vincent, who previously gained the spotlight with his Enid Blyton parody books.

Published by Little Brown, which is owned by Hachette, Spare Us! will be aptly released on April Fool's Day.

[Read the full story here](#)

12:00 Alice Scarsi

The Crown has been hit with a wave of criticism after images of a replica of the mangled Mercedes from Princess Diana's crash in Paris, which led to her death, emerged.

The Netflix series has courted controversy since it first began and continues to face backlash over the handling of topics such as King Charles's divorce from Diana, and the late Princess of Wales' death.

The Crown's nominations include leading actress for Imelda Staunton playing the Queen and supporting actor for Salim Daw as Mohamed Al-Fayed.

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11:25 Alice Scarsi

Prince **Harry** has been warned there is "no exception for royalty" when it comes to his **visa** potentially being revoked.

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"That means Prince **Harry's visa** should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other **drugs**."

The West Coast Trial Lawyers attorney said that the rules would apply to **Harry** as well as there is "no exception for royalty or recreational rules."

[Read the full story here](#)

10:20 Alice Scarsi

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor's Paris mansion is to be turned into an attraction and open to the public, it was announced days before King Charles and Queen Camilla are to undertake their first official visit to France since his accession to the throne.

Paris city council has given heritage trust Fondation Mansart the task of turning the run-down house, originally known as Chteau le Bois, into a permanent touristic site.

The 19th century mansion located in the Boulogne woods of western Paris is primarily known for having hosted the exiled Duke and Duchess of Windsor for some three decades.

However, Egyptian businessman Mohamed Al Fayed added to its lore when he claimed Princess Diana would have relocated there had she not died in a car crash in Paris in August 1997.

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09:22 Alice Scarsi

Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex will use her revamped blog The Tig to "gain control over her public image" after speaking out about struggling with the press and the media.

A brand expert who has worked with Britney Spears has said Meghan's new rumoured project could "thrive".

It's believed the wife of Prince Harry and mother-of-two is planning to relaunch her blog The Tig.

The former actress ran the blog for two years while working on the cable drama Suits, but she shut the platform down when her relationship with the royal became serious.

[Read the full story here](#)

08:31 Alice Scarsi

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have been invited to King Charles's Coronation, but a new Express.co.uk poll has shown widespread opposition to either showing up.

[Read the results of our poll here](#)

08:01 Alice Scarsi

A Labour campaign is calling for Buckingham Palace to be subject to workplace legislation as it accuses the Palace of being "shielded" from scrutiny.

The pressure group, Labour for a Republic, is pushing the party to commit to ending the royals' exemption from the Equality Act, which protects workers against discrimination based on race, sex, gender, age, religion and disability.

Ben Clinton, Labour for a Republic's campaign coordinator, told Express.co.uk: "The idea that one of the most prominent families, one of the most prominent employers, in the country is exempt is wrong and needs to be reversed if we are to continue being a party for working people."

Labour for a Republic wants national party chiefs to include the Royal Family being subject to the Equalities Act in Labour's next general election manifesto.

[Read the full story here](#)

07:20 Alice Scarsi

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex face a similar fate to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, a royal commentator has claimed.

Tom Quinn, author of the newly-released book *Gilded Youth*, has drawn similarities between the life lived by former King Edward VIII and his wife Wallis Simpson after he abdicated and the future possibly looming for Prince Harry and Meghan.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Mr Quinn said, have made several appearances and interviews as well as a docu-series and a memoir united by one main theme - "how badly they were treated".

However, he added, that is a topic that will interest people only "for so long".

He continued: "And when you're not saying that anymore, and you can't make any more films and interviews about how badly you've been treated, what then, what do you do?"

"My fear is that Harry will become like Edward VIII and Meghan will become like Mrs Simpson."

Read the full story here

07:14 Alice Scarsi

Good morning from London. I'm Alice Scarsi, I'll be bringing you all the latest developments on the Royal Family. Please feel free to get in touch with me as I work if you have a story or tips to share! Your thoughts are always welcome.

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Harry is always going on about his 'incredibly painful childhood' yet he lives a privileged life

Letter to the Editor

LETTER: **Harry's** book Spare has not had the desired result he and his wife were wishing for. Instead of evoking sympathy, it has turned the British and American public against them. In a Newsweek approval rating, **Harry** has dropped to -10 (dropping 48 points) and Meghan -17 (dropping 40 points).

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This has been exacerbated by the animated cartoon series South Park in which they were clearly lampooned and mocked. In his latest, self-pitying interview with Dr Gabor Mate, a physician, **Harry** claims that using psychedelic **drugs** and cannabis helped him deal with his mental health problems.

He stated: "Hey, it really helped me."

These **drugs** actually lead to psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia, anxiety, depression and other severe mental illnesses. He is therefore advocating illegal **drug** use for other people, especially youngsters, to solve their problems. This is irresponsible from a man 38 years old, with two minor children.

A poor example indeed. He is always going on about his "incredibly painful childhood" yet he lives a very privileged life.

He earns his living by trashing his family and then expects an apology from them. Shocking! Nevertheless, he has received a massive backlash for the above comments and could lose his US **visa**. Anti-**drug** campaigners have slammed **Harry** for his latest rant and "US border agents take a dim view of **drug** use by non-US citizens".

Harry is entirely absorbed in himself, is constantly craving attention and desperate to be heard. He is, however, not the world's biggest victim. Blaming others is characteristic of losers, and **Harry** is a loser.

* John Whitlock, Germiston.

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Harry warned **drug** use could threaten US **visa** in massive blow: 'No exception for royalty'
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Aurora Bosotti

Prince **Harry** admitted in his book and in a series of televised interviews that he had routinely taken **drugs** when he was younger to cope with his trauma.

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"That means Prince **Harry's visa** should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other **drugs**."

The West Coast Trial Lawyers attorney said that the rules would apply to **Harry** as well as there is "no exception for royalty or recreational rules."

Rahmani's warning comes as the conservative Heritage Foundation launched a pressure campaign on authorities to release details of **Harry's** original **visa** application.

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Prince **Harry's** six Coronation 'demands' as Sussexes remain undecided on UK returnThe Duke and Duchess of Sussex's appearance at King Charles III's Coronation reportedly rests on whether **Harry's** "demands" are met.

Earlier this month, the Sussexes confirmed they had been invited to the Coronation. However, the couple are yet to confirm if they will be joining the Royal Family at Westminster Abbey on May 6.

Here are **Harry's** six reported demands.

The DC-based think tank claims US taxpayers have a right to know whether the Duke misled authorities on his **drug** use when he first entered the country after stepping down from his formal role in 2020.

Under current immigration rules, people who are found to have lied to border officials can face a hefty fine or even deportation.

However, another lawyer told Page Six that Harry's admission would likely not be a problem for the royal.

Texas-based immigration lawyer Sam Aldair insisted it was "unlikely that these admissions will present a problem because there have been no criminal convictions."

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And colleague James Leonard noted that revealing in a book that "you experimented with **drugs** when you were a young man" would not give authorities much of a base to challenge **Harry's** presence in the country.

Speaking to renowned therapist Dr Gabor Maté; earlier this month, **Harry** said he started taking **drugs** "recreationally" to handle his traumas and "pains of the past."

The Duke said: "It was the cleaning of the windscreen, the removal of life's filters — these layers of filters — it removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, relief, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold back for a period of time.

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"I started doing it recreationally and then started to realise how good it was for me.

"I would say it is one of the fundamental parts of my life that changed me and helped me deal with the traumas and the pains of the past."

Harry added: "They're unlocking so much of what we've suppressed."

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Prince Harry and Meghan warned of dire UK popularity ratings as Britons have 'had enough'
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of Sussex at King Charles's Coronation as their standing has fallen so...

Jon King

A royal expert has warned there may be protests against the Duke and Duchess of Sussex at King Charles's Coronation as their standing has fallen so far among the public.

Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, have been warned of their dire popularity ratings as Britons have "had enough" of the royal couple. The Sussexes have been invited to King Charles's Coronation but it has yet to be made public whether they will attend the historic occasion on May 6.

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Former ITN royal editor Tim Ewart told Sky News Australia that Harry and Meghan's popularity has plummeted in the wake of the couple's Netflix series and the Duke's memoir, Spare.

Asked if Harry and Meghan's behaviour was making things difficult for them, Mr Ewart said: "Quite clearly the Sussexes are becoming extremely unpopular in this country.

"Now it would be unfair to say that that is an opinion held by everybody. Younger people in Britain like the Sussexes, [they] like the diversity that they bring to the Royal Family, the modern lifestyle that they lead, who respect the way that **Harry** has been so keen to tell his story, to bear his soul.

"But the vast majority of people have had enough of it."

Prince **Harry** could have his **visa** revoked' after admitting to using drugs Prince **Harry** could see his **visa** revoked after admitting to using **drugs** in a televised therapy session, Piers Morgan pointed out.

Speaking to famed therapist Dr Gabor Mate for his programme The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture, Prince **Harry** said he started using **drugs** after realising they helped him cope with his trauma.

Read more [HERE](#).

Mr Ewart explained that the public is tired of hearing **Harry** talk about his personal issues all the time.

The Duke's memoir includes a series of revelations, including an allegation **Harry** was attacked by his brother, Prince William, and claims Camilla, Queen Consort, tried to tarnish the Duke's image to improve hers.

Spare went on to become the biggest-selling work of non-fiction after its release in January.

Mr Ewart said: "The majority of Britons really, really don't care for [**Harry** and Meghan's disclosures] any longer and to be blunt, wish they would be quiet and go away and stay in America if that is really what they want to do."

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He added that one of the issues surrounding the Coronation is whether or not there will be protests should **Harry** and Meghan attend, particularly the Duchess.

The former royal editor asked: "Will there be public anger expressed against them. We know there are going to be demonstrations by the republican movement... It's not impossible that there would be insults shouted at Harry and Meghan.

"It really is a complicated business, but their standing in this country has now fallen.

"They're extremely unpopular. They have a minus popularity rating in such polls as we're able to read about them so a lot of people really won't be very welcoming when they come here."

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The Coronation weekend will be held from Saturday, May 6 to Monday May 8, with thousands of events expected to take place across the country.

The formal ceremony will take place at Westminster Abbey and will follow the traditional pageantry used to anoint monarchs over the past 1,000 years.

After processions to the Abbey and back, Charles and Camilla will then appear on the balcony at Buckingham Palace along with members of the Royal Family.

Mr Ewart, asked what Harry and Meghan have reportedly requested ahead of the Coronation, said "status and respect".

He added: "What we need to remember in this mess - [which is] at the moment is threatening to overshadow the Coronation - what we need to remember is Harry is still fifth in line to the throne.

"For everything that's happened he is still a senior royal so there are issues over the way he's treated and the way that he's protected when he and his wife, possibly - although she may not come - when they come, if they come, to the Coronation."

Mr Ewart said a "sore point" will be what security Harry will be provided as well as whether he will be included in the carriage procession, appear on the balcony of Buckingham Palace and where he will sit during the Coronation ceremony.

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He added: "There is still a lot to discuss. My sense is that the Palace has extended the invitation and they're now able to say, 'Look guys, the ball is in your court. If you don't want to come, let us know. If you do want to come, you're going to have to play by our rules!'"

A spokesperson for Harry said earlier this month the Sussexes have received an invitation to King Charles's Coronation but would not yet confirm publicly whether they will attend.

They said: "I can confirm The Duke has recently received email correspondence from His Majesty's office regarding the coronation.

"An immediate decision on whether The Duke and Duchess will attend will not be disclosed by us at this time."

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Prince **Harry's** US **visa** may be in trouble after Spare **drug** use bombshells, lawyer warns
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legal troubles down the line, a former attorney has claimed after they say...

By, Ewan Gleadow

Prince **Harry's** admission of **drug** use in bombshell book Spare may lead to legal troubles down the line, a former attorney has claimed after they say there is 'no exception' to **drug** use

Prince **Harry** may find his US **visa** revoked after revelations about his **drug** use were aired in Spare, the Duke's bombshell autobiography.

A legal expert believes that the truthful Duke may have paved a way toward losing his right to reside in the United States because of his book.

Others however have said that the Duke of Sussex should be fine, so long as he does not find himself in prison for any other reason in the future.

READ MORE: Prince **Harry** shares **drug** that 'really helped' him mentally as cocaine 'did nothing'

Despite this, legal expert and former federal prosecutor Neema Rahmani has said there is "no exception" for recreational **drug** use, royal or otherwise.

Speaking to PageSix, the former prosecutor said: "An admission of **drug** use is usually grounds for inadmissibility.

"That means Prince **Harry's visa** should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other **drugs**."

The Duke had previously revealed in his bombshell memoirs that he had taken cocaine, marijuana and mushrooms, experimenting with psychedelics well into his adulthood.

It would appear though that **Harry** ditched Class A cocaine when he left his teenage years, with Daily Star reporting the round-up of **drugs** the Duke had taken, and the one that "really helped" him through tough times.

In a conversation with Dr Gabor Maté, the Duke of Sussex revealed that marijuana was the most helpful **drug** of all those taken.

Speaking at the time on his **drug** use, the Duke said: "It was more of a social thing, and I guess trying to get a sense of belonging, for sure. Marijuana is different, that actually did help me."

But attorney James Leonard has said the Duke may find himself in no trouble at all over such admissions, unless he "got arrested or if he got a DWI".

He said: "Any criminal charge related to **drugs** or alcohol or any finding by a judicial authority that Prince **Harry** is a habitual **drug** user, which he clearly is not, I don't see any issue with the disclosures in his memoir regarding recreational experimentation with **drugs**."

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Prince **Harry's** US **visa** under scrutiny as critics DEMAND to know if he admitted **drug** use
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Prince **Harry** is facing calls to have his US **visa** application made public after a request was submitted to release his papers following his admission to taking **drugs** in the past.

The appeal comes after the Duke of Sussex admitted taking cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms in his autobiography Spare, which was released earlier this year.

America's Heritage Foundation is now calling for **Harry's visa** application to be released so the US taxpayer can understand whether the royal declared his **drug** use.

The conservative think tank's director Mike Howell said: "This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince **Harry's visa** for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's **drug** use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States".

Strict laws surround America's immigration policies with harsh penalties for anyone caught lying to officials.

They include deportation and being barred from applying for citizenship.

Hundreds of Brits are banned from the US after over their drug misuse.

In 2019, Brit Isabella Brazier-Jones claimed she was banned from the USA for 10 years after admitting to snorting a line of cocaine two years prior.

The 31-year-old said she was immediately thrown in a jail cell and made to wait for 24 hours before being shipped back to Britain.

The Heritage Foundation argues if immigration officials did know about the royal's **drug** use, **Harry's** case raises questions over whether he was given special treatment because he is a prince and his wife is a TV star, which they insist would be illegal.

In response to the Foundation's calls, a US State Department spokesman said: "**Visa** records are confidential under Section 222f of the Immigration and Nationality Act INA; therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual **visa** cases".

In January and during his Spare book tour, **Harry** spoke about his **drug** use revealing he first took cocaine at 17 while on a shooting weekend.

He also admitted to hallucinating during a celebrity-filled event in California and smoking cannabis after his first date with Meghan.

Visa applicants are asked by US officials: "Have you ever violated any law related to possessing, using, or distributing illegal **drugs**"

Answering yes means it is likely the applicant will be denied entry.

During one promotional event Prince **Harry** told Dr Gabor Maté marijuana "really helped him" mentally but taking cocaine "did nothing for him".

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So how DID Prince Harry get a US visa? Campaigners demand to know if Duke admitted 'multiple' drug use on application - and call for the royal to b...

Martin Robinson, Chief Reporter For Mailonline

So how DID Prince **Harry** get a US **visa**? Campaigners demand to know if Duke admitted 'multiple' **drug** use on application - and call for the royal to be deported if he lied about taking cocaine before moving to California

Prince **Harry** faces a fight to keep his US **visa** application secret today as campaigners demanded its release to see if he admitted his **drug** use before emigrating to California with Meghan Markle in 2020, MailOnline can reveal.

A conservative think tank is in the middle of a battle with Washington DC officials who are staunchly refusing to publish any details - including any texts or emails - citing the Duke of Sussex's 'privacy'.

In Spare and the TV blitz that followed, Harry admitted taking cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms. He said marijuana and psychedelics 'really helped' with his 'trauma' while cocaine was more a 'social thing'.

The Heritage Foundation says his visa application must now be released so the American taxpayer can understand whether Harry declared his drug use. US immigration law has harsh penalties for lying to immigration officials, including deportation and being barred from applying for citizenship.

Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project, said: 'This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince **Harry's visa** for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's **drug** use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States'.

Experts have insisted US **visa** applications would usually be thrown out if there is any history of **drug** use. The Heritage Foundation says if border officials did know, **Harry's** case raises questions over whether he was given special treatment because he is a prince and his wife is a TV star, which they insist would be illegal.

Can drug users be banned from visiting the United States?

US officials can stop foreigners who have committed **drugs** offences entering the country even if they have never been arrested and charged by police.

Under US rules, suspected **drug** abusers applying for a **visa** may be required to answer additional medical history questions and also take a medical exam to prove that they are not still a **drug** abuser before being allowed to enter the country.

In high profile cases where celebrities who are known to have taken **drugs** want to come to America, they have been invited into the US embassy in London to take a **drugs** test.

Pete Doherty was famously banned from the US due to **drug**-related arrests.

In 2014 chef Nigella Lawson was banned from flying to the US because she confessed to taking **drugs**.

MailOnline has approached representatives for Prince **Harry** for comment.

A US State Department spokesman said: '**Visa** records are confidential under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA); therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual **visa** cases'.

In his autobiography 'Spare', **Harry** revealed that he first took cocaine on a shooting weekend at age 17. He did a 'few more lines' on other occasions.

He also admitted to hallucinating during a celebrity-filled event in California and smoking cannabis after his first date with Meghan.

He also spoke about his 'positive' experience of psychedelic drug ayahuasca saying it 'brought me a sense of relaxation, release, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold on to for a period of time'.

The duke, 38, made the comments in an interview with therapist Dr Gabor Maté, an outspoken supporter of decriminalising drugs who has allegedly used Amazonian plant ayahuasca to treat patients suffering from mental illness.

Harry told him: '(Cocaine) didn't do anything for me, it was more a social thing and gave me a sense of belonging for sure, I think it probably also made me feel different to the way I was feeling, which was kind of the point.

'Marijuana is different, that actually really did help me.'

Fiona Spargo-Mabbs, who launched a **drugs** education charity in her son Daniel's name after he died of an accidental MDMA overdose aged 16, said the duke's comments were 'concerning'.

It has long been speculated that **Harry** could be working in the US on a fast track **visa** handed to people with 'extraordinary ability' - known as a O-1 **visa**. The O-1, also used by Canadian singer Justin Bieber and Australian actor Hugh Jackman, last for three years, meaning that **Harry's** renewal could be due with weeks.

Following the release of Spare in January, where the exiled royal revealed regular **drug** use, immigration experts warned he may have put his **visa** 'at risk' after admitting about his illicit **drug** use.

And today MailOnline can reveal that The Heritage Foundation, which took a leading role in the conservative movement during the presidency of Ronald Reagan and had a major influence on Donald Trump's administration, has asked for the release of his visa application demanding to know if Harry was 'properly vetted' before coming to America.

They also want to know if he admitted to officials that he took drugs, which immigration experts note meant he should have been denied residency in the US if he failed to disclose his narcotics usage during the application process.

The Heritage Foundation has also compiled a dossier of evidence, including Harry's own admissions in his memoir and various TV interviews about taking cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms.

This has all been sent to the Department of Homeland Security, US Customs/Border Protection and US Citizenship Immigration Services to bolster their freedom of information request.

But US officials have so refused to release his **visa** application, citing 'privacy' concerns, but Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Oversight Project, insists it is in the 'public interest' to know how **Harry's** case was handled and has appealed the decision.

Mr Howell has also demanded to see any emails, texts, WhatsApps or other correspondence related to **Harry's visa** to ensure public confidence in how it was handled.

He said: **Harry's** abuse of multiple illicit substances, including marijuana, cocaine, "magic mushrooms," and other psychedelic **drugs**.

It is unclear at this juncture whether DHS complied with the law if, in admitting Prince **Harry**, did so without a waiver or any interview with CBP to assess whether, given his history, he was admissible to the United States.

'As a result, this widespread media interest in Prince Henry's **drug** abuse inevitably raises possible questions regarding his application for residency in the United States.

'Public confidence in the government would undoubtedly suffer if DHS, CBP, and USCIS failed to properly vet such a high-profile case.

'Moreover, if Prince **Harry** was granted preferential treatment that too would undermine public confidence in DHS, CPB, and USCIS's application of equal justice under the law'.

Following the release of Spare, immigration experts warned The Duke of Sussex could be barred from the US and put his **visa** 'at risk' after admitting about his illicit **drug** usage.

American authorities note entry into the country is granted on a 'case-by-case' basis - and it is unclear if **Harry**, who moved to California with his wife Meghan Markle in 2020, detailed his **drug** use on his **visa** application.

It is unclear what type of US **visa Harry** holds, but analysts speculate he either holds a spousal **visa** - sponsored by his American wife - or a O-1 **visa** which is given to people with 'extraordinary ability'.

The Sussexes relocated to California in 2020, meaning his **visa** could be set to expire this year. Any renewal application could be impacted by his newly admitted history with **drugs**.

Anyone seeking temporary or permanent residency in the US must answer a series of questions about their criminal and **drug** history during when applying.

'He would have been asked [about **drug** use]. If he was truthful in his answers, he should have been denied,' Prof Alberto Benitez, director of George Washington University's Immigration Clinic, said recently/

The professor argued that if **Harry** did not detail his **drug** use, he would have been 'perjuring himself on an official US government document'.

He claimed honesty would have been in the Duke's 'best interest' and noted he may have received discretion from immigration officials because of his royal status.

'If he wasn't Prince Harry, if he was 'Fred Jones' and he had this kind of a background, he'd have a lot more scrutiny and I could certainly see the green card being denied,' Prof Benitez added.

US State Department officials have repeatedly declined to answer whether his admission of drug use would 'cause difficulties' with his immigration status - or if he had detailed any drug use before.

'Visa records are confidential under US law; therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual visa cases. We cannot speculate on whether someone may or may not be eligible for a visa,' a spokesman said in January

'Whenever an individual applies for a US visa, a consular officer reviews the facts of the case and determines whether the applicant is eligible for that visa based on US law.

'All visa applications are adjudicated on a case-by-case basis.'

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Stoned out of US?

BEST-selling author Prince **Harry** (above) may find himself in hot water for being too honest about his past **drug** use, a legal expert tells Page Six, while others assert the British royal is in the clear. "An admission of **drug** use is usually grounds for inadmissibility," former federal prosecutor Neama Rahmani told The Post's Eileen Reslen of **Harry's** status in the States. "That means Prince **Harry's visa** should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other **drugs**" in his blockbuster memoir "Spare." But another legal expert, James Leonard, said, "I don't see any issue with the disclosures . . . regarding recreational experimentation with **drugs**."

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Warning to Prince **Harry**: U.S. **visa** could be revoked after admission of **drug** abuse

Prince **Harry** revealed in his recent memoir, "Spare" and in several television interviews that he used cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms in the past.

The Duke of Sussex's admission of **drug** use could threaten his US **visa**, warned a US lawyer, who insisted that there was "no exception for royals", commented Daily Mail.

The media outlet further revealed yesterday that the duke now faces requests to have his US **visa** application published to see if he admitted his **drug** use before emigrating to California with Meghan Markle in 2020.

The DC-based Heritage Foundation explained that his **visa** application must now be accessible so that the US taxpayer can understand whether **Harry** declared his **drug** use.

U.S. immigration law has stiff penalties for lying to immigration officials, including deportation and a ban on applying for citizenship.

Former federal prosecutor Neema Rahmani told Page Six that "Admission of **drug** use is generally grounds for inadmissibility. That means Prince **Harry's visa** should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other **drugs**."

He added that "there is no exception for recreational use."

Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project, said, "This request is in the public interest in light of the possible revocation of Prince **Harry's visa** for illicit substance use and further questions about the Prince's **drug** use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States."

The media outlet commented that the Heritage Foundation says that if border officials knew, **Harry's** case raises questions about whether he received special treatment because he is a prince and his wife is a TV star, which they insist would be illegal.

So far it is not known exactly what questions he was asked when he applied for his U.S. **visa**, because it is still unclear what **visa** he received, Daily Mail commented. However, the question on the ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) application that most U.K. tourists would use is, "Have you ever violated any laws relating to the possession, use or distribution of illegal **drugs**?"

A U.S. State Department spokesperson told the media outlet that "Visa records are confidential under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA); therefore, we are unable to discuss the details of individual visa cases."

It should be recalled that in "Spare," the Duke of Sussex admitted to taking cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms. He said marijuana and psychedelics "really helped" with his "trauma," while cocaine was more of a "social thing."

"(Cocaine) didn't do anything for me, it was more of a social thing and gave me a sense of belonging for sure, I think it probably also made me feel different than how I felt, which was kind of spot on. Marijuana is different, that really helped me," he revealed in an interview with therapist Dr. Gabor Maté, an outspoken supporter of drug decriminalization.

Prince Harry filed a libel suit against a British newspaper

Prince Harry admitted that marijuana was his salvation to overcome depressive episodes.

British Defense Minister criticized Prince Harry for revealing that he killed 25 Taliban: "He let his team down".

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Bin 'spoke' to him when he ate magic mushrooms

Ryan Hooper

A PEDAL bin 'spoke' to Prince **Harry** in an hallucination during a **drug** binge in California, his book reveals.

He acknowledged that his memoirs contained 'surprising' revelations of **drug** use dating back to his teenage years.

The Duke of Sussex admitted trying cocaine for the first time aged 17 and also experimented with magic mushrooms and cannabis at various stages in his life.

In one extract, the prince said that at a party he and a group of friends discovered a box of mushroom chocolates in a fridge and decided to eat them before washing them down with tequila.

The 'trip' did not go as intended, however, and the duke ended up having a bizarre hallucination in the bathroom. **Harry** described staring at a bin which, in his **drug**-induced state, took on human form.

It became a head and began to smile as **Harry** placed his foot on the pedal to lift the lid, according to the book.

The prince said he laughed and then went to the loo, at which point the toilet also became a head, with the hinges holding the seat in place resembling silver eyes.

Elsewhere, **Harry** said he had taken cocaine during a shooting weekend by the summer of 2002, when he was 17, and did 'a few more lines' on other occasions. He wrote that it was not a fun experience but he did feel 'different', which was his 'main goal'.

On another occasion, Harry told how he drank tequila, smoked weed and watched the computer-animated film Inside Out with a friend after his first date with Meghan.

In another brief trailer for ITV's interview with the duke, due to be broadcast tomorrow, presenter Tom Bradby said: 'There's a fair amount of **drugs** - marijuana, magic mushrooms, cocaine that's going to surprise people,' to which **Harry** responded: 'But important to acknowledge.'

Harry has spoken candidly in the past about his previous **drug** use, saying he was willing to take substances after the death of his mother in 1997.

In 2002, Charles sent **Harry** to Featherstone Lodge, a **drug** rehabilitation clinic in Peckham, south London, after he admitted smoking cannabis and drinking alcohol.

US officials confirmed allegations of drugtaking would not lead to California resident **Harry** being banned from entering America.

Under US law, foreign nationals who have admitted taking **drugs** can be turned away at the border and refused a **visa**.

But American immigration lawyer Christi Jackson told GB News that admissions of **drug** use in the pages of a book would not be considered 'valid'.

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BURNING WING WITH FURY BOMBSHELL ROYAL BOOK: RESULT OF Harry's WORDS Wills livid but refusing to bite, say supporters

RUSSELL MYERS

PRINCE William is said to be "burning" with anger over Prince Harry's decision to drive a wrecking ball through the Royal Family with his memoir, Spare.

But he is also reportedly "anxious and sad" at being accused of bullying his brother and even physically attacking him.

Yet supporters insist William, 40, will refuse to engage in a war of words with his estranged sibling, despite the string of incendiary allegations against their family.

Friends have reportedly branded **Harry**, 38, "cruel and cowardly" over his extraordinary claims, which include tales of fighting, arguments and jealousy behind closed doors.

WILLIAM'Sitting as **Harry** knows he isn't going to retaliate FRIEND OF WILLIAM'S ON 'COWARDLY' **HARRY**

One friend of William's told The Sunday Times: "He won't retaliate, he never would, because he's dignified and loyal.

"William is a sitting duck because **Harry** knows he isn't going to retaliate. It's cruel, cowardly and so sad for William to keep taking the punches."

Here, the Record examines the latest raft of astonishing stories to emerge from **Harry's** book and the fallout.

|Spare, published by Penguin Random House, is available from tomorrow, RRP £28.

WILLIAM LUNGE 'LOOKING FOR A FIGHT' **HARRY** claims after flying back for the funeral of grandfather Prince Philip, tensions raged in his family, saying: "My father and Willy had come looking for a fight.

"Every time I tried to offer a new explanation one of them would interrupt me.

"Willy, in particular, wouldn't see sense."

Harry also recounts how he accused William of "not lifting a finger" to help him when he and wife Meghan were "stripped of everything" in their exit deal from the family.

And he claims William replied: "That was Granny! Take it up with Granny!"

Harry writes: "I waved a hand, disgusted, but he lunged, grabbed my shirt." He claims he then "pulled away" and "refused to meet" William's gaze.

But he insists his brother "forced me to look into his eyes".

Harry claims his brother faced him, saying: "Listen to me, Harold, listen! I love you, Harold! I want you to be happy."

THERAPY 'BRAINWASHED'

HARRY claims that William told him he believed he had been "brainwashed" by the therapist he was seeing.

The Duke of Sussex outlines the moment he alleges his older brother said he wanted to come along to one of his confidential therapy sessions.

And Harry also accuses William of believing "I was unwell, which meant I was unwise" as he made plans to leave royal duties and carve out a new life abroad.

Harry further states that he tried to patch up their relationship with a joint therapy session, telling William it would "be good for you. Good for us". However, he claims that William did not take up the offer.

DI COFFIN WALK 'A BARBARITY'

SPARE alleges there were heated arguments between Princess Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, and the Royal Family about whether **Harry**, then 12, and William, then 15, should walk behind their mother's coffin at her funeral.

The Earl "flew into a rage" at the idea, calling it "a barbarity", **Harry** claims, recalling him saying: "You cannot force these children to walk behind their mother's coffin." But **Harry** says he objected when someone suggested William follow the hearse on his own, writing: "It didn't seem right that Willy would have such a hard time without me." **Harry** adds "it seemed a lot to ask for two children", claiming: "Several adults were horrified."

FORMER ALLIES 'DISLOYALTY'

FORMER allies of **Harry** are reportedly considering whether to go on record to quash some of his allegations.

And several once-loyal pals have branded some of the Prince's claims "b*****ks", according to The Sunday Times.

One former friend allegedly warned: "Loyalty works both ways." **Harry's** book contains a number of explosive revelations # including details of a physical fight between the Duke of Sussex and Prince William.

And some sources have warned that the "outrageous disloyalty" **Harry** is showing is "strategically not clever".

They said: "You could have a f***ing field day with sh** on **Harry**."

PRINCE ANDREW 'SHAMEFUL'

Harry's the first royal to openly criticise his uncle, Prince Andrew, over sexual abuse allegations. It came as he told of talks with Meghan about security after they quit the UK. Harry says there was an "obligation" to protect them and he didn't think his taxpayer-funded service would be cut.

He writes: "Not in this climate of hate. And not after what happened to my mother. Also, not in the wake of my Uncle Andrew.

"Despite.. a shameful scandal, accused of sexually assaulting a young girl, no one had even suggested removing his security. People have had plenty of reasons to complain about us, sex crimes weren't one."

Andrew has always denied the allegations.

TALIBAN KILLINGS 'TRUE COLOURS'

HATE preacher Anjem Choudary said Harry's shown "his true colours" by claiming he killed 25 Taliban fighters while serving as an Apache pilot in Afghanistan.

He said: "[This] tells us everything we need to know about the Royal Family and their thinking about Islam and Muslims. In reality, the British Royal Family has along and dark history of supporting the occupation of Muslim lands, the usurpation of its resources and the oppression of Muslims."

The cleric also issued a threat to troops stationed in Islamic nations, urging Muslims to target them in "Syria, Iraq and North Africa where many British soldiers are deployed".

GOLDEN JUBILEE 'MAYBE I'M ADOPTED'

HARRY claims he wondered if he was adopted because of how calm the Queen was at Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002, saying: "What struck me most was how little surprised she was.

"It wasn't that she didn't feel emotions. On the contrary, I always thought that Grandma felt all the normal emotions in a human being.

Only she knew how to control them better than the rest of the mortals.

"I stood at her side or behind her for most of the celebration and often the thought would come to my mind, 'If this doesn't faze her, she really has earned her reputation for unflappable serenity.'

"In which case, maybe I'm adopted? Because I am a bundle of nerves'."

DRUGS & US **VISA** 'SHOULD BE DENIED'

IT is feared that **Harry's** revelations about **drug** use could put his US **visa** at risk.

The Prince admits in his memoir that he has taken cannabis, cocaine and magic mushrooms.

Experts argue that he could have been denied residency in America if he had disclosed his **drug** use when applying. And he could even have it revoked now if it is determined that he "lied" during the process, a leading authority on US immigration has argued.

Professor Alberto Benítez, director of George Washington University's Immigration Clinic, said: "He would have been asked [about his **drug** use]. If he was truthful in his answers, he should have been denied."

BEST MAN 'BARE FACED LIE'

Harry's confirmed that he picked a close friend rather than his brother to be best man at his 2018 wedding to Meghan - after claiming it was a "bare faced lie" that he was WILLIAM'S best man at his 2011 wedding to Kate.

Contrary to public knowledge, Harry's said he picked his "old friend" Charlie for the job. And he claimed that the Royal Family lied again about who was really best man.

Harry's so suggested that William failed to attend a get-together for drinks he organised with friends at Coworth Park Hotel in Ascot on the eve of his big day - because he may have been sulking at not being handed the best man role.

William is a sitting duck as Harry knows he isn't going to retaliate FRIEND OF WILLIAM'S ON 'COWARDLY' HARRY

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News Americas, NEW YORK, NY, Fri. Jan. 13, 2023: Here are the cannabis headlines making marijuana news globally and in the Caribbean and Latin America this week in less than 60 seconds:

Prince **Harry** has revealed he would 'roll a joint' at Tyler Perry's house while wife Meghan Markle and son Archie slept in another room as they house-hunted for themselves. **Harry**, the Duke of Sussex, made the admission in his tell all book, 'Spare,' in which he admitted to smoking weed, doing cocaine and also magic mushrooms.

The duke, then 36, said he rolled joints while staying at US actor Tyler Perry's home in Los Angeles in 2020, before settling in nearby Montecito.

"Late at night, with everyone asleep, I'd walk the house, checking the doors and windows. Then I'd sit on the balcony or the edge of the garden and roll a joint. The house looked down onto a valley, across a hillside thick with frogs. I'd listen to their late-night song, smell the scented air," he states.

Cannabis was legalized for recreational use in California in 2016 but there is speculation his **drug** taking admission could put his US **visa** at risk.

Former NBA players Al Harrington and Larry Hughes are teaming up once again, as they bring Harrington's cannabis business, Viola Brands, to St. Louis. Los Angeles-based Viola will open two dispensaries this month.

The federal U.S. Sentencing Commission (USSC) held a public meeting on Thursday, where members voted to propose an amendment to update sentencing guidelines to suggest that judges treat prior marijuana possession offenses more leniently.

Senators in the U.S. Virgin Islands have voted to legalize cannabis for adults, making the Caribbean territory the 21st jurisdiction in the United States to end the prohibition on recreational marijuana.

A push to legalize recreational cannabis is now underway in Hawaii.

Indiana lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have made a push to legalize marijuana, but it is dependent on changes made at the federal level first.

According to Facts & Factors, the global legal marijuana is anticipated to generate revenue worth over USD 97 Billion by the end of 2026, representing a CAGR of around 28% between 2021 and 2026.

Meanwhile, the global Cannabidiol Oil (CBD Oil) Market is expected to at a CAGR of 38.90% during the forecast period. This indicates that the market value, which was USD 9.86 Billion in 2022, would rocket up to USD 136.64 Billion by 2030.

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Drug history 'should have barred entry to America'

THE Duke of Sussex should have been denied residency in America if he failed to disclose his **drug** use and could see it revoked if he "lied", a leading US immigration expert has suggested.

Anyone seeking to settle either temporarily or permanently in the US must answer questions about their **drug** use.

Prince **Harry** extensively details his **drug**-taking in his tell-all memoir Spare.

Immigration lawyers The Sunday Telegraph spoke to confirmed the Duke of Sussex would have been required to detail that history when he made the decision to permanently relocate to California with his wife Meghan in 2020.

"He would have been asked [about **drug** use]. If he was truthful in his answers, he should have been denied,"

said Prof Alberto Benitez, director of George Washington University's Immigration Clinic.

The law professor said it would be in **Harry's** "best interest" to acknowledge his illicit **drug** use, adding "otherwise, he's perjuring himself on an official US government document".

He suggested the Duke may have been granted some discretion by immigration officials because of his status.

"If he was 'Fred Jones' and he had this kind of a background, he'd have a lot more scrutiny and I could see the green card being denied," Prof Benitez said.

If the Duke failed to declare it, Prof Benitez said: "One of the repercussions, whatever **visa** he has, is that it would be revoked."

The Duke of Sussex was contacted for comment.

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Drug stories 'US **visa** risk'

Giles Sheldrick

ADMITTING to extensive **drug** use could get Prince **Harry's** US **visa** revoked, it is claimed.

The Duke of Sussex, who details his past use of magic mushrooms, cocaine and marijuana in his book, said in his TV interview that doing so is "important to acknowledge".

But rules state a person's "current and/or past actions", including **drug** use, may make them ineligible for a US **visa**.

US immigration expert Professor Alberto Benítez said: "If he was truthful in his answers, he should have been denied [a **visa**]."

The US State Department said applications are judged on a "case-by-case basis".

If **Harry** holds a spousal **visa** through his marriage, it usually lasts three years.

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Harry and Meghan 'would weaken monarchy if they could' in countdown to Duke's memoir
Prince Harry and Meghan Markle announced their decision
to step down as senior working royals on January 8, 2020.

Lauren Welch

Three years on from their announcement, royal expert Richard Fitzwilliams has spoken exclusively to Express.co.uk about the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's strained relationship with the monarchy.

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Speaking of the monarchy, Mr Fitzwilliams said: "The monarchy has, with the exception of Cromwell's protectorate, lasted over 1,000 years. [It] is an integral part of Britain's DNA."

He added: "The Sussexes would weaken it if they could. They have harmed it, even in Britain, especially among the young."

Despite no longer being a senior royal, **Harry** is still fifth in the royal line of succession.

Harry and Meghan's two children, Archie and Lilibet, are still sixth and seventh in line, as stated on the official monarchy website.

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Prince **Harry** asked why he and Meghan haven't renounced their Sussex titles 'Why not?' Sitting down with Anderson Cooper on CBS on Sunday night, Prince **Harry** says that he "tried to [speak to his family] privately" before voicing his issues with the world, but felt he was left with no choice but to go public.

As the controversial show aired, many were asking why the Duke and Meghan have not renounced their royal titles - and the Prince had a definitive answer.

Read the full story here.

The royal expert claimed that the monarchy "lies in the hands" of Prince William, who is next in line to the throne, and his wife, Kate, as well as their three children, who all fall before **Harry** in the line of succession.

In their official departure statement, **Harry** and Meghan declared their wish to "make a transition" and to "carve out a progressive new role" within the monarchy.

They wished to "become financially independent", whilst continuing to support the late Queen.

Following their departure, and completing their final engagement in March 2020, the couple signed a multi-million dollar deal with the popular streaming service, Netflix.

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The couple released their two-part Netflix series, titled **Harry** and Meghan, in December 2022.

Prince **Harry** is due to release his bombshell memoir on January 10, 2023.

His memoir, Spare, is set to include a series of bombshell claims, some of which have already been revealed in the past few days.

Earlier this week, copies of Spare were spotted in stores in Spain. **Harry's** memoir was originally scheduled for release in late 2022.

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I smoked pot at 36... listening to the frog chorus

PRINCE **Harry** was still smoking cannabis after relocating to the US with his family two and a half years ago, he reveals in his book.

The duke, then 36, said he rolled joints while staying at US actor Tyler Perry's home in Los Angeles in 2020, before settling in nearby Montecito.

In book Spare, released in the UK yesterday, he writes: 'Late at night, with everyone asleep, I'd walk the house, checking the doors and windows. Then I'd sit on the balcony or the edge of the garden and roll a joint.'

'The house looked down onto a valley, across a hillside thick with frogs. I'd listen to their late-night song, smell the scented air.'

Cannabis was legalised for recreational use in California in 2016 but there is speculation **Harry's drug** taking admission could put his US **visa** at risk. The 38-yearold also admits in Spare he took cocaine at the age of 17 and once hallucinated on magic mushrooms at a celebrity party in California.

When quizzed about the royal's **visa** and **drug** use, the US state department said: 'All applications are adjudicated on a case-by-case basis. **Visa** records are confidential under US law: therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual cases.'

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Prince **Harry** at risk of losing his **visa** for **drug** use

SUN.

Prince **Harry**, in his need to talk about his mental health, confessed that he used psychedelic and other **drugs**, such as marijuana and cocaine, during a talk that was broadcast live with controversial physician Gabor Mate for the program "The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture."

"I started doing it recreationally and then realized how good it was for me," recounted Henry, Duke of Sussex.

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However, these statements that caused astonishment to more than one could cause him problems with the U.S. government, since if the son of Charles III did not mention that in his past he used intoxicants, the authorities could revoke his permission to live in California.

According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, **visa** applicants "who are determined to be **drug** abusers or addicts are inadmissible."

"(Authorities) frown upon **drug** use by non-U.S. citizens," Piers Morgan said. "Another compelling reason why we don't want them at the King's coronation, as we could end up keeping them forever," he added referring to **Harry** and Meghan.

Australia's "Sky News" recalled the time in 2014 when chef Nigella Lawson was banned from taking a flight to the United States after confessing to cocaine use during a trial. Later, her case was subjected to analysis and she was given a pardon after an appeal.

Harry and Meghan have already received the official invitation to the coronation of King Charles III next May 6 and it was via email. The couple has not yet decided whether they will attend the royal family event or decline the invitation.

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Prince **Harry** could be barred from the US and has put **visa** 'at risk' after his admission he has taken **drugs**

Natasha Anderson For Mailonline

Prince **Harry** could be barred from the US and has put **visa** 'at risk' after admitting about his illicit **drug** usage, immigration experts have warned.

The Duke of Sussex, 38, confessed to doing cocaine, smoking cannabis and taking hallucinogenic mushrooms in his upcoming memoir.

Prince **Harry** could be barred from the US after he admitted to taking **drugs** He confessed to doing cocaine, smoking cannabis and taking mushrooms Typical **visa** applicants would be denied over their history with illicit substances

Typical applicants would be denied a **visa** over their history with illegal substances, but US authorities note entry into the country is granted on a 'case-by-case' basis.

It is unclear if **Harry**, who moved to California with his wife Meghan Markle in 2020, detailed his **drug** use on his **visa** application. Immigration experts warn that if he 'lied' about his past, the Duke could have his **visa** revoked.

In his new autobiography 'Spare', **Harry** revealed that he first took cocaine on a shooting weekend at age 17. He did a 'few more lines' on other occasions.

The one hard-partyer also admitted to hallucinating during a celebrity-filled event in California and smoking cannabis after his first date with Meghan.

Most applicants with a history of **drug** use would be denied American **visas**, however immigration decisions are made on a 'case-by-case' basis, The Sunday Times reported.

US immigration rules state an individual's 'current and/or past actions, such as **drug** or criminal activities . . . may make the applicant ineligible for a **visa**'.

It is unclear what type of US **visa** **Harry** holds, but analysts speculate he either holds a spousal **visa** - sponsored by his American wife - or a O-1 **visa** which is given to people with 'extraordinary ability'.

If **Harry** holds an O-1 **visa**, which is often given to celebrities and athletes, it would have to be renewed after three years.

The Sussexes relocated to California in 2020, meaning his **visa** could be set to expire this year. His renewal application could be impacted by his newly admitted history with **drugs**.

Prince Harry was allowed to leave his RAF base when drugs testers turned up: Click here to read more
Immigration experts, however, note **Harry** should have been denied residency in the US if he failed to disclose his **drug** usage during the application process.

Anyone seeking temporary or permanent residency in the US must answer a series of questions about their criminal and **drug** history during when applying.

'He would have been asked [about **drug** use]. If he was truthful in his answers, he should have been denied,' Prof Alberto Benitez, director of George Washington University's Immigration Clinic, told The Telegraph.

The professor argued that if **Harry** did not detail his **drug** use, he would have been 'perjuring himself on an official US government document'.

He claimed honesty would have been in the Duke's 'best interest' and noted he may have received discretion from immigration officials because of his royal status.

'If he wasn't Prince Harry, if was 'Fred Jones' and he had this kind of a background, he'd have a lot more scrutiny and I could certainly see the green card being denied,' Prof Benitez added.

US State Department officials declined to answer the newspaper's query about whether or not his admission of **drug** use would 'cause difficulties' with his immigration status.

Visa records are confidential under US law; therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual **visa** cases. We cannot speculate on whether someone may or may not be eligible for a **visa**,' a spokesperson told the Times.

'Whenever an individual applies for a US **visa**, a consular officer reviews the facts of the case and determines whether the applicant is eligible for that **visa** based on US law.'

The spokesperson added: 'All **visa** applications are adjudicated on a case-by-case basis.'

MailOnline has approached representatives for **Harry** and the US State Department for comment.

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Prince **Harry** 'could be booted out US' after saying he took cocaine and magic mushrooms
There are countless examples of people being refused entry or a **visa** to the
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By, George Mathias

There are countless examples of people being refused entry or a **visa** to the United States due to admissions of past illegal **drug** use, but is has yet to happen to a Prince

Prince **Harry** could be banned from the States after admitting he took **drugs**, immigration experts have warned.

Harry, 38, could have his **visa** revoked after he confessed to snorting cocaine, smoking cannabis and taking magic mushrooms.

He has been living in California since quitting the UK in early 2020.

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But according to an expert the revelations in his book Spare would be enough to get the average immigrant turned down – especially if he lied on his **visa** application.

Expert Alberto Benítez revealed: "He would have been asked [about **drugs**]. If he was truthful in his answers, he should have been denied."

The professor, who is director of George Washington University's Immigration Clinic, said failing to declare his **drug** use would have meant "perjuring himself on an official US government document".

He added: "If he wasn't Prince **Harry**, if was 'Fred Jones' and he had this kind of a background, he'd have a lot more scrutiny and I could certainly see the green card being denied."

US immigration rules state that "current and/or past actions, such as **drug** or criminal activities" could make an applicant "ineligible for a **visa**".

However, decisions are made on a "case-by-case" basis.

The Duke of Sussex has dominated global headlines this week thanks to the early release of his new memoir Spare.

The book was due to officially go on sale this week, but copies began being sold early in Spain, leading to a scramble for the most juicy details.

Among the most shocking claims from the book are that William physically assaulted his younger brother.

Harry also revealed he lost his virginity to an older woman in a field, sparking speculation over who the mystery woman is.

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Prince **Harry** could have US **visa** REVOKED after admitting taking cocaine and psychedelics
The Duke of Sussex told therapist Dr Gabor Mate he had previously done
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By, Susie Beever

The Duke of Sussex told therapist Dr Gabor Mate he had previously done cocaine which 'did nothing' for him, but that smoking cannabis and taking psychedelics had helped his mental health

Prince **Harry's** US **visa** could be revoked after his claims that weed and psychedelics were a "fundamental" part of his life.

The royal told therapist Dr Gabor Mate he began using weed and ayahuasca -a psychoactive drink -to help cope with trauma from his past.

His admission came as part of an interview for Dr Mate's *The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture* which he claimed: "I started doing it recreationally and then started to realize how good it was for me."

But according to some, US immigration officials take a Draconian stance when it comes to non-Americans using **drugs** in the country.

According to Piers Morgan, the Duke of Sussex may have jeopardised his stay by admitting his **drug** use for health reasons.

The talk show host, who makes no secret of his cynicism over **Harry** and Meghan's claims, said: "**Harry** has barely finished the global family trashing tour in support of his treacherous family trashing memoir, inevitably he's decided the world hasn't heard quite enough from him

"So **Harry's** latest wheeze is a live therapy session with Dr Gabor Mate – a famed trauma expert – in which he reminded us again that he, **Harry**, is the world's biggest victim."

Harry told Dr Mate that low-level recreational **drug** use had become a "fundamental part" of his life that "helped me deal with the traumas and the pains of the past".

In his memoir *Spare*, he wrote that he would smoke cannabis while living at Nottingham Cottage in 2015.

He also told Dr Mate in the show, which screened on Saturday, that cocaine "did nothing" for him.

"It was more a social thing and gave me a sense of belonging for sure, I think it probably also made me feel different to the way I was feeling, which was kind of the point.

"Marijuana is different, that actually really did help me."

South American entheogenic brewed drink ayahuasca, the royal claimed, was like "cleaning the windscreen" of the many filters from life.

"It removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, release, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold on to for a period of time.

"I started doing it recreationally and then started to realise how good it was for me.

"I would say it is one of the fundamental parts of my life that changed me and helped me deal with the traumas and pains of the past."

Cannabis is legal in California, where Prince Harry currently resides, and while ayahuasca is permitted for religious use only in the States, certain cities have opted to decriminalise it.

Travelling into the US while carrying the substances however may be illegal, as cannabis for medical use is not regulated by the FDA.

In some instances in the past, however, British nationals like Harry have been barred from entering the US over drugs controversies -in 2014, Nigella Lawson was stopped from getting on a US-bound flight following her admission during an unrelated trial she had previously taken cocaine.

Piers Morgan continued that Harry should avoid boarding a plane to the UK for the King's coronation in May if he doesn't want to risk getting stuck on the way home.

"Another compelling reason why we don't want them at the king's coronation," said the controversial host.

"We might end up being stuck with them for good."

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Prince **Harry** could lose his US **visa** after admitting taking cocaine and magic mushrooms
The Duke of Sussex's shock revelation in his Spare
memoir could see him miss out on extending his **visa**

By, Sean McPolin

Prince **Harry** 's shock cocaine and magic mushrooms admission could put his US **visa** at risk.

The Duke of Sussex, who moved to the US in 2020, admitted taking **drugs** in leaked extracts from his upcoming Spare memoir.

Entry to the States is granted on a "case-by-case" basis with rules stating an individuals "current or past actions, such as **drug** or criminal activities" could cause the applicant to be ineligible for a **visa**.

The 38-year-old has revealed he took cocaine when he was 17 and on a shooting weekend and had done "a few more lines" on other occasions.

He has also taken magic mushrooms at a celebrity party in California, which caused him to hallucinate, as well as admitting to smoking cannabis after his first date with Meghan Markle in London back in 2016.

It's unknown what **visa** Prince **Harry** has, with most suggesting it would most likely be a spousal **visa** due to the Duchess of Sussex's US citizenship.

But the prince may have been granted special dispensation for people with "extraordinary ability".

This so-called O-1 **visa** — often given to film stars and top athletes — lasts for three years which would mean **Harry** might need to seek an extension or a new **visa** soon.

Last night the US State Department said: "All **visa** applications are adjudicated on a case-by-case basis.

"**Visa** records are confidential under US law; therefore, we cannot discuss the details of individual **visa** cases.

"We cannot speculate on whether someone may or may not be eligible for a **visa**. Whenever an individual applies for a US **visa**, a consular officer reviews the facts of the case and determines whether the applicant is eligible for that **visa** based on US law."

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Prince **Harry** 'should have been denied US residency' over **drug** use revealed in memoir
Immigration lawyers confirm the Duke would have been required to
detail his **drug** history when he permanently relocated to California

Rozina Sabur, Washington Editor

Prince **Harry** should have been denied residency in America if he failed to disclose his **drug** use and could see it revoked if he "lied", a leading US immigration expert has suggested.

Anyone seeking to settle either temporarily or permanently in the US must answer questions about their history of **drug** use when applying for a **visa** or permanent residency.

Harry extensively detailed his **drug** taking in his tell-all memoir Spare, claiming that psychedelic **drugs** allowed him to see "the truth".

Immigration lawyers The Telegraph spoke with confirmed the Duke of Sussex would have been required to detail that history when he made the decision to permanently relocate to California. The Duke moved to the ultra-wealthy Californian enclave of Montecito with his wife Meghan in early 2020.

"He would have been asked [about **drug** use]. If he was truthful in his answers, he should have been denied," said Prof Alberto Benitez, the director of George Washington University's Immigration Clinic.

Acknowledging drug use 'in Harry's best interest'

The law professor said it would be in **Harry's** "best interest" to acknowledge his illicit **drug** use, adding "otherwise, he's perjuring himself on an official US government document".

He suggested the Duke may have been granted some discretion by immigration officials because of his Royal status.

"If he wasn't Prince **Harry**, if was 'Fred Jones' and he had this kind of a background, he'd have a lot more scrutiny and I could certainly see the green card being denied," Prof Benitez said.

If the Duke failed to declare it, Prof Benitez said: "One of the repercussions, whatever visa he has, is that it would be revoked, or he'll be subject to being revoked because he lied in the application process."

Prof Benitez, who includes the Duke as a case study in one of his law classes, said it was most likely Harry is residing in the US on a Green Card.

He said the easiest route for the Duke to gain a Green Card would be through his wife, who is a US citizen.

Applicants for a Green Card, usually granted to foreigners who are permanent residents in the country, are also required to undergo a medical examination.

The application form includes an extensive list of questions including an applicant's criminal history and even asking about any potential involvement in the Nazi Party.

Similar questions are posed to applicants for **visas**, including tourists applying for **visa** waivers.

Another immigration lawyer, Chrissie Fernandez, tempered speculation over the legal jeopardies **Harry's drug** use posed.

"In theory, if Prince **Harry** ever possessed any illicit substances, even if he was not arrested, he would have been required to disclose that," she told The Telegraph.

However Ms Fernandez suggested that US officials will only ban applicants based on **drug** use in "very limited circumstances".

She added: "As it relates to past **drug** use without a conviction, it's unlikely to cause a real problem for him.

"It's unlikely that his case would be reopened if immigration authorities were to hear that he previously, years ago, used **drugs**... So unless he talked about using **drugs** quite recently, it's unlikely to have affected his getting immigrant status in the US."

In Spare, **Harry** writes that he took psychedelics both for fun and therapeutically over the years, smoking cannabis in his garden at Kensington Palace and at Eton.

He admits he took cocaine as a teenager and magic mushrooms in California in 2016.

The Duke of Sussex was contacted for comment.

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Prince **Harry** 'should have been denied US residency' over Megxit memoir **drug** revelations
Prince **Harry's** Megxit memoir 'Spare' will hit the shelves on January 10.

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Prince **Harry** should have been denied residency in the United States after he failed to disclose his **drug** use which was referenced in his upcoming Megxit memoir, an American immigration expert has suggested. The Duke of Sussex, 38, was quizzed on his **drug** use during an interview with CBS' Anderson Cooper on 60 Minutes.

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Harry said: "I would never recommend people to do this recreationally.

"But doing it with the right people if you are suffering from a huge amount of loss, grief or trauma, then these things have a way of working as a medicine."

During his memoir 'Spare', which will be released on January 10, the father-of-two admitted to smoking cannabis, using cocaine and resorting to psychedelics.

Professor Alberto Benítez, director of George Washington University's Immigration Clinic, told the Telegraph: "He would have been asked [about **drug** use].

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Condemning the "sheer outrageousness of the claims and the malign nature of the memoir", revealed King Charles' options should he decide the "strategy of silence" is unsustainable.

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"If he was truthful in his answers, he should have been denied."

If the Duke failed to declare it, he added: "One of the repercussions, whatever **visa** he has, is that it would be revoked, or he'll be subject to being revoked because he lied in the application process."

However, Professor Benitez speculated Prince **Harry** is residing in the United States on a Green Card.

A Green Card would be obtained by the Duke through his wife.

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Meghan Markle was born in Los Angeles and is an American citizen.

Applicants for a Green Card are also obliged to undergo a medical examination.

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US **drug** ban fear

THE shy man could be banned from the States after admitting he took **drugs**, immigration experts warned.

He could have his **visa** revoked after he confessed to using cocaine and cannabis.

He has been living in California since quitting the UK in early 2020.

Expert alberto Benítez revealed: "He would have been asked about **drugs**. If he was truthful in his answers, he should have been denied."

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In his need to talk about his mental health, Prince **Harry** confessed that he used psychedelic and other **drugs**, such as marijuana and cocaine, during a talk that was broadcast live with the controversial doctor Gabor Maté for the program "The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture".

However, these statements that caused astonishment to more than one could cause him problems with the U.S. government, since if the son of King Charles III did not mention that in his past he used intoxicants, the authorities could revoke his permission to live in California, as reported by El Informador.

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The legal problem **Harry** could face for **drug** use

"I started doing it recreationally and then I realized how good it was for me," said **Harry**, Duke of Sussex in the interview with Dr. Gabor Maté, which was published a few days ago

Prince **Harry** and Meghan Markle christen daughter Lilibet in California; her godfather was African-American actor Tyler Perry, who helped the Duke and Duchess of Sussex with their move to California

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According to U.S. citizenship and immigration services, **visa** applicants "who are determined to be **drug** abusers or addicts are inadmissible."

"(Authorities) frown on **drug** use by non-U.S. citizens," Piers Morgan said. "Another compelling reason why we don't want them at the king's coronation, as we could end up staying with them forever," he added referring to **Harry** and Meghan.

"Sky News" of Australia recalled the time in 2014 when chef Nigella Lawson was banned from taking a flight to the United States after confessing to cocaine use during a trial. Later, her case was subjected to analysis and she was given a pardon after an appeal.

Harry and Meghan Markle already received the official invitation to the coronation of King Charles III next May 6 and it was via email. The couple has not yet decided whether they will attend the royal family event or decline the invitation.(I)

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Prince Harry has claimed his role as best man for Prince William at the 2011 Royal Wedding was 'all for show' - sparking accusations he had his own secret best man.

Harry claimed he was not William's 'real' best man and that it was 'all for show' He made the sensational claims about his brother's wedding in his book Spare Sources have now said that there was also 'another best man' at Harry's wedding He had several ushers on the day including his fellow polo-player Jack Mann

Friends of the warring brothers now suggest the Duke of Sussex may have employed the same strategy as his sibling for his own wedding in 2018.

A source told The Mail on Sunday: 'There have long been rumours in **Harry's** circle that there was another best man, in secret. William was the public-facing best man but not the sole best man, nor the true best man in **Harry's** eyes.'

Harry had several ushers on his big day, including his fellow polo-player Jack Mann and his closest friend Charlie van Straubenzee, brother of Prince William's best friend Thomas.

Who is Jack Mann, Prince Harry's 'favoured usher'?

Prince **Harry** befriended Jack Mann at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

He is the son of Simon Mann, a SAS officer turned mercenary, who was jailed for five years for allegedly tried to overthrow the government in Equatorial Guinea in 2004.

Harry's friend served with the British Arm for tours of Iraq and Afghanistan.

After leaving the army he worked in Libya as a country manager for a UK security company called Aegis Defence Services.

He went to create his own private security company in 2015 called Alma Risk.

Some friends believe it was an usher who acted as best man.

According to one friend, Mr Mann has long been described by those close to him as Harry's favoured usher – or 'best man'.

He had previously been referred to as Harry's so-called 'deputy best man' by a source who attended a lunch with the Duke, Mr van Straubenzee and his 'surrogate godfather' Mark Dyer in 2021 following Prince Phillip's funeral.

Mr Mann recently appeared in the fourth episode of the Sussexes' Netflix documentary series Harry & Meghan, which revealed previously unseen pictures of their wedding receptions.

The Duke and Mr Mann, who became friends while at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, were pictured among a group of men at Harry's wedding, as they partied at Frogmore House in Windsor Castle.

Last month, Mr Mann was detained by security officials before travelling to war-torn Libya, being questioned by Maltese police who challenged his claim that he was on a mission to deliver medical training.

Maltese police later confirmed to the Mail that they 'spoke to the passengers for clarification of the proposed activities in Libya' and that no further action was taken.

The former army member, said he and his colleagues, which included other former British soldiers, had been stopped at an airport in Malta, a Mediterranean Island around 223 miles north of Libya.

Mr Mann confirmed: 'We did not continue the journey from Malta [to Libya] on the advice of Maltese immigration to rectify our paperwork before travelling onwards.

'The issue was resolved within five days and the United Nations has confirmed there was no breach of sanctions.

'They [Alma Risk] are free to deliver the training.

'I have visited Libya previously in my role as a private security consultant. '

Prince Harry's friend is also the son of SAS officer turned mercenary Simon Mann, whose alleged bid to overthrow the government of Equatorial Guinea in 2004 led to a five-year stint behind bars.

Sir Mark Thatcher, the son of former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, admitted unwittingly being a financier behind the attempted coup. He said he was misled by its organisers.

Mr Mann, who is newly engaged, hosted the Duchess of Sussex for dinner parties at his West London home during the early days of her courtship with Harry.

However, he is thought to have grown apart from Harry since the wedding. In Spare, the Prince explains that appearances can be deceptive at Royal weddings, revealing that it was a 'barefaced lie' that he was William's best man.

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He said his brother's close friends James Meade and Thomas Van Straubenzee actually gave the traditional speech at the reception.

He said: 'Willy didn't want me giving a best man's speech.'

At Harry's wedding, Meghan broke tradition by giving a fairy-tale-themed speech of her own, but it has never been reported that Prince William spoke at length – and if he did, Harry does not describe him doing so in Spare.

Instead, he says his brother ruined the seating plan at the evening dinner by swapping place cards on his table so that couples were seated apart, in the English tradition.

It was Meghan's preference that couples should be seated together.

Harry also explains that William did not want to spend time with him the night before the ceremony and only attended a pre-wedding ushers' dinner after the Queen intervened. Last night, Mr Mann said: 'I'm not going to comment on anything to do with this.'

Mr Mann served with the British Army in Iraq and Afghanistan before setting up a private security company in 2015 called Alma Risk.

Prior to this he worked in Libya as a country manager for a different UK security company, Aegis Defence Services.

Alma Risk's website says the company offers a 'diverse range of security and risk management services to corporate and private clients'.

In other claims amid the 557 pages of the memoir, the Prince told of how William was 'tipsy on last night's rum' just hours before he married Kate, while greeting members of the public who had gathered on the Mall by Buckingham Palace.

Prince Harry reveals he took cocaine a 'few times' aged 17 after first being 'offered a line'

Harry recalls that he said to his brother 'you smell of alcohol' before handing him mints as he lowered the window of the car.

The remarks come amid his deeply personal war of words with William - who he accused of pushing him over onto a dog bowl during a blazing row at Nottingham Cottage in 2019.

The fight allegedly broke out after William called Meghan 'difficult', 'rude' and 'abrasive'.

In another alleged fight **Harry** claimed his brother 'lunged' at him and 'grabbed his shirt twice' in front of King Charles during a row over **Harry** and Meghan's explosive interview with Oprah Winfrey.

Harry said William used a secret code phrase about their mother Princess Diana during the fight following Prince Phillip's funeral.

The California-based royal said Prince William was 'really steaming' and grasped at him as he tried to walk away from the fight.

Harry claimed at the time he had been trying to address bullying allegations made by Meghan but said his father and brother 'weren't listening'.

William allegedly 'grabbed him again' as he tried to walk away and 'twisted him' so they could maintain eye contact.

It was then that William said their 'secret code' swearing on Princess Diana's life that his intentions were genuine.

He writes that William said: 'Harold, you must listen to me! I just want you to be happy, Harold. I swear I swear on Mummy's life.'

Harry continued: 'He stopped. I stopped. Pa stopped. He'd gone there.'

'He'd used the secret code, the universal password. Ever since we were boys those three words were to be used only in times of extreme crisis.'

The Duke claimed his brother 'wasn't quite ready to accept defeat' and claimed to be 'properly sick and ill' over the tensions between the pair.

William allegedly reiterated: 'I swear to you now on Mummy's life that I just want you to be happy'.

Harry has talked openly of wanting to reconcile with his father and his sibling, despite his extraordinary claims plunging the Royal Family into its worst crisis since the death of his mother in 1997.

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Prince **Harry** has claimed in his extraordinary memoir, Spare, that he was forced to go along with Prince William's 'bare face lie' that he was meant to be his best man at his wedding in 2011.

He said the alleged ongoing rift between the pair meant 'Willy didn't want me giving a best man's speech'.

Instead, Harry claimed that the best man speech was given to Prince William's two closest friends, James Meade and Thomas Van Straubenzee.

Who is James Meade?

James Meade went to Eton with Prince William, and is the son of Olympic gold medalist equestrian Richard Meade.

Mr Meade also became close with the Princess of Wales, whom he even accompanied to the Badminton Horse Trials after her brief split from William in May 2007.

He and his wife Lady Laura Marsham, daughter of the 8th Earl of Romney, are both godparents to Princess Charlotte.

The couple have been married since 2013, when William was an usher at their wedding.

Meade reportedly used to take the Prince drinking at the Cuckoo Club in Piccadilly in their youth, where he reportedly always encouraged the royal heir to hit the dance floor.

Who is Thomas Van Straubenzee?

Thomas Van Straubenzee has been friends with both William and Harry for many years, dating all the way back to when they attend Ludgrove prep school together.

Van Straubensee is the global head of the private office of estate agent Knight Frank, and accompanied the Prince to New Zealand on his gap year.

He is also godfather to the Wales' daughter Princess Charlotte.

The businessman and property consultant, whose parents are Captain Alexander van Straubensee and Claire Fenwick, used to holiday with William in Cornwall when they were children, and, before his marriage to Charlotte's former teacher from St Thomas's Battersea Lucy Lanigan-O'Keeffe, 32, in 2020, had a reputation for loving a night out.

The couple share a young son, Albert.

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Enrique may lose his **visa** after saying he used **drugs**

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Once again Prince **Harry** is in trouble, now he is at risk of having his U.S. **visa** revoked after revealing that he used **drugs**, reported the Mirror.

The Duke of Sussex revealed in Spare, his memoirs, that in his youth he repeatedly used cocaine and other **drugs**, as it helped him to improve his life.

Prince Henry revealed that he started using marijuana and ayahuasca to cope with all the traumas of his past and said he realized that it did him good to use them in his daily life.

"I started doing it recreationally and then I started to realize how good it was for me," he told Dr. Gabor Mate.

The Mirror reported that U.S. immigration officials take a tough stance when it comes to non-U.S. citizens using **drugs** in the country, so the Duke of Sussex risks having his **visa** revoked.

In recent years British citizens have had problems entering the United States such as Nigella Lawson, who was prevented from taking a flight to the country after using cocaine beforehand.

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Prince **Harry's** live streamed therapy session doesn't explain why he is so publicly "destructive" towards the Royal Family, according to a royal expert. Richard Fitzwilliams, speaking to Express.co.uk, branded **Harry** more "cautious" than in previous interviews during his recent Q&A session with trauma expert Dr Gabor Maté;

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The Duke of Sussex sat down with Dr Maté; for a 90 minute live-streamed Q&A covering topics from Prince **Harry's** **drug** use to his self-proclaimed "broken home" at the heart of the Royal Family. Still, **Harry** seemed more "cautious" than in previous interviews, according to Mr Fitzwilliams.

"It showed **Harry** as more cautious, there was plenty of background about the royals who don't hug, that **Harry** was different and there was a mention of his 'broken home', but no personal attacks on senior royals which was a relief," he told Express.co.uk.

During the session, Prince **Harry** told Dr Maté; he didn't see himself as a "victim" and wasn't looking for "sympathy". The doctor diagnosed **Harry** on the spot with ADD, PTSD, anxiety and depression, but what wasn't explained was **Harry's** tendency to be publicly "destructive" towards other royals, according to Mr Fitzwilliams.

He said: "**Harry** says he doesn't see himself as a victim. He obviously relies on therapy a good deal.

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"What was not explained is why he is so destructive when it comes to discussing his family in public, yet claims his memoir is 'an act of service'. To whom, one wonders? Recent polls in the US have shown a seismic drop in support for the Sussexes.

The royal expert added that the Duke seemed "in awe" of Dr Mat&ecute;, giving the session a "master-pupil" dynamic.

"It struck me as a master-pupil session. He was obviously in awe of Dr Mat&ecute;, although I was perturbed to learn that the latter relies on The Crown for his understanding of the Royal Family," Mr Fitzwilliams opined.

In previous interviews, Prince Harry has lashed out at other members of the Royal Family, including his father King Charles, Camilla, Queen Consort and his brother Prince William.

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Although the Duke spoke of his family in general terms with Dr Mat&ecute;, direct personal attacks were absent. He didn't mention his brother Prince William by name once during the 90-minute chat.

Following previous interviews and the release of Prince Harry's memoir Spare tensions between the Sussexes and the Firm appeared to be at a breaking point.

Now, Meghan and Harry have confirmed they did receive an invitation to King Charles's Coronation but have so far refused publicly confirm their attendance.

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Meghan and Harry 'destroyed on own turf' as couple put celeb pals in 'terrible position'
The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have been called out for putting celebrities
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Claire Anderson

Meghan Markle and Prince Harry were "destroyed on their own turf" over the weekend after comedian Chris Rock mocked the couple's race claim about the Royal Family. He took aim at Meghan for accusing an unnamed member of the Royal Family of racism during an interview with Oprah Winfrey. Royal expert Kinsey Schofield pointed out that the Sussexes must be "feeling the burn right now".

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She told Sky News Australia: "This happened on their own turf. Netflix paid Harry and Meghan hundreds of thousands of dollars to create content for them and Chris Rock goes on their own platform and destroys them.

"They are feeling the burn right now."

Rock said Meghan's claim was simply "some in-law s***" while noting that she won the "light-skinned lottery".

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He went on to say ""even black people want to know how brown" Archie Harrison would be.

It comes as Sky News host Rita Panahi pointed out that Hollywood "isn't that into **Harry** and Meghan anymore".

Schofield continued: "No, where is Oprah to defend them? Remember Gayle King from CBS, Oprah's best friends, going on TV saying that they had receipts that the Royal Family was racist.

"A year later **Harry** goes on Tom Bradby's show and says, 'we never said there were racist'.

"Where are these people that Meghan and **Harry** have put in a terrible position?"

She added the people who defended them have "disappeared into the background".

Gayle King had rushed to the defence of the Sussexes on CBS' This Morning following the interview.

She said: "I think Meghan has plenty of receipts, meaning that she's been keeping track of things."

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But speaking with ITV's Tom Bradby, who pointed out "there were troubling comments about Archie's skin color", **Harry** backtracked on the comment.

Harry said: "There was concern about his skin colour."

Bradby asked: "Right, wouldn't you describe that as essentially racist?"

Harry replied: "I wouldn't, not having lived within that family."

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EXCLUSIVE: Young members of the Royal Family, such as Princes Louis and Archie, could be allowed to sit through only part of the Coronation to ensure they don't miss out on the entire service.

Buckingham Palace aides may make provisions for Prince Louis and other young royals to attend King Charles's Coronation, an expert has said. While Prince William, Kate, Princess of Wales will attend the historic Westminster Abbey ceremony on May 6, it is yet to be confirmed whether their children, Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis will join them.

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Prince **Harry** and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, have also been invited to the service, but they did not say if their children, Prince Archie Harrison and Princess Lilibet Diana, were also on the guest list.

Dr George Gross, visiting research fellow in theology at King's College London and co-founder of the British Coronations Project with Dr David J Crankshaw, told Express.co.uk the royal offspring could attend. He said arrangements have been made in the past for those who would not be able to sit through the hours-long ceremony in its entirety.

He explained how at the Coronation of King George V on June 22, 1911, Winston Churchill, who was then Home Secretary, received an invitation for himself and his wife Clementine.

The ceremony took place less than a month after Clementine had given birth to their son, Randolph, on May 28. As a result, the King made special arrangements to accommodate her.

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The King's secretary, Lord Knollys, wrote to the Home Secretary on April 29: "I spoke to the King today about his giving Mrs Churchill a ticket for his Box in Westminster Abbey on the occasion of the Coronation.

"He said he should have much pleasure in giving her one, and you may like to know that he was very nice about it."

The Churchill's youngest daughter, Mary, quoted in volume two of Randolph Churchill's book about their father, said: "A royal brougham called for her at her house and drove her to Westminster Abbey, so that she arrived at the latest possible moment; she watched the ceremony until after the actual crowning of the King, then she slipped discreetly away and was driven home to the hungry Randolph.

"This was the first of three Coronations at which both Winston and Clementine were destined to be present."

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Dr Gross said similar arrangements for the Sussex and Waleses' children to leave part-way through King Charles's Coronation could be made.

But he added there would be an added complication due to the service being televised.

He said: "There's a way they could have [the children] there for some of it. It's possible we could see the Wales and Sussex children. But it's a long service so who knows.

"It is also harder with TV the way it is today. But given that Charles and the Queen [Elizabeth II] both witnessed a coronation, it seems quite likely Prince George will be there."

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Dr Gross added: "A lot of young children at home of his age will be interested to watch. It's a spectacle with a lot to see."

The eldest of William and Kate's children, Prince George, nine, and Princess Charlotte, seven, are expected to attend the Coronation. They often step out for important events and went to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II alongside their parents.

But it is not clear if Prince Louis, who turns five next month, will be there on May 6.

Harry and Meghan's children are younger still. Archie will turn four on the date of the Coronation and Lilibet will be just shy of two.

Charles attended his mother's Coronation in 1953 when he was four, but Princess Anne didn't attend because she was deemed to be too young at the age of two.

The ceremony itself could last for hours although Charles is understood to want parts streamlined.

Full details have yet to be made public, but Dr Gross suggested the Homage part of the ceremony, in which every member of the British nobility pays their respects to the monarch, could be dropped or shortened.

The crowning of Camilla, Queen Consort, would also add an extra layer to the ceremony which did not happen at Elizabeth II's Coronation in 1953.

The Anointing, which may be televised for the first time ever at Charles's Coronation, the Crowning and the delivery of the Coronation Oath would also be included as key parts of the ceremony.

Dr Gross explained the oath is an integral part of the ceremony with the Acclamation and Recognition also viewed as very important.

He said: "This happens before the Oath, with the congregation asked, Do you recognise this person as your King or Queen?"

"This part of the ceremony dates back to the Anglo Saxon period when monarchs were elected by the elite. Monarchs can't be anointed without that being done.

"In many ways, those in Westminster Abbey [on May 6] represent us. It's a really important moment where the public are asked if they recognise this monarch."

Dr Gross predicted Charles's Coronation would also be relatively long in duration because of a lot of music has been announced.

On the possibility of the Anointing being televised for the first time, Dr Gross said it was possible, adding: "Will it make a difference to remove that mystery and magic? Our hunch is it will not.

"If it is to be televised, we won't know until a couple of days before. We can make this argument because lots of people will watch the Coronation on TV. Telling people now won't generate extra interest.

"But an announcement a couple of days before might generate a bit more. But we don't know. There's a higher chance, but we don't know for sure."

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The presenter said: "**Harry** has barely finished the global family trashing tour in support of his treacherous family trashing memoir, inevitably he's decided the world hasn't heard quite enough from him

"So **Harry's** latest wheeze is a live therapy session with Dr Gabor Mate – a famed trauma expert – in which he reminded us again that he, **Harry**, is the world's biggest victim."

Discussing his relationship with **drugs**, the Duke of Sussex told Dr Mate: "I started doing it recreationally and then started to realize how good it was for me.

"I would say it is one of the fundamental parts of my life that changed me and helped me deal with the traumas and the pains of the past."

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Handmaid's Tale author Margaret Atwood has sparked backlash after saying Prince Harry would have been murdered by a lesser royal.

The Canadian writer issued the bizarre statement in an interview in which she said it's a good thing the Windsors don't enjoy the power that previous royal households have exercised in past centuries.

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Morgan suggested Prince Harry may now be forced to skip his father's Coronation on May 6 to avoid being barred from returning to the United States because of his admission.

TV chef Nigella Lawson was forbidden from boarding a flight to the United States in 2014 after admitting to having taken cocaine during an unrelated trial.

The Sky News Australia contributor added: "Another compelling reason why we don't want them at the king's coronation, we might end up being stuck with them for good."

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According to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services, **visa** applicants "who are found to be **drug** abusers or addicts are inadmissible" to the US.

The terms regulating how to assess whether someone is a habitual **drug** user are set under the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association.

But under rules changed in 2010, "a history of experimental use" can "no longer play a direct role in the admissibility determination" border officers have to make when assessing a **visa** claim.

However, precedent exists where foreign nationals applying for entry to the US were denied on criminal grounds despite having no conviction to their name.

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Laura Devine Solicitors senior attorney Karnig Dukmajian told Vice in 2019: "The law says that if you have been convicted of a US or foreign law relating to controlled substances, or if you have admitted to violating such a law, then you are inadmissible to the US."

Referring to the case of Brit Isabella Brazier-Jones, who was denied entry to the US after a two-year-old message about cocaine was found on her phone, Dukmajian noted US officials had become stricter when it comes to admitting people who used drugs in the past.

He added: "There are legal standards the authorities are supposed to follow, but recent experience has shown that a simple admission to having possessed a controlled substance is being deemed sufficient to refuse entry."

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Prince Harry has been residing in the United States since March 2020, when he and Meghan Markle moved their home to California after six months spent in Canada.

The couple has since settled with their two children in Montecito, in the suburbs of Santa Barbara.

Harry and Meghan last week received an invite to the King's Coronation, which will take place on May 6 in London.

But the couple has already said they will not be confirming quite yet whether they will make it across the Atlantic for the service.

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Prince **Harry** has been slammed for trying to rebrand Meghan Markle as "Mother Theresa" after he claimed she had "saved" him in his most recent interview.

Prince **Harry** is attempting to brand Meghan Markle as "Mother Theresa", according to a royal expert. The Duke made a media appearance over the weekend in which he sat down with Dr Gabor Maté; to discuss his **drug** use, mental health and even his self-proclaimed "broken home" at the heart of the Royal Family.

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During the therapy session, Prince **Harry** praised his wife Meghan Markle as an "exceptional human being" and claimed "people have said that my wife saved me."

However, not everyone was convinced. Royal commentator and expert Kinsey Schofield took aim at the Duke's comments in a recent interview.

"I don't understand that commentary at all whatsoever except that this is just the continued narrative that **Harry** is trying to thrust on us. That Meghan is not the bad guy," Ms Schofield told Skynews.com.au.

The host of the To Di For Daily podcast continued: "She's Diana 2.0. A modern day Mother Theresa.

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"That's just something that they are trying to shove down our throats because we've seen through it all and understand that these problems didn't start happening within the family until a certain member was introduced and that's Meghan Markle."

During the interview with Dr Maté, Prince **Harry** didn't just discuss his wife. The Duke also spoke about his past **drug** use which included cocaine, marijuana and psychedelics, something he also detailed in his memoir Spare.

"[Cocaine] didn't do anything for me, it was more a social thing and gave me a sense of belonging for sure, I think it probably also made me feel different to the way I was feeling, which was kind of the point," said Prince **Harry**.

He added: "Marijuana is different, that actually really did help me."

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Speaking on psychedelics Prince **Harry** said: "It was the cleaning of the windshield, removal of life's filters. It removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, release, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold onto for a period of time.

"For me I started doing it recreationally and then started to realise how good it was for me."

However, again, Ms Schofield wasn't so sure. "The lightness you're describing Harry is called being high. I mean, it brings new meaning to Your Highness," she said.

Now royal watchers are waiting to see whether the Sussexes will attend King Charles's Coronation later this year on May 6. Although Meghan and Harry confirmed they have received an invitation, they have yet to RSVP to the event.

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Visa at risk due to **drugs**

Prince Henry risks having his U.S. **visa** revoked after revealing that he tried cocaine.

- The Duke of Sussex revealed in his book "Spare: In the Shadow" that in his youth he used cocaine and marijuana, as well as other substances.

- Mirror reported that U.S. immigration officials take a tough stance when it comes to foreigners who use **drugs** in the country, so the Prince is at risk of having his document revoked.

- British citizens have had problems entering the U.S. over similar issues. Chef Nigella Lawson was prevented from taking a flight after revealing that she had used cocaine.

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Royal Family make Archie and Lilibet's title change official with major website update
Buckingham Palace has updated its website to show Lilibet and Archie's new titles.

Jon King

Buckingham Palace has made Archie and Lilibet's new titles official in an update on the Royal Family's official website. The title change was first announced on Wednesday when the Sussexes published a statement confirming Lilibet had been christened.

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Harry and Meghan's children became a prince and princess when King Charles acceded to the throne, but they had remained a plain "master" and "miss" on the Buckingham Palace website over the last six months.

But in an update today, the palace website refers to the Sussex children as Prince Archie of Sussex and Princess Lilibet of Sussex.

The site's line of succession list has been updated to reflect the change after a spokesperson for the Sussexes publicly referred to Lilibet as a princess for the first time when announcing news of her christening.

Lilibet, who will be two in June, was baptised in California on Friday, with the Sussexes' spokesperson saying: "I can confirm that Princess Lilibet Diana was christened on Friday March 3 by the Archbishop of Los Angeles, the Rev John Taylor."

Prince **Harry** could have his 'visa revoked' after admitting to using drugs
Prince **Harry** could see his 'visa revoked' after admitting to using drugs in a televised therapy session, Piers Morgan pointed out.

Speaking to famed therapist Dr Gabor Mate for his programme The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture, Prince **Harry** said he started using drugs after realising they helped him cope with his trauma.

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The Duke and Duchess of Sussex are reportedly keen not to deny their children their birthright, but to allow them the chance to decide for themselves when they are older whether to drop or keep using their titles.

In a recent statement the couple said the matter had been settled for some time.

Harry and Meghan have embraced the royal titles despite the couple's repeated criticism of the monarchy.

Prince **Harry** accuses his family of "total neglect" in the past and has said he suffered "genetic pain".

The Sussexes also alleged racism against an unnamed member of the Royal Family, who they claim asked what colour Archie would be. **Harry** has since appeared to row back on the allegation.

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In response to the title changes, royal commentator Emily Andrews tweeted on Wednesday: "The perennial question still remains; if being a royal is so traumatic, such a burden, carries so much inter-generational pain why would you want to style your kids prince and princess/keep your own royal titles....??"

King Charles was reportedly aware that the Sussexes intended to refer to their daughter as Princess Lili on Wednesday. It is understood there had been some correspondence about the matter.

Archie and Lilibet's titles will be used in formal settings, but they will not be used routinely by **Harry** and Meghan.

Lilibet's christening was an intimate affair with 20-30 people present, including Meghan's mother Doria Ragland and Lili's godfather, Tyler Perry, according to People magazine.

Guests enjoyed an afternoon of food and dancing, with Archie even dancing with his sister.

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The magazine said US actor Perry arrived with a gospel choir who performed Oh Happy Day and This Little Light Of Mine - a song which featured during the Sussexes' wedding.

It was reported King Charles, Queen Consort Camilla, Prince William and Kate, Princess of Wales, were invited but did not attend.

Rules over titles set by King George V in 1917 mean Archie and Lilibet, as the children of a son of a sovereign, automatically became a prince and a princess when Charles became King.

They would also be entitled to an HRH style but these will not be used. **Harry** and Meghan have retained their HRH styles, although they no longer use them after quitting the working monarchy.

Meghan said in the couple's interview with US talk show host Oprah Winfrey that Archie was not given the title of prince because of his race.

However, when Archie was born seventh in line to the throne in May 2019, he was too far down the line of succession.

Although he was a great-grandchild of the monarch, he was not a first-born son of a future king, so was not automatically a prince.

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A year of pain and joy

Nation's mourning for Queen Mother deflects the anger over train strikes

January

The single currency had a smooth launch as Europeans in 12 countries got their first look at new Euro notes and coins.

Rail travellers faced commuter misery and the economy lost millions as strikes on some of the country's busiest routes crippled services. Then Transport Secretary, Stephen Byers, admitted certain aspects of Britain's railways had got worse under Labour.

Five people died after a private executive jet crashed during take-off at Birmingham International Airport.

Professor Ian Wilmut, the man who led the team which created Dolly the sheep, called for more research into cloning after it emerged that Dolly had developed arthritis.

Chancellor Gordon Brown and his wife Sarah mourned the loss of their 10-day-old baby daughter Jennifer Jane. She had suffered a brain haemorrhage.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, announced his retirement.

Gary Hart, the driver convicted of causing the deaths of 10 people in the Selby rail crash, was jailed for five years.

Prince Charles sent his younger son Harry to a drugs rehabilitation clinic after he admitted to regularly smoking **cannabis** and drinking alcohol.

Shafiq Rasul, 24, of Tipton, West Midlands, was among the suspected al Qaida prisoners being held at Camp X-Ray, the **US** military prison in Cuba. Several other **Britons** were also being held at the camp.

Tens of thousands of people fled their homes in eastern Congo and Rwanda after a volcano erupted, sending burning lava into Lake Kivu.

Two Afghan brothers were each jailed for five years for hijacking and other offences relating to the Stansted Airport siege.

Eire publican, Colm Murphy, 49, was sentenced at Ireland's Special Criminal Court, to 14 years imprisonment for conspiring to cause the 1998 Omagh Bombing, in Northern Ireland. It killed 29 people, including a woman pregnant with twins.

Lord Wakeham stepped aside as chairman of the Press Complaints Commission to answer questions over his involvement with the collapsed United States of America energy giant Enron.

February

Stormy weather battered Britain. RAF helicopter crews winched 34 seamen to safety in two air-sea rescue operations, while passengers were stranded on a ferry which ran aground. Two men died when a tree fell on their vehicle.

Teacher Amy Gehring, 26, was cleared of having sex with two teenage pupils. Gehring was acquitted by a jury at Guildford Crown Court of three charges and the judge ordered a verdict of not guilty on a fourth.

The Queen marked the 50th anniversary of her accession with a poignant visit to a cancer unit in memory of her father, King George VI.

Home Secretary David Blunkett provoked criticism by saying Asians should make arranged marriages within the UK rather than flying in candidates from the Indian sub-continent.

Princess Margaret died, aged 71, in her sleep. Her coffin rested at Kensington Palace until the funeral service, which was attended by the Royal Family, including the Queen Mother.

Pop Idol reached its climax with Will Young pulling off a shock win over Gareth Gates.

A gang of robbers escaped with several million pounds in cash after holding up a security van at Heathrow Airport.

The Prime Minister was "totally unapologetic" over his backing of a bid by wealthy Labour Party donor Lakshmi Mittal to buy a Romanian steel company. This was despite claims that it would badly affect **British** jobs.

Transport Secretary Stephen Byers told MPs that his controversial special adviser, Jo Moore, and civil servant Martin Sixsmith had agreed to resign. Sixsmith later denied that he had voluntarily given his resignation.

A pounds 100m immigration removal centre near Bedford was wrecked when asylum seekers facing **deportation** lit a series of fires during a mass breakout.

Europe's top election observer arrived in Britain after being expelled from Zimbabwe just before the country's presidential elections. Thirteen EU governments called for immediate sanctions against Zimbabwe's president, Robert Mugabe.

Four men found guilty of plotting to carry out the "Robbery of the Millennium" by snatching pounds 200 million worth of diamonds from the Millennium Dome were jailed for between 15 and 18 years.

Actor John Thaw, star of The Sweeney, Inspector Morse and Kavanagh QC, died from cancer of the oesophagus, aged 60.

A 17-year-old youth was dramatically cleared of the murder of schoolboy Damilola Taylor after a judge threw out the evidence of the prosecution's main witness.

Comedian and writer Spike Milligan, the last of the Goons, died of liver disease, aged 83.

March

The mother and step-father of heroin addict Rachel Whitear released pictures of their daughter's death. She had died alone with a syringe still in her arm.

The Earl and Countess of Wessex announced that they were quitting their careers amid criticism that work was interfering with their royal duties.

Alain Baxter, Britain's Olympic slalom skiing bronze medallist, said he was "devastated" after being told he had tested positive for the banned substance methamphetamine. He was later stripped of his medal.

Robert Mugabe claimed victory in Zimbabwe's presidential election. **British** Foreign Secretary Jack Straw condemned the "systematic violence and intimidation" which he said had dominated the polling.

Prime Minister Tony Blair was urged by 39 of his MPs not to back **US** military action against Iraq. International Development Secretary Clare Short hinted that she would leave the Cabinet if Britain joined an attack.

Pop Idol winner Will Young disclosed he was gay.

Thousands of police officers converged on Westminster to protest about planned reforms to the service.

Baroness Thatcher's office announced that, due to health concerns, she would never make a public speech again.

England and Surrey cricketer Ben Hollioake was killed in a road accident in Australia. He was 24.

The parents of teenager Amanda Dowler made an emotional appeal for help in finding their daughter three days after she disappeared.

Actor Jim Broadbent was a surprise winner of the Best Supporting Actor Oscar for his role in Iris.

Supermodel Naomi Campbell won pounds 3,500 damages from The Daily Mirror after the High Court ruled it acted in breach of confidence in publishing details of her therapy at Narcotics Anonymous. The Mirror later won its appeal.

A second defendant in the Damilola Taylor murder trial walked free from the Old Bailey.

Education Secretary Estelle Morris was heckled and jeered when she told the NUT's annual conference she would not "do business" with teachers over pay and conditions if they threatened to strike.

The nation mourned as the Queen Mother died peacefully in her sleep at the age of 101.

April

A shower of flowers rained down on the Queen Mother's hearse as she made her final journey, past around one million well-wishers, to St George's Chapel, Windsor. Her four grandsons had mounted a vigil as she lay in state in Westminster Hall, and the Queen addressed the nation with a message of thanks for public support.

Violence engulfed the Middle East as Israeli tanks invaded Ramallah, trapping six **British** peace activists. The UN Security Council elected to send a fact-finding team to a refugee camp in Jenin after reports that "hundreds" of Palestinians had been killed there.

Television company ITV Digital collapsed, ceasing all pay TV services. Football League clubs were forced to accept a pounds 120 million "golden goodbye" from the company.

REM guitarist Peter Buck was cleared of "ransacking" a first-class cabin during a drunken airborne rampage.

The Prime Minister led national concern for David Beckham's injured foot - and England's World Cup dreams. The England captain's broken metatarsal bone, sustained in a Champions League clash with **Deportivo** La Coruna, put Beckham's hopes of playing in Japan in doubt.

Caroline Ann Stuttle, a 19-year-old backpacker from York, was thrown to her death from a bridge after being robbed in Australia.

Chancellor Gordon Brown introduced an pounds 8 billion tax hike in the Budget. Meanwhile a Treasury-commissioned report warned that spending on the National Health Service would have to more than double over the next 20 years.

Sven Goran Eriksson's girlfriend, Nancy Dell'Olia, insisted that reports of a relationship between the England football coach and TV star Ulrika Jonsson were "rubbish".

Two teenage brothers walked free from the Old Bailey after being cleared of the murder of 10-year-old Damilola Taylor. Damilola's parents said they blamed themselves and **British** society for their son's death.

Six **British** plane spotters arrested near a Greek air force base in 2001, were found guilty of spying by a court in the southern town of Kalamata. They were sentenced to three years in jail.

An expelled pupil went on a gun rampage in a German school, killing 17 people including at least two children, before turning the gun on himself.

Diane Pretty, a terminally-ill woman who wanted her husband to be allowed to help her "die with dignity" without fear of prosecution, lost her bid for the backing of the European Court of Human Rights.

May

Far-right **British** National Party candidates won three seats in local elections in Burnley, Lancs.

Nearly 50 police officers were injured when mass violence erupted at the end of a Division One play-off game at Millwall Football Club.

Conservative frontbencher Ann Winterton was sacked after telling a racist joke at a dinner.

Thousands of Jewish campaigners filled Trafalgar Square to call for peace in the Middle East in the biggest ever rally staged in the capital by the Jewish community.

Transport Secretary Stephen Byers resigned, claiming it was the "right thing to do for the Government and the Labour Party". He had denied misleading MPs by telling them his department's communications director, Martin Sixsmith, had resigned, when he had not.

Arsenal beat Chelsea to win the FA Cup final and secured the double by beating Manchester United to be crowned Premiership champions.

Seven people died and dozens were injured when a passenger train derailed, smashing into a bridge and platform at Potter's Bar in north London. Railtrack insisted passenger safety had not been compromised after damaged railway sleepers were found near the scene.

The Foreign Office advised **Britons** to consider leaving India after a senior diplomat warned Pakistan and India were 'very close' to renewed warfare over the disputed territory of Kashmir.

Beckham-mania hit the Far East as the England captain was greeted by a screaming 600-strong crowd when Sven Goran Eriksson's squad touched down in Japan for the World Cup. Republic of Ireland captain Roy Keane was sent home after criticising his side's preparations for the tournament.

Have I Got News For You host Angus Deayton was accused of snorting cocaine and cheating on his girlfriend.

The Government gave away the Millennium Dome and its surrounds for free in the hope of getting pounds 550 million back over 20 years.

June

The cricket world was in shock following the death of disgraced former South African cricket captain Hansie Cronje in a plane crash.

The Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations were dubbed an "enormous success". Former Beatle Sir Paul McCartney topped the bill at the Party at the Palace and went on to marry Heather Mills at a remote countryside castle in Ireland later this month.

A two-seater aircraft careered on to the M11 motorway, killing one man and injuring another.

Five people were shot as sectarian violence hit Belfast for four nights.

Former Transport Secretary Stephen Byers apologised to Paddington rail crash survivor Pam Warren over an aide's e-mail seeking information about her campaign group.

Former South African president Nelson Mandela called for a fresh appeal in the case of Lockerbie bomber Abdelbaset Ali Mohamed Al Megrahi.

Postal group Consignia announced 17,000 job cuts, record losses of pounds 1.1 billion and a 1p rise in the price of stamps.

Bobby Robson and Mick Jagger were knighted in the Queen's birthday honours.

England beat Argentina only to lose 2-1 in the World Cup quarter finals to eventual winners Brazil.

Police told the parents of missing schoolgirl Amanda Dowler that she was probably dead.

The London stock market saw more than pounds 35 billion wiped from shares as traders reacted to a massive accounting scandal from **US** giant WorldCom which slashed 17,000 jobs.

A builder was found guilty of killing three generations of one family with an iron bar. David Morris was convicted at Swansea Crown Court of murdering Mandy Power, 34, her daughters Katie, 10, and Emily, eight, and Mrs Power's bedridden mother Doris Dawson, 80.

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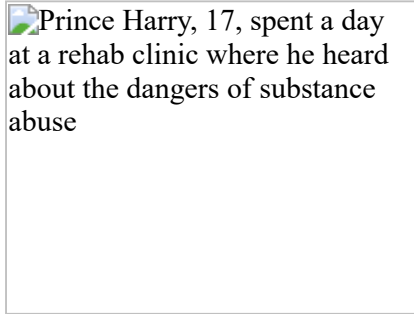
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Back to school for Prince Harry

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Prince Harry, 17, spent a day at a rehab clinic where he heard about the dangers of substance abuse

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ETON, England -- Prince Harry is expected to be back in classes at Eton on Monday where he will hope to put the weekend's revelations of his drug taking behind him.

His father, the Prince of Wales won praise from Prime Minister Tony Blair and drugs support groups for his handling of "every family's nightmare."

Prince Harry left Eton College on Sunday after revelations of his cannabis smoking and underage drinking were revealed.

The 17-year-old youngest son of Prince Charles and the late Princess

Diana spent Sunday at his father's country residence, Highgrove in Gloucestershire.

Prince Harry had lunch with his father and elder brother William and was expected to return to the school on Sunday night.

Blair, whose eldest son Euan was once caught underage drinking, acknowledged it was a difficult situation for the Prince of Wales and his family, saying: "I know this myself.

"I think the way that Prince Charles and the Royal Family have handled it is absolutely right and they have done it in a very responsible and, as you would expect, in a very sensitive way for their child," Blair told the BBC.

Euan Blair, then 16, was found to be drunk and incapable in London's Leicester Square while celebrating the end of his GCSEs in July 2000.

Prince Charles had faced "every parent's nightmare" but handled it very well, according to Addiction, Britain's largest specialist drug and alcohol treatment agency.

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Should Prince Harry have been sent to a drugs clinic for admitting to smoking cannabis?

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"It seems from what we know of the story that the Prince of Wales has acted with deep sensitivity and very quickly, which is exactly what is needed," chief executive Peter Martin told the Press Association.

A spokesman for St James's Palace, the Prince of Wales's official London residence, confirmed on Saturday night that Prince Harry had visited the Featherstone Lodge drug, a rehabilitation clinic in Lewisham, south London, of which his father is patron.

The spokesman told CNN: "This is a serious matter which was resolved within the family, and is now in the past and closed."

Prince Charles discovered the teenage prince had taken drugs at Highgrove and at private parties, and allegedly drank alcohol at the Rattlebone Inn, Sherston, Wiltshire, the Sunday tabloid News of the World reported.

Bill Puddicombe, chief executive of Phoenix House UK -- which runs Featherstone Lodge -- described to CNN details of Prince Harry's visit, which was made last summer.

He said: "We received a request from the Prince of Wales's office for Prince Harry to come and visit one of our rehabilitation centers.

"He came and visited for a couple of hours. Prince Charles was not with him. He spoke to the people were there recovery from addiction from cocaine, heroin, other illicit drugs and alcohol.

"He learned a bit about the consequences of drug use, he heard about people's life stories and heard, I guess, some harrowing details of what had happened to them."

In Britain, possession of cannabis, a class B controlled substance, is punishable by up to five years in prison, although the government has proposed making possession a non-arrestable offence. The legal age for buying alcohol is 18.

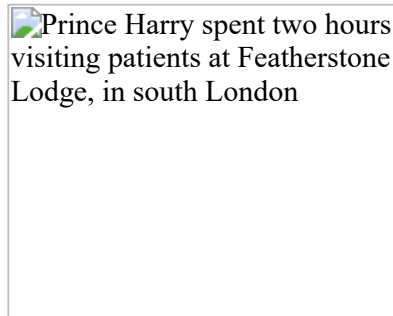
The News of the World said Harry had experimented with marijuana over a two-month period at Highgrove, in a rundown shed at a nearby pub and at private parties held by friends.

Prince Charles was alerted to his son's behaviour by a Highgrove staff member, who noticed a strong smell of marijuana, the newspaper reported.

Prince Charles is reported to have reacted straight away when he learned his son had tried cannabis, sending him to visit the rehab clinic to show him the dangers of drug abuse.

"The way we interpreted it was it was a piece of good, responsible parenting by Prince Charles," Puddicombe said.

Scandals involving drink and drugs have dogged the circle of friends of Prince Harry and his elder brother William, whose mother died in a car



Prince Harry spent two hours visiting patients at Featherstone Lodge, in south London

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crash in 1997.

Last year, Nicholas Knatchbull, one of Prince Charles's godchildren received treatment at a drug rehabilitation clinic.

Tom Parker Bowles -- another godchild and son of Prince Charles's partner, Camilla Parker Bowles -- was exposed as a cocaine user two years ago.

His cousin, Emma Parker Bowles, admitted in 2000 that she had been treated for drink and drug addiction.

And when he was 14, Prince Charles himself was at the centre of an infamous underage drinking episode after he entered a pub on the Isle of Lewis in Scotland.

He asked for a cherry brandy, saying later it was the first thing that came into his mind, but the incident attracted international attention.

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Drug addicts were 'stunned' when they say 17-year-old **Prince Harry** confessed to taking cocaine, ketamine, cannabis and Nepalese hashish temple ball...

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Drug addicts were 'stunned' when they say 17-year-old **Prince Harry** confessed to taking cocaine, ketamine, cannabis and Nepalese hashish temple balls during visit to rehabilitation centre

Drug addicts were stunned when 17-year-old **Prince Harry** confessed he took cocaine, ketamine, cannabis and Nepalese hashish temple balls, it was claimed yesterday.

A former resident, Paul Smith, claimed yesterday that the Prince was 'so open' Harry left them bemused when he said he took potentially harmful temple balls In his explosive book he said taking drugs like cocaine did not make him happy

He was sent to meet residents at a rehabilitation centre when Prince Charles discovered he had been experimenting with cannabis and alcohol.

But when he was at Featherstone Lodge in south-east London, Harry apparently confessed to much more serious drug taking, telling startled addicts he had taken Class A cocaine and Class B ketamine, a tranquilliser.

A former resident, Paul Smith, claimed yesterday: 'Harry was so open. He said he'd taken ketamine, cannabis and also cocaine. We were stunned. There had been reports of bad behaviour around that time, but this was so shocking. This was a prince. It was incredible.'

Harry also left them bemused when he talked of taking temple balls, an especially potent and potentially dangerous form of cannabis which has been cultivated in Nepal for hundreds of years.

Mr Smith, 54, shared his memories from 2002 after the Duke of Sussex wrote in his memoir, Spare, about snorting lines of cocaine and hallucinating on magic mushrooms, once believing that a bin was talking to him.

Mr Smith told The Sun yesterday: 'We had no prior warning, we were just told he was heading in. He said when he was doing these things, he was out of control. It was brutally honest. I think he felt happy to speak around us.'

He recalled Harry had spent about an hour with him and two other addicts, talking in great detail about his life. He said: 'I think Charles wanted him to be alone and talk to real addicts about how bad drugs are. He did not even have his security people

in the room at the time. I said my name was Paul and I explained my situation. I told him that he did not want to end up in a place like this.'

In the book, Harry said taking cocaine did not make him happy, but he had tried the Class A drug and other narcotics as a way to escape the harsh reality of his life. He also suggested that taking psychedelic drugs had helped his mental health therapy.

He admits smoking cannabis at Eton, and said he continued to smoke the drug even while living at Nottingham Cottage in Kensington Palace, adding that he tried to ensure the smoke did not drift into the garden of his neighbour, the Duke of Kent.

Harry boasts of how he lied to palace officials when a newspaper claimed in 2002 to have obtained a photo of him taking cocaine. He bragged of dishonestly informing a senior courtier he had never taken the drug, leading the palace to deny it to the journalist.

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Prince Harry Admits to Drug Use

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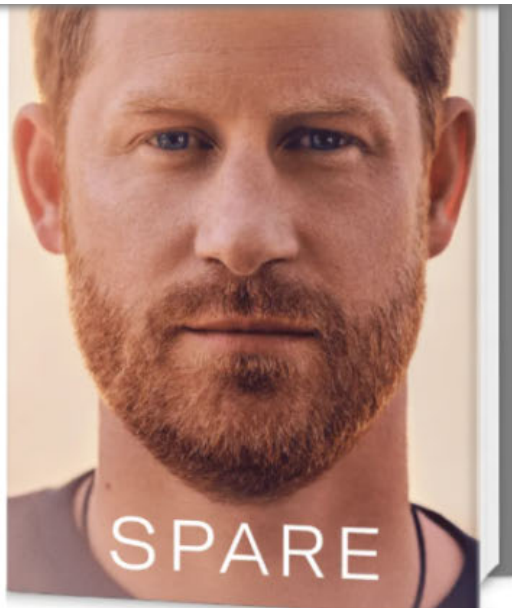
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Prince Harry's memoir, *Spare*, details many of the unexplored recesses of his royal life but also extant reports of heavy drinking and drug use. Few details have been provided regarding his path to recovery. This follows the December release of a widely viewed, [six-part Netflix documentary](#) on Harry and his wife, Meghan Markle, and a dramatic film about their lives, *Harry & Meghan*, released in 2019.



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The Royal Cocaine Rumor

The book covers several controversial scenes, including one where William, Prince of Wales, [physically attacks Prince Harry](#) during an argument about Meghan. Another that's actually not related to the relationship is that of what Spare calls the "party prince." It refers to a time in his life when the Duke of Sussex concedes that he indulged in [cocaine](#) a "few" times. This actually hearkens back to a rumor [first published by a British tabloid](#) the same year *Harry & Meghan* was released.



"Which third-generation royal unrolled a friend's banknote when doing coke?" the original piece read [according to Daily Mail](#). "They said, 'Hello, granny!' to the Queen's portrait before re-rolling it and hoofing their line."



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~~commit this exact statement and scenario, it does commit that Harry had, indeed, done~~
cocaine. He says he used cocaine several times, starting at age 17 in order to “feel different.”

Other Royal Substance Abuses

Cocaine is one of many substances the memoir, however, admits Harry abused from [nicotine](#) to [marijuana](#) and even psychedelics like [ayahuasca](#) and [psilocybin](#), which is being [increasingly considered for legalization](#) in the U.S. Harry details one experience in 2016 in which mushrooms gave him a hallucination in which he conversed with a trashcan. In the book, he expresses remorse and guilt for his substance use.

“I knew this was bad behaviour,” Harry wrote about sharing a joint with friends. “I knew it was wrong. My mates knew too.”

He wrote that he took drugs, like many people do, to deal with mental trauma. In Harry’s case, it was in an effort to deal with the loss of his mother, Princess Diana. He said “It wasn’t much fun and didn’t make me feel particularly happy the way others seemed to.”

Newspaper reporters had actually approached palace officials in 2002, claiming to have photographic evidence of Harry doing cocaine, according to the memoir. Harry brags in the book about lying to the officials and leading the royal family to deny the allegation to the journalist.

Prince Harry Forced into Recovery

In February 2002 — the same year Harry got the palace to lie to press about his cocaine abuse — King Charles, then Prince of Wales, enrolled Harry in the addiction treatment program at Featherstone Lodge Rehabilitation Centre in South London [per The Guardian](#).



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cannabis on several occasions. He was also said to have been drinking excessively.

Much of this behavior was then attributed to Prince Harry coping with the death of his mother, Princess Diana. This matches what addictionologists often assert about [trauma being a common denominator](#) for substance abuse habits. That's one of the problems [cognitive behavioral therapy](#) is intended to treat. It's a treatment modality largely used for victims of post traumatic stress disorder.



Treatment Modalities for Prince Harry

Taking an aggregate sum of what substances Prince Harry took, he may have had an [arduous detox process](#) to undergo. It's literally a series of chemical changes in the body, which prove not only uncomfortable but painful and even life-threatening sometimes. Healthcare experts agree that this is a process best overseen by professional, medical staff.



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temporarily suicidal. Ephemeral mental illness aside, therapy is a necessary treatment to actually combat substance use disorders (SUDs), too.

Detox supervision is one of the specialties of Landmark Recovery, even to the point of medication-assisted treatment in some circumstances. Also, therapy afterward is hardly just about surviving dopamine crashes. At the same time, not all talk therapy is well suited to deal with the root problem of SUD. Cognitive behavioral therapy identifies and targets the thought processes that contribute to substance abuse, yanks them up by the root and replaces them with thoughts better suited to living without those substances.

If you relate to Prince Harry's journey, and need help to stop drinking or taking drugs, go to [Landmark Recovery](#) or call [888.448.0302](tel:888.448.0302).

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Prince Charles took his youngest son, Harry, to a rehabilitation clinic to show him the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, after the young prince admitted having smoked marijuana and getting drunk, a Sunday newspaper reported.

St. James's Palace, the official residence of Prince Charles, said the matter was now closed.

"This was a serious matter which was resolved within the family and is now in the past and closed," a spokesman said today, speaking on condition of anonymity.

According to tabloid News of the World, Charles made the decision after discovering the 17-year-old prince had used marijuana and had also been drinking at a pub near Charles' Highgrove country estate in western England.

Marijuana use is illegal in Britain and the legal drinking age is 18. Harry was 16 when he confessed to his father last summer, the newspaper reported.

The newspaper said Harry experimented with marijuana over a two-month period at Highgrove, in a rundown shed at a nearby pub and at private parties held by friends.

Charles was alerted to his son's behavior by a Highgrove member of staff, the newspaper reported. He confronted the young prince and took him to a drug rehabilitation center in south London, where he spent a day talking with addicts.

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Prince Harry sent to rehab over drink and drugs

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Harry's friends are no strangers to drugs

Prince Harry was sent to a drugs rehabilitation clinic after he admitted to smoking cannabis and drinking alcohol, it emerged last night.

His father, the Prince of Wales, sent his son to Featherstone Lodge Rehabilitation Centre in Peckham, south London. Prince Charles took the decision after learning his son had taken drugs during private parties at Highgrove, and had drunk alcohol at the nearby Rattlebone Inn in Sherston, reports said.



These incidents are reported to have happened last June and July when Harry was 16. It is believed that Prince Charles was alerted to the problem when a senior member of staff noticed a smell of cannabis. In the late summer, he visited the rehabilitation centre for what was intended to be a "short, sharp shock".

Bill Puddicombe, the chief executive of Phoenix House Treatment Service For Drug Dependency, confirmed Prince Harry's visit to the lodge. "The visit was at the request of the Prince of Wales, who is our patron," he said. "Prince Harry came for a couple of hours on a day in late summer and talked to several people in recovery, heroin and cocaine addicts mostly.

"They told him what had happened in their lives, which must have been quite harrowing for him. Prince Harry was friendly and relaxed and the residents liked him and responded very warmly to him.

"I spoke to the Prince in November and was pleased to hear that Harry had enjoyed his visit and learnt a lot.

"It was an opportunity for the Prince of Wales to teach Prince Harry about our work and the consequences of taking drugs. Featherstone has helped an enormous number of people, and we are pleased if the visit helped Prince Harry too."

Prince Harry was reportedly shown the residential and detox areas and sat in on a communal therapy group and heard stories of addicts moving from cannabis to cocaine and heroin.

A spokesman for St James's Palace said last night: "This is a serious matter which was resolved within the family, and is now in the past and closed." It is expected there will be widespread praise for the Prince of Wales's actions.

Prince Harry, now at Eton public school and planning to go to agricultural college after his A-levels, is the latest in a line of young aristocrats and politicians' children who have succumbed to drug taking. The Hon Nicholas Knatchbull, a godson of Prince Charles, was in a rehabilitation clinic last year. Camilla Parker Bowles's son, Tom and Lord Frederick Windsor have also admitted using cocaine. Tony Blair's son, Euan, was found drunk in Leicester Square in 2000 when he was 16.

The *Mail on Sunday* also reported last night that the prince was at the centre of a

abused a French employee and was ordered to leave the premises, the report said. The landlord, David Baker, left the pub within weeks of the incident.

The Prince of Wales was involved in an underage drinking episode when he was 14. During a school sailing trip, he led his four friends to the Crown Hotel on the Isle of Lewis. He asked for a cherry brandy, the first drink that came to his mind.



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Prince Harry taken to drink and drugs rehab clinic

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Prince Harry was taken to a drugs rehabilitation clinic for a day after Prince Charles discovered he had been regularly smoking cannabis and drinking alcohol, it emerged last night.

The prince, 16 at the time, was confronted last year by Prince Charles, who then arranged a visit to Featherstone Lodge, a detox centre for heroin addicts in Peckham, south London.

Royal sources confirmed that Harry, now 17, had confessed to 'experimenting' with cannabis on several occasions at his father's Highgrove home and drinking to excess at private parties and at a local pub in Wiltshire.

The latest revelations will be highly embarrassing for the royal family and also put a spotlight on how Prince Harry has coped since his mother Diana, Princess of Wales, was killed.

The News of the World quoted one source as saying: 'Since Princess Diana died, there has been a family rule that when Prince Harry is home from school, his father is at home at Highgrove.

'But last summer was different. Prince Harry was getting older, Prince Charles was often away on business in London and Prince William was on his gap year.

'So for the first time Prince Harry found himself occasionally at home alone at Highgrove and was encouraged to have friends round to keep him company. During a period covering June and July 2001, Prince Harry fell in with a bad lot at the Rattlebone Inn. There are so many fights at the Rattlebone Inn. In fact, earlier last year Prince Harry was involved in an incident after a fight broke out over out-of-hours drinking and was barred from the inn for a while.'

The News of the World reports that one of his new friends encouraged him to experiment with cannabis at a private party in Tetbury and on one occasion in the shed

at the back of the pub.

It was after a private party at Highgrove that a member of the Royal staff smelled cannabis and alerted Prince Charles. An aide to the Prince of Wales confirmed: 'Although his friends smoked at parties at Highgrove, Harry was mindful only to smoke in private with close friends in the local area.'

Charles is reported to have asked Prince William to suggest to Harry that he should spend some time at the Featherstone clinic to familiarise himself with the dangers of drugs. It was reported that the prince visited the centre for a day as a short, sharp shock and not for treatment.

According to the report, Charles told aides: 'There is no point in hiding the truth. These are the facts - let people make their own judgment.' St James's Palace said: 'This is a serious matter which was resolved within the family and is now closed.'

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DRUG CONFESSIONS Prince Harry, aged 17, told addicts at rehab he'd 'experimented' with cocaine, ketamine & cannabis following loss of mum

Isaac Crowson

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PRINCE Harry confessed to taking cocaine, ketamine





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A former resident of a drug rehab centre claims Harry confessed to taking cocaine, ketamine, cannabis and Nepalese hashish Temple Balls aged 17 Credit: David Hartley



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It was widely reported around that time that Charles confronted [Harry](#), who had confessed to “experimenting” with weed on several occasions at his father’s [Highgrove](#) home.

But The Sun can reveal he went further than was publicly known and told startled addicts he had taken the Class A drug cocaine and Class B ketamine, a tranquilliser.

And he left them bemused with a confession to taking Temple Balls – which experts have warned are not for the casual drug taker.

It is a form of cannabis which has been cultivated in Nepal for hundreds of years – and is a plant concentrate which produces a much more potent high than regular weed.

Paul, 54, has come forward to talk about Harry’s visit after the Duke of Sussex admitted to taking drugs [in his memoir, Spare](#).

He claims: “Harry was so open. He said he’d taken ketamine, cannabis and also cocaine.





Paul Smith, 52, said Harry claimed to have taken ketamine, cannabis and cocaine Credit: Kevin Dunnett



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“We had no prior warning, we were just told he was heading in. He said when he was doing these things, he was out of control.

“It was brutally honest. I think he felt happy to speak around us.”



wanted him to be alone and talk to real addicts about how bad drugs are.

“He did not even have his security people in the room at the time. I said my name was Paul and I explained my situation.





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Harry was taken to the rehab centre after the King





Harry also admits in Spare that he had lied about his cocaine use when confronted about it Credit: Reuters

"I told him that he did not want to end up in a place like this. He talked about taking marijuana, Temple Balls and cocaine.

"He also talked about Ketamine. I was like, 'Oh my god' – I told him he needed to rein it in.

"But when all the drug taking stuff came out this week from his book I was shocked. I don't know why he decided to announce it all now. He said he felt very bad after taking the drugs."

In the book, Harry admits he took cocaine as a teenager and blamed it on an adolescent rebellion.

He says he was offered the Class A drug during a hunting weekend when he was 17 – and on a few other occasions.



into the garden of his neighbour, the Duke of Kent.

Psychedelic drugs had helped him escape into “another world”, he adds, and he describes getting drunk on tequila and taking magic mushrooms with friends in [California](#) in 2016.

Harry also admits in Spare that he had lied about his cocaine use when confronted about it at the time of [the Queen’s Golden Jubilee](#) in 2002.

He says he was ushered into a small office and asked bluntly if he had taken the drug.

The unnamed member of the Royal Household said a journalist had claimed to have a photograph of the young prince taking cocaine.

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Royal biographer criticized Meghan Markle for allegedly encouraging Prince Harry to reveal details of his drug use in his memoir 'Spare'

Prince Harry's US visa is under scrutiny and partially his wife Meghan Markle is responsible for it. As per experts, Meghan should have warned Harry about detailing his drug use in his book 'Spare' as it could have serious consequences for his visa status in the United States.

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After the book came out, The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, has called for the release of Prince Harry's US visa application to see if he properly disclosed his past drug use before moving to California in the summer of 2020.

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...gela Levin has criticized Meghan Markle for allegedly encouraging Prince Harry to reveal all of these details in his memoir. Prince Harry is "nervous" around his wife and is "frightened" of her. She claims that Meghan Markle controls everything and no longer the same person he was a few years ago.

...Meghan is delightful unless you say something that she doesn't want you to say and then she is really scary."

...what Meghan wants, Meghan gets," she remarked adding, "It's a tragedy because I think that he lets her say and do things that by 'no this is not how it works' that 'she is wrong'."

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It is unclear what the consequences would be for Prince Harry if he were to leave the United States over visa issues. Similarly, it is uncertain whether Prince Harry would return to Britain or whether Meghan Markle would remain in the United States.

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Prince Harry is 'frightened' of his wife Meghan Markle, claims royal biographer; calls her 'really scary'.

Meghan Markle should have warned Prince Harry against revealing details about his drug usage for his memoir Spare. Harry has disclosed plenty of royal secrets and interesting details about his drug usage in his memoir Spare. For that reason, his visa applications have come under scrutiny and there are chances that he may be deported from the US. US immigration law tends to have very harsh punishment for people lying and hiding information. The royal biographer Angela Levin has called out Meghan Markle for not stopping Prince Harry from revealing all details. In fact, she encouraged Harry to tell it all.

According to reports, a conservative think tank is calling for [Prince Harry's US visa application](#) to be released so Americans can see whether or not he admitted to his past drug use before moving to California in the summer of 2020. Now the obvious questions are what will happen to [Meghan Markle](#) if Harry gets deported from the USA over visa issues? Will Harry go back to Britain? Will Meghan continue to live in the US?

The Heritage Foundation, one of the country's preeminent right-wing think tanks, is arguing that US officials should release the details of the prince's application so Americans can see whether or not he was properly vetted before being allowed to enter the country. Applicants for US visas are typically asked about their criminal history and

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According to reports, Angela Levin, the royal biographer has mentioned that Prince Harry is frightened of his wife Meghan Markle. She added that the Duke of Sussex is 'nervous' when he is around her. Referring to the Duchess of Sussex as 'really scary,' she said, "It's well known that Meghan is delightful unless you say something that she doesn't want you to say and then she is really scary."

According to GB News Harry doesn't want to say anything if Meghan wants to speak, if she wants to speak to someone before him he steps back, he's very nervous.' Calling him anxious, she alleged that Meghan probably controls everything because 'Harry isn't the same guy he was a few years ago.' "He said himself that what Meghan wants, Meghan gets", She remarked, "It's a tragedy because I think that he lets her say and do things that anyone else would say 'no this is not how it works' that 'she is wrong,'" the former biographer of Prince Harry explained.

Last month, she revealed that Prince Harry was 'shivering in his boots' about seeing the Royal Family before King Charles III's coronation over fears of 'royal retaliation'.

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Lawyers reveal whether Prince Harry's drug use will affect US visa status

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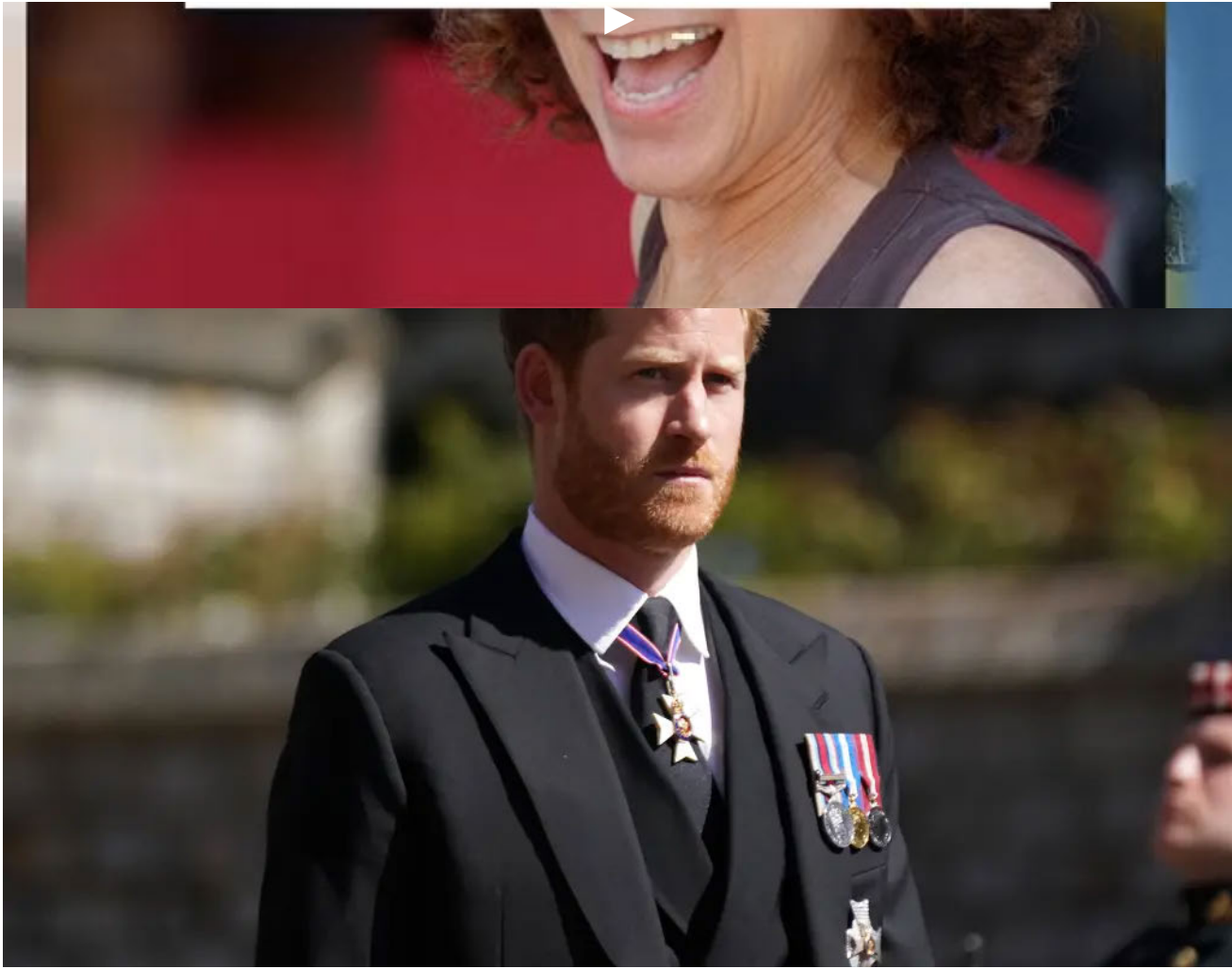
“Truth-teller” Prince Harry may find himself in hot water — and lose his rights to live in the US — for being too honest about his past drug use, a legal expert tells Page Six exclusively.

However, others argue that the British royal is in the clear — unless he happens to one day find himself behind bars.

“An admission of drug use is usually grounds for inadmissibility,” former federal prosecutor [Neama Rahmani](#) says.

“That means Prince Harry’s visa should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other drugs.”





Prince Harry's admission of drug use could affect his visa status.

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The Duke of Sussex revealed in his memoir, "Spare," released in January, that he "drank heavily," used cocaine and smoked pot throughout his life.

While Harry, 38, claimed he only used coke as a teen, he has also admitted to experimenting with psychedelics well into his adulthood.

The prince said during an online chat with trauma expert Gabor Maté earlier this month that he considers hallucinogenic drugs a "fundamental" part of his life.



Harry, seen here in 2004, wrote about using cocaine in his book, "Spare."

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"It was the cleaning of the windscreen, the removal of life's filters — these layers of filters — it removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, relief, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold back for a period of time," he shared at the time.

"I started doing it recreationally and then started to realize how good it was for me."

Attorney [James Leonard](#), who represented "The Real Housewives of New Jersey" alum Joe Giudice in [his immigration case](#), disagrees with Rahmani that Harry's status in the US is at such high risk.



“Absent any criminal charge related to drugs or alcohol or any finding by a judicial authority that Prince Harry is a habitual drug user, which he clearly is not, I don’t see any issue with the disclosures in his memoir regarding recreational experimentation with drugs,” the high-profile New Jersey-based lawyer tells Page Six.

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Leonard explains that drug users who are not US citizens would have to give immigration officials a reason to launch an investigation into the individual’s status, like a criminal act.

“You’ve got to give them something that would trigger it, and revealing it in a book, that you experimented with drugs when you were a young man, I don’t think gets you there,” the celebrity attorney adds.



Legal experts say Harry's visa would only be at risk if he faced criminal charges.

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“Immigration is not going to do anything based on that. If he got arrested or if he got a DWI, then we’re having a different conversation.”

Sam Adair, an immigration lawyer with more than two decades of experience, agrees with Leonard that it is “unlikely that these admissions will present a problem.”

“If there had been a conviction, it would have likely been a significant issue in getting a visa,” the executive partner at Graham Adair points out.



Harry moved to the US in 2020 with his wife, Meghan Markle.

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He adds, “This isn’t to say that drug use could not be a problem in the immigration process, but in this circumstance, it is unlikely that this would present an issue.

“It isn’t clear to me what the duke’s visa status is in the US, but breaking the law could be an issue in getting a visa renewed or for readmission to the US. But recreational drug use that has not been the subject of criminal scrutiny is unlikely to present an issue for someone’s visa status.”

However, Rahmani maintains that there is “no requirement that the person actually be convicted of a drug offense.”



Harry resides in the US full-time with his wife and two kids, Archie and Lilibet.
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He notes, though, that a loophole for drug users to stay in the US would be for them to “get a waiver” as proof that their substance abuse “is in remission.”

“Someone is considered in remission after one year of sobriety,” Rahmani explains. “A waiver request requires a doctor to submit medical records, but it’s unclear whether Prince Harry made such a request because immigration files are not public.”

Harry has not disclosed whether he has ever struggled with serious drug issues, but his father, King Charles III, [sent him to a rehab center at age 17](#) after he confessed to smoking marijuana.



Markle is a US citizen.

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Adair says past recreational drug use is “not something that is likely to have been raised in a visa interview,” so it was likely not an issue during Harry’s approval process.

“The drug use could be an issue if there had ever been an arrest, charge or conviction, but recreational use would not likely come up in the visa interview,” the Texas-based lawyer concludes.

Leonard agrees, “If he had a criminal charge, it could absolutely affect his status and whether it gets renewed or terminated. But just to say that you indulged in that behavior, the answer is no [it would not affect his status].”



Harry and Markle quit the British royal family in January 2020.

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Harry **moved to California** with his wife, Meghan Markle, and their son, Archie, in early 2020 after **quitting the royal family** that January.

According to **a 2021 article by the Times**, the duke has no plans to seek a permanent US residency, citizenship or a “green card at any point.”

A top immigration attorney previously told Page Six that should any issues arise, Markle, 41, who was born in California, could **sponsor her husband**.

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scrutiny is his admission to having experimented with illicit drugs, such as cocaine and magic mushrooms (<https://uinterview.com/news/prince-harry-says-he-did-cocaine-had-a-bad-trip-off-mushrooms-in-new-memoir/>), which has raised questions about whether he declared his past substance use when applying for residency, and why it has not impacted his ability to obtain a U.S. visa.

The Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project has submitted a request for Prince Harry's visa documents under the Freedom of Information Act. Experts believe that if the Heritage Foundation's investigation finds the Duke of Sussex to have lied on his application, he could have his visa revoked and could face deportation.

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Experts say that an admission of drug use is usually grounds for inadmissibility.

If, however, the investigation finds that he has mentioned his history with illicit drugs, then it would suggest that he has received unfair preferential treatment due to his royal status or as a result of his wife **Meghan Markle** (<https://uinterview.com/tag/Meghan-markle/>)'s fame.

Many individuals with a history of substance use have been refused from the U.S. in the past. For example, in 2014, food writer and TV chef **Nigella Lawson** was banned from an LAX-bound flight from London Heathrow, four months after admitting to experimenting with Class-A drugs.

While the 38-year-old prince claimed to have only engaged in cocaine use in his teenage years, he recalled his experimentation with psychedelics to have been well into his adulthood, at the Los Angeles home of actress **Courteney Cox** (<https://uinterview.com/news/courtney-cox-reacts-to-prince-harry-saying-he-took-magic-mushrooms-at-her-house/>). Earlier this month, the duke told trauma expert Dr. **Gabor Maté** that hallucinogenic drugs are a "fundamental" part of his life.

"It was the cleaning of the windscreen, the removal of life's filters — these layers of filters — it removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, relief, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold back for a period of time," he told Maté, admitting that he began "doing it recreationally and then started to realize how good it was for me."

Despite the backlash, there are some who believe that without a criminal act, immigration officials will not have sufficient reason to launch an investigation.





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Prince Harry Might Face Deportation Over Past Drug Use

A CONSERVATIVE THINK TANK IS DEMANDING THAT PRINCE HARRY MAKES HIS VISA APPLICATION PUBLIC.

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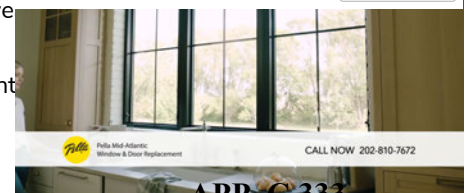
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Earlier this year, during his global press tour for *Spare*, Harry revealed in a camera he has used cocaine, magic mushrooms, marijuana, and psychedelics including ayahuasca. The Heritage Foundation wants to know if Harry omitted to use of those drugs on his application.

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If the answer is yes, he could be facing possible deportation for lying to immigration officials. That also means if he decides to travel to the U.K. for Coronation Weekend, he may not be allowed back into the US.

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“This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of Prince Harry’s visa for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince’s drug use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States,” The Heritage Foundation’s Oversight Project director Mike Howell told *Daily Mail* (<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11884759/So-DID-Prince-Harry-visa-despite-drug-use-Campaigners-demand-know.html>).

The real ticker is whether or not Harry received preferential treatment for being a Prince, The Heritage Foundation added. Typically, those with a history of drug use are denied entrance into the U.S. Thus, if Harry was honest about his drug record and immigration turned a blind eye, the public may have something to say about that.

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“An admission of drug use is usually grounds for inadmissibility,” former federal prosecutor Neema Rahmani told *Page Six*. (<https://pagesix.com/2023/03/21/lawyers-reveal-prince-harrys-drug-use-could-affect-us-visa/>) “That means Prince Harry’s visa should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms, and other drugs.”

Albeit, attorney James Leonard argues Harry’s past drug use would have to be linked to a criminal charge for immigration to raise eyebrows.

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“Absent any criminal charge related to drugs or alcohol or any finding by a judicial authority that Prince Harry is a habitual drug user, which he clearly is not, I don’t see any issue with the disclosures in his memoir regarding recreational experimentation with drugs,” he told the outlet.

“You’ve got to give them something that would trigger it, and revealing it in a book, that you experimented with drugs when you were a young man, I don’t think gets you there,” Leonard continued.

Leonard did note, however, if Harry ever got a DWI or was arrested, then his visa might be in jeopardy.

Visa records are kept private, so it’s uncertain whether The Heritage Foundation’s legal dispute will go in their favor. It’s also unclear what this may mean when Harry has to review his U.S. visa.

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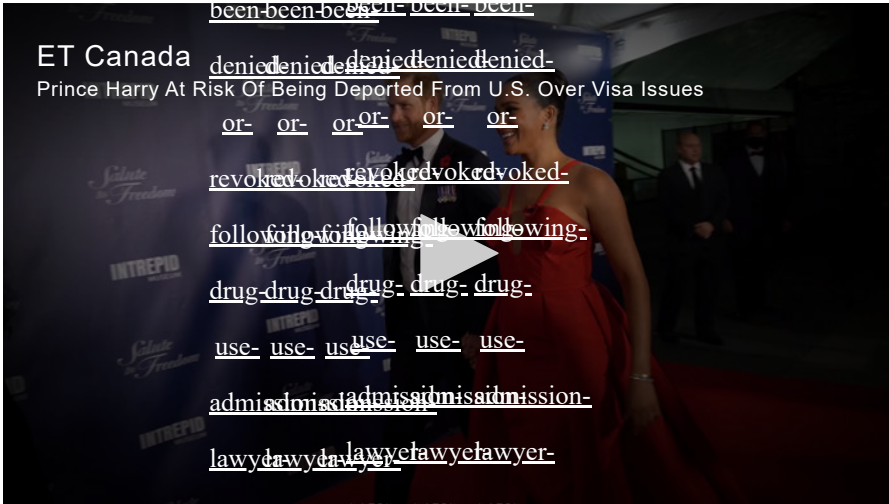


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Prince Harry’s U.S. Visa ‘Should Have Been Denied Or Revoked’ Following Drug Use Admission, Lawyer Says — But Others Disagree

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Legal experts have spoken out about whether Prince Harry’s past drug use admission will affect his rights to live in the U.S.

Harry, who stepped back as a senior royal alongside wife Meghan Markle in March 2020 before moving to California, admitted to taking cocaine, mushrooms and smoking weed, as well as drinking heavily, in his tell-all memoir *Spare*.

Former federal prosecutor Neama Rahmani has now told [Page Six](https://pagesix.com/2023/03/21/lawyers-reveal-prince-harrys-drug-use-could-affect-us-visa/) (<https://pagesix.com/2023/03/21/lawyers-reveal-prince-harrys-drug-use-could-affect-us-visa/>) that his admission should have previously been declared to officials.

“An admission of drug use is usually grounds for inadmissibility,” Rahmani said.

“That means Prince Harry’s visa should have been denied or revoked because he admitted to using cocaine, mushrooms and other drugs.”

Rahmani, who is president of West Coast Trial Lawyers, insisted there was “no exception for royalty or recreational use.”

Despite Rahmani’s comments, other legal experts have said Harry would only have issues if he was to get into trouble and do something that was considered a criminal act.

James Leonard, who represented “The Real Housewives of New Jersey” star Joe Giudice in his immigration case, told the publication: “Absent any criminal charge related to drugs or alcohol or any finding by a judicial authority that Prince Harry is a habitual drug user, which he clearly is not, I don’t see any issue with the disclosures in his memoir regarding recreational experimentation with drugs.

"You've got to give me something that would trigger it and reveal it in a way that you experience it with drugs. When you were a young man, I don't think gets you there."

"Immigration is not going to do anything based on that. If he got arrested or if he got a DWI, then we're having a different conversation."

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Immigration lawyer Sam Adair agreed with Leonard that it is "unlikely that these admissions will present a problem."

"If there had been a conviction, it would have likely been a significant issue in getting a visa," he said, adding: "This isn't to say that drug use could not be a problem in the immigration process, but in this circumstance, it is unlikely that this would present an issue."

"It isn't clear to me what the Duke's visa status is in the U.S., but breaking the law could be an issue in getting a visa renewed or for readmission to the U.S. But recreational drug use that has not been the subject of criminal scrutiny is unlikely to present an issue for someone's visa status."

Leonard pointed out, "If he had a criminal charge, it could absolutely affect his status and whether it gets renewed or terminated. But just to say that you indulged in that behaviour, the answer is no [it would not affect his status]."

"Someone is considered in remission after one year of sobriety," Rahmani did state of a possible loophole. "A waiver request requires a doctor to submit medical records, but it's unclear whether Prince Harry made such a request because immigration files are not public."

Harry's drug use admissions hit headlines around the world when his book was released in January.

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He revealed he'd previously dug in to "**[a huge box of black diamond mushroom chocolates](https://etcanada.com/news/957921/prince-harry-ate-psychedelic-mushrooms-at-courteney-coxs-house-and-her-toilet-talked-to-him/)**" (**<https://etcanada.com/news/957921/prince-harry-ate-psychedelic-mushrooms-at-courteney-coxs-house-and-her-toilet-talked-to-him/>**), while staying at Courteney Cox's house years ago, as well as admitting to taking cocaine for the first time at age 17 during a hunting weekend.

Harry wrote of taking the drug, "It wasn't much fun, and it didn't make me feel particularly happy the way the others seemed to, but it did make me feel different, and that was my main goal. To feel. To be different."

The Duke of Sussex said he was a "17-year-old willing to try almost anything that would upset the established order" at the time, adding that he smoked cigarettes and cannabis, as well.

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Prince Harry is urged to reveal how he answered drug question in **US visa** application

Caroline Graham In Los Angeles

Prince Harry has been urged to be 'totally transparent' and release details of his **US visa** application or risk becoming a 'political pawn' over his past **drug use**.

US immigration authorities have until April 12 to respond to a Freedom of Information (FoI) request filed by a leading American think-tank which is seeking to determine how the Duke of Sussex was allowed to enter the States after openly admitting using a variety of substances in the past, including marijuana, cocaine and magic mushrooms.

FoI seeks to determine how the Duke of Sussex was allowed to enter the States He has openly admitting using a variety of illegal substances in the past

Under **US** law, anyone applying for a **visa** to live and work in America has to tick a box to answer 'yes' or 'no' to the question: 'Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict?'

In his controversial memoir Spare and in a 'therapy session' with toxic trauma expert Dr Gabor Mate to promote his book last month, Harry admitted using psychedelic drugs.

They included the hallucinogenic Amazonian plant ayahuasca, whose effect he described as 'the cleaning of the windshield, the removal of life's filters'.

But under **US** law, an admission of **drug use** usually results in a person being denied entry to the States, as happened in the case of chef Nigella Lawson and the late singer Amy Winehouse.

The issue of immigration is expected to become one of the main focuses of the 2024 presidential election, with Republicans attacking President Joe Biden for his lax border controls. And there are fears that Harry's friendships with prominent Democratic Party figures such as former president Barack Obama and major Democratic donors including Oprah Winfrey and Tyler Perry could see him become an 'unwitting pawn in a highly political game'.

Last night, in an exclusive interview with The Mail on Sunday, senior lawyer Samuel Dewey at conservative think-tank the Heritage Foundation, which has filed a 127-page FoI request to see the Duke's application, said: 'It is in the public interest to know how Prince Harry answered the drug question.'

'If he has been honest and open about his **drug use**, and there is no reason to believe he has not been, it could well be that he ticked the "yes" box, in which case he would need a waiver to be granted a **visa** to be admitted into the States.

'That means he would have had to be interviewed in person and someone would have had to grant him a waiver. We are simply asking who granted that waiver.'

There is a history of authorities releasing immigration documents about public figures.

The **US** Citizenship and Immigration Services website has an electronic reading room which contains the immigration files of people such as Shyamala Gopalan Harris, mother of **US** Vice-President Kamala Harris, and George Michael and John Lennon.

Other celebrities whose files are open to the public include Canadian-born Superman actress Margot Kidder and British actress Lynn Redgrave.

Mr Dewey added: 'An admission of **drug use** doesn't automatically ban you for ever.

'There is a waiver process and a lot of people get a waiver on a case-by-case basis. If Prince Harry was given a waiver, who authorised it? Was the correct protocol followed? It's something the American people deserve to know.'

Often a ban is overturned after an in-person interview at a **US** consulate or official immigration office, where a waiver can be issued.

In 2014, Ms Lawson was prevented from entering the **US** after admitting during a court case to taking cocaine, even though she told a judge: 'I have never been a drug addict. I've never been a habitual user.' She was later granted a **visa** after being interviewed at the **US** Embassy in London, while Ms Winehouse was twice refused entry because of her **drug use**.

Mr Dewey said: 'There is no suggestion Prince Harry did anything wrong and, if he was granted a waiver, he may not be aware of any political strings that may have been pulled, if indeed they were. But there is a danger he could become an unwitting pawn in an issue which has become a political hot potato.'

Reports in the **US** have suggested Harry was admitted on an 'O' **visa** – given to people of extraordinary ability.

Nile Gardiner, a director of the Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom at the Heritage Foundation, said: 'This is a much bigger issue than Prince Harry. It is about enforcing immigration law and ensuring that no one is above the law. Prince Harry is simply the tip of the iceberg.

'There are many who believe that under President Biden immigration laws have become lax and are not being properly implemented. Prince Harry openly talked about his **drug use** and he has done so for commercial and financial gain, to sell books. In our opinion, there is no case for privacy here.'

The MoS sought comment on Prince Harry's immigration status from the **US** Department of Homeland Security, the **US** Citizenship and Immigration Services, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, **US** Customs and Border Protection, California Border Patrol and the Sussexes' Archewell organisation. None responded.

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By, Will Maule

A Freedom of Information (FoI) request has been filed after Prince Harry admitted to taking a variety of substances in the past, including marijuana, cocaine and magic mushrooms

Prince Harry is under pressure to reveal the answers he gave on his **US visa** application regarding his previous **drug** use.

Visa applicants are required to tick a box to answer 'yes' or 'no' to the question: 'Are you or have you ever been a **drug** abuser or addict'

A Freedom of Information FoI request has been filed by a leading **US** think tank who are asking the Duke to be "totally transparent" about his answers.

Harry has openly admitted to using a variety of substances in the past, including marijuana, cocaine and magic mushrooms.

In his best-selling memoir, Spare, the royal recalled using psychedelic **drugs**.

He reaffirmed the **drug** usage last month while taking part in a 'therapy session' with toxic trauma expert Dr Gabor Mate.

The **drugs** he took included the hallucinogenic Amazonian plant ayahuasca, which supposedly has the effect of "removing life's filters".

Admission of **drug** use usually results in **visa** applications being denied.

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"That means he would have had to be interviewed in person and someone would have had to grant him a waiver. We are simply asking who granted that waiver."

Mr Dewey highlighted that an initial **visa** rejection does not always mean a lifetime barring from the **US**.

A ban is sometimes overturned following an in-person interview at a **US** consulate or official immigration office, where a waiver can be issued.

It comes after America's Heritage Foundation called for Harry's **visa** application to be released so the **US** taxpayer can understand whether the royal declared his **drug** use.

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Thomas Kingsley, Maryam Zakir-Hussain and Andy Gregory

Prince Harry has accused the royal family of "without doubt" withholding information from him "for a long time" about phone hacking as they did not want to "open a can of worms", the High Court has heard.

The allegation – relating to News Group Newspapers – emerged in a witness statement submitted by the Duke of Sussex in the high-profile privacy case against Daily Mail publisher Associated Newspapers, which he is bringing alongside Sir Elton John, Baroness Doreen Lawrence, and others.

In the second day of a preliminary hearing at London's Royal Courts of Justice, the publisher argued that part of the case should be thrown out as it relies on documents supplied confidentially to the Leveson Inquiry.

The allegations – which are denied – include the hiring of private investigators to place listening devices inside cars and the accessing and recording of private phone conversations.

The court heard on Monday that Prince Harry had lost or "cut off" friends as "everyone became a 'suspect' since he was misled by the way that the articles were written into believing that those close to him were the source" of articles about him.

Key Points

Prince Harry claims Buckingham Palace 'withheld' information about historic phone hacking
Daily Mail publisher claims privacy case uses files provided confidentially to Leveson Inquiry as complainants argue banning this 'highly relevant' material from case would be 'draconian'
Sir Elton John in court as judge told publisher saw copy of child's birth certificate before him
Doreen Lawrence's bank accounts were monitored and landline hacked, court hears
Publisher brands allegations 'preposterous smears'
Judge grants anonymity for Mail journalists involved in alleged phone-tapping

17:01 , Andy Gregory Prince Harry has said the Royal Family withheld information from him about phone hacking because they didn't want him to bring a claim as it would "open a can of worms", my colleague Thomas Kingsley reports.
In a witness statement submitted before his civil claim against Daily Mail publisher Associated Newspapers, the Duke of Sussex said that he was conditioned to accept his family's rule to "never complain, never explain" when dealing with the press.
"The Institution made it clear that we did not need to know anything about phone hacking and it was made clear to me that the Royal Family did not sit in the witness box because that could open up a can of worms," the Duke said in his statement
But discussing phone hacking

claims against News Group Newspapers, Harry said "I became aware that I had a claim that I could bring" in 2018. You can refresh this breaking report for updates: Duke says Royal Family 'without doubt' withheld phone hacking information from him 16:41 , Andy Gregory 15:59 , Thomas Kingsley David Sherborne, the lawyer representing Prince Harry and the other claimants, says the possibly confidential material they're relying upon for their case is "highly relevant". He claims that even if Mr Justice Nicklin found they were in breach of orders imposed by the Leveson inquiry which restrict their disclosure, removing this element of their argument from the case would be a "draconian" measure. "We don't accept that there is no room for manoeuvre," Mr Sherborne told the judge. 15:38 , Andy Gregory The Duke of Sussex has not returned to the courtroom in the Royal Courts of Justice during an afternoon break in the preliminary hearing. 15:17 , Andy Gregory Baroness Doreen Lawrence has returned to London's Royal Courts of Justice today for the preliminary hearing of her case against Associated Newspapers. Her lawyers say that she feels a "deep sense of betrayal" over Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL) allegedly hiring private investigators to "unlawfully or illegally" obtain her private information. Baroness Lawrence alleges that her landline and bank accounts were monitored by private investigators, who she claims made "corrupt payments" to Metropolitan Police officers for information about the investigation into her son Stephen's murder in 1993. 14:44 , Andy Gregory Prince Harry suffered from "suspicion and paranoia" and lost friends because of newspaper articles, a court heard on Monday, as he launched his campaign to reform the media with a surprise appearance in London. The Duke of Sussex flew 5,500 miles from his new home in California to attend a High Court hearing as the Daily Mail 's publisher bids to throw out claims against its titles, including accusations of phone-hacking. Also in court were Sir Elton John, Sadie Frost, and Baroness Lawrence, who are among the public figures suing Associated Newspapers for alleged unlawful activity. 'Paranoid' Prince Harry lost friends over 'unlawful' newspaper stories, court hears 14:12 , Andy Gregory A High Court judge has said he is "concerned" about who is responsible for policing confidentiality undertakings made during the Leveson Inquiry. Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL)'s argument is that part of the case brought by seven high-profile individuals relies upon documents that were provided by the company to the Leveson Inquiry in 2011 and 2012 with the understanding that they were confidential. The company maintains that these documents are subject to binding disclosure and publication restriction orders and undertakings as to their use, and that lawyers for the people bringing the claim are in breach of these by relying on them without first applying for their disclosure. However on Tuesday, Mr Justice Nicklin said it was not clear who polices the undertakings as the Leveson Inquiry no longer exists. He said that "basic contract law" requires that in order for a confidentiality agreement to be enforced someone has to be able to stand there and say that they have the power to enforce it. "Who is that person?" he asked, adding: "I am now concerned about who is responsible for policing the Leveson undertakings." 14:00 , Maryam Zakir-Hussain In case you missed it... The Duke of Sussex claims he was "largely deprived" of important parts of his teenage years due to the unlawful actions of the Daily Mail's publisher, court documents have shown as he made a surprise appearance at the High Court in London. Harry, Sir Elton John, his husband David Furnish, Baroness Doreen Lawrence of Clarendon and Sadie Frost all attended the Royal Courts of Justice on Monday for the start of the first hearing in their claims against Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL). The high-profile individuals are part of a group, which also includes Liz Hurley and former Lib Dem MP Sir Simon Hughes, bringing privacy claims against the publisher over allegations it carried out or commissioned illegal or unlawful information-gathering. Harry 'deprived' of parts of teenage years due to Mail publisher, court told 13:57 , Maryam Zakir-Hussain A High Court judge has said he is "concerned" about who is responsible for policing confidentiality undertakings made during the Leveson Inquiry. Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL)'s argument is that part of the case brought by seven high-profile individuals relies upon documents that were provided by the company to the Leveson Inquiry in 2011 and 2012 with the understanding that they were confidential. 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Sir Elton John and David Furnish had not seen a copy of their first child's birth certificate before it was "unlawfully" obtained by the publisher of the Daily Mail and placed beneath a "derogatory" headline, the High Court has been told. The singer and his filmmaker husband were described as "outraged" and "mortified" in court documents alleging that the privacy of their home was "ruthlessly invaded" – with their landline allegedly tapped and staff "targeted" – in order "to steal and exploit" information to fuel stories about them. The couple's allegations form part of a host of similar claims brought against Associated Newspapers

Ltd (ANL) by a group comprising Prince Harry, Baroness Doreen Lawrence, actors Sadie Frost and Elizabeth Hurley, and former Liberal Democrat MP Sir Simon Hughes. Daily Mail publisher 'saw copy of Elton John's child's birth certificate before him' 12:47 , Maryam Zakir-Hussain Lawyers are yet to get into their arguments over the continuation of the claims against ANL and whether they should be taken to trial. Meanwhile, Baroness Lawrence has entered the court room. She told the court yesterday through her lawyers that she feels a "deep sense of betrayal" over Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL) allegedly hiring private investigators to "unlawfully or illegally" obtain her private information. 12:07 , Maryam Zakir-Hussain 11:51 , Maryam Zakir-Hussain Thomas Kingsley reports live from the High Court Every seat in the public gallery is filled for today's hearing with Prince Harry, today wearing a grey suit, is in attendance again listening attentively to the proceedings. Lawyers have not yet begun to discuss their arguments for why the claims from the Duke and others should be taken to trial or thrown out -first there is a discussion over legal details around confidentiality and restricted documents in this week's hearing. 10:51 , Maryam Zakir-Hussain The Duke of Sussex has made a surprise return to the UK for the first time since the late Queen's funeral – but is not expected to meet with the King or the Prince of Wales. His trip – for a High Court hearing in London in his claim against Daily Mail publisher Associated Newspapers over allegations of unlawful information-gathering – will be seen as demonstrating the strength of his determination over the legal action. Just weeks ago, Harry laid bare his troubled relationship with his father the King and brother the Prince of Wales in his controversial autobiography Spare. Prince Harry not expected to see Charles or William as he makes surprise return to UK 10:32 , Thomas Kingsley Day two of the four-day preliminary hearing has begun in the High Court. Prince Harry is in attendance again as the judge decides whether the claim will go to trial. 10:23 , Maryam Zakir-Hussain The Duke of Sussex has returned to the Royal Courts of Justice for the second day of a High Court hearing over multiple privacy claims brought against the publisher of the Daily Mail. Harry arrived at the central London court just after 10am for the second day of a preliminary hearing in his claim against Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL). The duke is part of a group -along with Baroness Doreen Lawrence, Sir Elton John and David Furnish, former Liberal Democrat MP Sir Simon Hughes and actresses Sadie Frost and Liz Hurley -bringing claims over allegations ANL carried out or commissioned illegal or unlawful information-gathering. The allegations -which are denied -include the hiring of private investigators to place listening devices inside cars and the accessing and recording of private phone conversations. Lawyers for ANL, which is also the publisher of The Mail on Sunday and MailOnline, said the allegations are "firmly" denied and that the "stale" claims have been brought too late as it made a bid to throw out the cases. 09:29 , Thomas Kingsley Phone-tapping allegations against Associated Newspapers is set to begin its second day at the High Court after Prince Harry made a surprise visit to the hearing in London on Monday. Here is recap of yesterday's hearing:

Prince Harry claims Buckingham Palace 'withheld' information about historic phone hacking for 'long time'

Prince Harry photographed leaving court this afternoon

Potentially confidential material is 'highly relevant' to privacy case, lawyer says

Prince Harry has not returned to courtroom after break in proceedings

'Paranoid' Prince Harry lost friends over 'unlawful' newspaper stories, court hears

Mail publisher claims case is based on confidential documents it sent to Leveson Inquiry

Harry 'deprived' of parts of teenage years due to Mail publisher, court told

High Court judge 'concerned' about who is responsible for 'policing Leveson undertakings'

Elton John 'did not see copy of child's birth certificate before it was unlawfully obtained' by Mail publisher

Baroness Lawrence arrives at High Court

Watch: Prince Harry arrives at High Court for second day of Daily Mail privacy case

Update from the High Court

Prince Harry not expected to see Charles or William as he makes surprise return to UK

Day two of preliminary hearing against Daily Mail publisher begins

Harry returns to High Court for day two of hearing

Recap of yesterday's hearing

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to "unlawfully or illegally" obtain her private information, her lawyers said. The judge overseeing the dispute has made an order temporarily preventing the reporting of the names of journalists linked to allegations against the publisher.

ICYMI: Prince Harry arrives at High Court for phone-tapping and privacy case
Sir Elton 'outraged' and 'mortified' over newspaper phone tapping allegations

Sir Elton John and David Furnish are "outraged" and "mortified" over allegations of unlawful information gathering by the publisher of the Daily Mail – including tapping their home landline – the High Court has been told.

John and Furnish appeared at the Royal Courts of Justice in London on Monday (27 March) for the start of a four-day hearing over privacy claims brought by the couple against Associated Newspapers Limited.

Along with Prince Harry, Baroness Doreen Lawrence of Clarendon, Sadie Frost, Liz Hurley and former Lib Dem MP Sir Simon Hughes, the couple are bringing claims over allegations it carried out or commissioned illegal or unlawful information-gathering – including the accessing and recording of private phone conversations.

Read more:

Sir Elton 'outraged' and 'mortified' over newspaper phone tapping allegations

What is the legal action being brought against Daily Mail publisher?

My colleague Thomas Kingsley has this overview of the legal action launched by the high-profile group back in October:

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Maryam Zakir-Hussain reports.

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Doreen Lawrence says son's murder was 'exploited' by publisher, court told

The mother of Stephen Lawrence says his racist murder was "exploited" by the publisher of the Daily Mail to "generate 'exclusive' headlines, sell newspapers and to profit", the High Court was told at Monday's preliminary hearing.

Baroness Doreen Lawrence feels a "deep sense of betrayal" over Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL) allegedly hiring private investigators to "unlawfully or illegally" obtain her private information, her lawyers said.

She now wonders whether trusting the Daily Mail over its "entirely false" support for her fight for justice "caused her to have failed her murdered son", the court was told.

In her High Court breach of privacy claim against ANL, brought alongside other high-profile individuals, she claims there was "illegal interception" of her voicemail messages and that her phone was tapped between 1993 and 2007.

She also alleges her bank accounts and phone bills were monitored, that she was subject to "covert electronic surveillance" and that "corrupt payments" were made to serving police officers for confidential information, including to those investigating her son's killing.

ANL says it firmly denies that unlawful information gathering took place at its newspapers, and the legal claims against it are being brought too late.

Watch: Harry and Meghan annoy 'some Americans', Ron DeSantis claims
Oprah Winfrey shares advice for Harry and Meghan ahead of coronation

Oprah Winfrey has shared her thoughts about Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and whether they should attend King Charles III's coronation in May.

The talk show host, who has been close friends with the royal couple, briefly discussed the coronation with friend Gayle King on CBS Mornings , to promote her 100th selection for her book club, Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano.

During the conversation, King addressed recent reports about the Duke and Duchess of Sussex being invited to the big event, before asking Winfrey for her opinion on it. "Do you think they should go? Do you think they should not go? Is it something you'd like to comment on?"

In response, Winfrey, who conducted a bombshell interview about the royal family with Harry and Meghan in 2021, gave her advice to and showed her support for the pair. "I think they should do what they feel is best for them and their family," she explained. "That's what I think. That's what the bottom line comes down to. What do you feel like is the right thing for you?"

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Conservative group demands to know if Prince Harry admitted drug use on US visa application

A conservative think tank is calling for Prince Harry's **US visa** application to be released so Americans can see whether or not he admitted to his past **drug** use before moving to California in the summer of 2020.

The Heritage Foundation, one of the country's preeminent right-wing think tanks, is arguing that **US** officials should release the details of the prince's application so Americans can see whether or not he was "properly vetted" before being allowed to enter the country. Applicants for **US visas** are typically asked about their criminal history and **drug** use.

Conservative group wants to know if Harry admitted **drugs** for **US visa**

Tom Peck | It's clear Prince Harry will heap as much pressure as he can on Associated Newspapers

In his most recent column, our sketch writer Tom Peck suggests it is "permissible to wonder quite what [Prince Harry] is trying to achieve with this morning's flurry of excitement". He writes:

It's not uncommon for people to turn up to court for appearances' sake. Over the course of five and a half days last year, Wayne Rooney spent almost 28 full hours silently and motionlessly staring at an oak panel two yards in front of his nose in a show of solidarity with his wife, Coleen, while she was being extremely unsuccessfully sued by Rebekah Vardy (Jamie Vardy managed four hours himself).

Once the court rises, who is and isn't there watching doesn't matter in the slightest. But the act of being there, of being photographed, does. Vardy and Rooney were not really fighting each other for money in court; they were fighting, especially in Vardy's case, to rehabilitate their reputation outside it.

The arrival shots each morning were every bit as important as the (quite often rather dry) courtroom drama. Prince Harry's legal action against Associated Newspapers is meant to go to trial in May, and it's very clear he's going to be leaning into it very hard indeed, whipping up as much publicity, and therefore heaping up as much pressure, as he possibly can.

Prince Harry has begun his 'life's work', apparently | Tom Peck

Watch: Prince Harry arrives at High Court for phone-tapping and privacy case
Harry and Meghan Frogmore eviction 'just the start' of King Charles' plans to slim down monarchy

King Charles III has put into motion his plan to slim down the monarchy, with the eviction of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex from Frogmore Cottage signalling "just the start", it has been reported.

The monarch, who is set to be crowned alongside Queen Consort Camilla in just six weeks, reportedly wishes to end subsidised rents for members of the royal family over the next five years.

The expectation for royals to fund their own homes apparently also extends to working royals, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Royal, and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.

One source was quoted as saying that the King "is not some sort of housing association for distant relatives".

Friends close to Prince Andrew rubbish reports he is planning to write memoir

Friends close to Prince Andrew have hit out at reports that he is planning to write a memoir, reports my colleague Joe Middleton .

On Sunday, a number of newspapers claimed that the Duke of York was in talks to produce a tell-all autobiography, following the success of Prince Harry's book Spare .

However, friends of his family have taken the unusual step to make his views known following the reports.

"He has one aim and that is family unity around his brother the King," they said. "He is rock solid with him and will do everything he can to support him quietly and if necessary publicly. The idea that he is even considering writing or cooperating with a book least of all with a journalist is for the birds."

"He is increasingly at the mercy of people writing stuff about him and his life which is pure fantasy," the friend continued. "He leads a very quiet isolated life and sees almost nobody, least of all journalists."

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Publisher paid 10 private investigators to unlawfully gather information against Doreen Lawrence, court told

Associated Newspapers paid 10 different private investigators to conduct "illegal or unlawful information-gathering activities" against Baroness Doreen Lawrence, the High Court was told today.

In written arguments, David Sherborne, acting for the group of high-profile individuals also including Sir Elton John and Sadie Frost, said the newspaper group "widely and habitually carried out or commissioned" the activities and covered them up.

He claimed the investigators intercepted voicemails, tapped telephones, used deception and the "burglaries or the breaking and entering of private property in order to obtain private information" on the publisher's behalf.

The court also heard that ANL paid "substantial amounts" for the services and that the amounts were "known to and approved by executives".

Mr Sherborne added: "The claimant will contend that the use of these unlawful acts was both habitual and widespread across Associated's newspapers during the period at least 1993 onwards to 2011, and even continued beyond until 2018."

Artist to project sculpture filled with Afghan blood on St Paul's in protest over Harry's Taliban kills claim

An artist says he plans on projecting a sculpture made using Afghan blood onto St Paul's Cathedral, to protest Prince Harry's claims about the number of soldiers he killed while serving in the military, my colleague Kate Plummer reports.

Russian artist Andrei Molodkin said he will take blood donated by Afghans for the sculpture and project it onto the London landmark later this week, saying the royal's comments had made him "very, very angry".

The Duke of Sussex attracted criticism after he detailed his time serving in Afghanistan in his memoir Spare earlier this year, claiming he killed 25 Taliban fighters during two tours in the country.

Artist makes sculpture filled with Afghan blood in protest over Harry's kills claim

Tom Peck | Prince Harry has begun his 'life's work', apparently

In his latest column, our political sketch writer Tom Peck states:

"The very best satire has a remarkable knack for changing absolutely nothing. Harry and Meghan were made to look so perfectly absurd by South Park's "Worldwide Privacy Tour" episode that the California-based campaigners have evidently concluded that they have been left with little choice but to carry on precisely as normal.

"The Worldwide Privacy Tour made an unexpected stop in London on Monday morning, when Prince Harry arrived at the High Court to attend a preliminary hearing in one of his many legal actions against an extremely large section of the British newspaper industry.

"He didn't need to be there. He wasn't required to participate in any way in the hearing. But the act of taking everyone by surprise by actually turning up is certainly the prince's first big shot in what he told Tom Bradby was going to be his "life's work" from now on: that of holding the press to account."

Prince Harry has begun his 'life's work', apparently | Tom Peck

Harry 'deprived of important aspects of his teenage years' by publisher, claim lawyers

Prince Harry's lawyers claim in court documents that he was "deprived of important aspects of his teenage years" by the "unlawful actions" of Associated Newspapers and was left full of "suspicion and paranoia" following the publication of articles containing information the duke says was only known to his trusted circle.

In the "Particulars of Claim" which set out the duke's case, his lawyers say their client, the claimant in the legal proceedings "is shocked and appalled that Associated used their journalistic power and privilege to commit the unlawful acts without any legitimate justification and solely to compete with other tabloid newspapers for profit.

"The claimant is horrified that Associated has to date successfully avoided proper scrutiny for its conduct through its cover-up and that it has behaved as if it is above the law. The claimant is troubled that, through Associated's unlawful acts, he was largely deprived of important aspects of his teenage years.

"In particular, suspicion and paranoia was caused by Associated's publication of the unlawful articles: friends were lost or cut off as a result and everyone became a 'suspect', since he was misled by the way that the articles were written into believing that those close to him were the source of this information being provided to Associated's newspapers."

The document added: "Moreover, the claimant regards Associated's unlawful acts to amount to a major betrayal given promises made by the media to improve its conduct following the tragic and untimely death of his mother, Princess Diana, in 1997."

Monday 27 March 2023 18:14 , Andy Gregory Prince Harry waved and gave a thumbs up to reporters as he left the High Court by a side entrance, flanked by security, after attending the first day of the hearing in his claim against Daily Mail publisher Associated Newspapers.

Liz Hurley 'sickened' after 'unlawful' intrusion, says barrister

A private investigator acting on behalf of ANL hacked actor Liz Hurley's phone, placed a "sticky window mini-microphone" outside her home and bugged ex-boyfriend Hugh Grant's car to unlawfully obtain information about her finances, travel plans and medicals during her pregnancy, the High Court has been told.

In written arguments, barrister David Sherborne said the private investigator targeted her and Mr Grant on behalf of the Mail on Sunday through "phone hacking their phones, landline tapping their home phones, placing a sticky window mini-microphone on the exterior of her home window, bugging Mr Grant's car and undertaking flight and other blags through which he obtained information unlawfully or illegally about [Ms Hurley], such as her private communications with Mr Grant, her financial details, her travel arrangements and medicals during her pregnancy and birth of her son".

Ms Hurley "has been shocked and mortified by the revelation of Associated's unlawful acts targeting her ... the prospect of strangers listening into her live telephone calls and bugging her private property was a particularly grotesque thought that she had never considered possible", her barrister said.

"It left her sickened to see the snatched close-up picture of her baby's face published by Associated when he was four months old with the new understanding that this intrusion was the exploitation of unlawful acts, deliberately directed at her with that intention," Mr Sherborne added.

"She recalls the feeling of vulnerability she felt at this time in her life, and the sense that despite precautions taken, she was unable to protect her son, or indeed other loved ones around her who similarly fell to be targeted as a result of their association with her.

"It angers [her] now to know that she never had a chance against all the artillery of unlawful means and private investigators that Associated used against her and which, unknown to her, underlay the articles published about her. She now understands how very real the feeling of being trapped and surrounded on all sides by unknown enemies truly was."

Monday 27 March 2023 16:52 , Andy Gregory Court proceedings have concluded for the day, with legal arguments due to resume from 10.30am on Tuesday.

In the meantime, we'll be continuing to use the blog to post updates and background on the case.

Doreen Lawrence's bank accounts were monitored and landline tapped, court told

Baroness Doreen Lawrence's bank accounts were monitored to check whether she was receiving any money from other newspapers during the Daily Mail 's campaign for justice for her murdered son Stephen, the High Court has heard.

In a document made available to the media on Monday, barrister David Sherborne claimed the Labour peer was "habitually" targeted "from at least as early 1993 until at least as late 2007".

Mr Sherborne said the targeting included "the illegal interception of the claimant's voicemail messages, landline tapping, blagging, the monitoring of her bank accounts and phone bills, covert electronic surveillance and corrupt payments to serving Metropolitan Police Service police officers, including on the Stephen Lawrence murder investigations, for confidential information".

Baroness Lawrence was targeted "both before and during" the Daily Mail's Justice for Stephen Lawrence campaign, Mr Sherborne said.

The lawyer later alleged the monitoring of Baroness Lawrence's bank accounts were "specifically to check whether the claimant was receiving 'buy up' money from and/or working with other newspapers during the Justice for Stephen Lawrence Campaign".

He continued: "The claimant has suffered considerable distress and harm, as well as the loss of her dignity or standing and her personal autonomy through the unlawful acts, its resultant invasions of her privacy, and its deliberate exploitation and/or misuse of her unlawfully or illegally obtained information in the unlawful articles."

Publisher commissioned breaking and entering into private property, court told

Associated Newspapers commissioned "breaking and entering into private property", the lawyer for the group of figures challenging the Daily Mail publisher told the High Court.

Each of the group has been "the victim of numerous unlawful acts" carried out by the publisher or those acting on its instruction, in deeds carried out "covertly" between 1993 to 2011, lawyer David Sherborne said.

"Some of them related to articles which were the product of those underlying unlawful acts through which the product was exploited or misused," he added.

Because "those unlawful acts were covertly carried out and concealed at the time through the use of phrases that were deliberately misleading" his clients were "put off the scent" and did not bring their claims separately earlier," he said.

"The defendant has continued this concealment through its strenuous public denials that it has done any of those acts at all," Mr Sherborne added.

Monday 27 March 2023 15:53 , Andy Gregory Sir Elton John has left the High Court after attending the first day of the hearing in his claim against Associated Newspapers over allegations of unlawful information-gathering.

Mail on Sunday publisher paid investigator to 'unlawfully' find address of politician's lover, court told

Associated Newspapers Ltd paid a private investigator to unlawfully find the address of a man it believed was the lover of Liberal Democrat politician Sir Simon Hughes, the High Court has been told.

Referring to the believed lover as HJK, Sir Simon's lawyer David Sherborne said in written submissions that that the "the Mail on Sunday wanted a photograph of HJK [and the claimant] in order to be able to publish a story about their relationship".

Private investigator Glenn Mulcaire "unlawfully obtained" the man's mobile phone number, called it and "through means of deception managed to blag his home address", Mr Sherborne alleged, adding: "Despite this, no story was published in the end in the Mail on Sunday as a bigger story broke, namely the revelation of an affair which the then deputy prime minister, John Prescott, had had with his secretary."

The documents go on to say that ANL paid Greg Miskiw, a freelance journalist, "for the work done by Mr Mulcaire in relation to the claimant, as referred to above, described as 'Simon Hughes' boyfriend'."

Mr Sherborne added: "The claimant has suffered considerable distress and harm, as well as the loss of his dignity or standing and his personal autonomy through the unlawful acts, its resultant invasions of his privacy and its deliberate exploitation and/or misuse of his unlawfully or illegally obtained information."

Doreen Lawrence says trusting Mail made her wonder if she 'failed her murdered son'

Baroness Doreen Lawrence said she "wonders whether trusting the Daily Mail as she did caused her to have delayed or have failed her murdered son", the High Court has heard.

In court documents made available to the press on Monday, her barrister David Sherborne said she feels "anger, shock and upset" about allegedly being targeted by the Daily Mail .

Baroness Lawrence "never once suspected" publisher Associated Newspapers Ltd of the allegations due to her trust in the Daily Mail, which campaigned to bring the killers of her son Stephen Lawrence to justice, her lawyer said.

"She wonders whether trusting the Daily Mail as she did caused her to have delayed or have failed her murdered son," he added. "She asks herself whether more individuals could have been arrested, whether earlier investigations might have been more successful, and whether she could have got justice."

Elton John had not seen copy of first child's birth certificate before it was obtained by ANL, court told

Sir Elton John and his husband David Furnish had not seen a copy of their first child's birth certificate before it was unlawfully obtained by Associated Newspapers Ltd, the High Court has heard.

The couple "found it particularly disturbing to understand the deliberate tactics deployed by Associated to bypass the confidentiality and ethical protections afforded to medical information", said their lawyer David Sherborne.

"They were appalled by the unlawful articles published about the first claimant that were sourced this way. Worse still was Associated's unlawful obtaining of their first child's birth certificate, before they had even seen a copy themselves.

"They were heartbroken by the derogatory headline that Associated attached to it, clearly calculated to profit and generate public sensation about an event that they had so carefully guarded to keep precious. The fact that these unlawful articles, which carry so much upset, were founded through unlawful acts that were all the time deliberately concealed from them has enraged them."

Doreen Lawrence believes son's murder was 'exploited' by Daily Mail, court told

Baroness Doreen Lawrence believes the murder of her son Stephen was "exploited" by Associated Newspapers Ltd to "generate 'exclusive' headlines, sell newspapers, and to profit", the High Court has been told.

In written arguments, her barrister David Sherborne said she "feels anger, shock and upset", adding: "Most of all, however, she feels a deep sense of betrayal.

"She finds it hard to believe the level of duplicity and manipulation that was clearly at play, knowing now as she does that the Daily Mail 's outward support for her fight to bring Stephen's killers to justice was hollow and, worse, entirely false.

"The claimant now sees that the Daily Mail 's true interests were about self-promotion and using her and her son's murder as a means to generate 'exclusive' headlines, sell newspapers, and to profit.

"The claimant cannot think of any act or conduct lower than stealing and exploiting information from a mother who buried her son for this reason. She feels used and violated, and like she has been taken for a fool."

Sir Elton John's landline was tapped and gardener targeted by ANL, court told

Sir Elton John and David Furnish's landline phone was tapped by a private investigator on the instructions of Associated Newspapers Limited, the High Court has been told.

Documents filed on the couple's behalf, made available to the media on Monday, said that as well as having the landline at their home in Windsor tapped, Sir Elton's personal assistant and the couple's gardener were also targeted.

Their lawyer David Sherborne said in the written submission: "The claimants are outraged that Associated engaged in these unlawful and illicit acts in order to publish unlawful articles about them.

"They are also mortified to consider all their conversations, some of which were very personal indeed, were tapped, taped, packaged and consumed as a commercial product for journalists and unknown others to pick over, regardless of whether or not they were published.

"The hurt remains the same, knowing that their lives have been treated as a commodity and their precious, priceless moments of privacy degraded in this way."

Mr Sherborne added: "In particular, they consider their private home a sacred space. To learn now that this was ruthlessly invaded, their home so violated, and their family and loved ones targeted, all through unlawful acts designed to steal and exploit their information, is unforgivable to them."

Elton John and David Furnish 'frightened' by unexplained press disclosures, court told

Sir Elton John and his husband David Furnish found the unexplained disclosure of their private information in the press "frightening" and as a result have someone watching cameras in their home every night, the High Court has been told.

Associated Newspapers Ltd's lawyer Adrian Beltrami KC quoted the pair as claiming that the "repeated, wrongful disclosures ... had a serious and profound effect upon [them] at the time of their publication".

They were aware of "the extent to which Associated publicised private and sensitive information relating to their private and family life", and they "became deeply paranoid and suspicious by unexplained disclosures of their private information in [Associated's] publications, even where measures were taken to protect their privacy", Mr Beltrami added.

Mr Beltrami said they stated that they "found these disclosures frightening, and as a consequence now have someone watching the cameras in their home of residence every night".

However, Mr Beltrami said their case was being brought too late, arguing "there can be no doubt that by the start of 2016 Sir Elton and Mr Furnish were very much alive to the issue of (unlawful information gathering) by the press".

The barrister added that "they have not provided any satisfactory explanation as to what necessary fact, as opposed to evidence, they did not know by October 2016 to articulate the essential elements of a claim against Associated".

Elton John arrives in court

Sir Elton John has arrived in Court 76 of the Royal Courts of Justice.

The singer sat at the back of the large courtroom, arriving shortly before the hearing resumed for the afternoon.

What happened the last time Prince Harry was in court against a newspaper?

Last July the High Court ruled a Mail on Sunday article on the Duke of Sussex's legal claim against the Home Office contained parts that were defamatory.

The Duke of Sussex sued the Mail on Sunday's publisher over a story on a separate High Court case over the decision to remove his automatic granting of police protection in the UK.

The February article carried the headline: "Exclusive: How Prince Harry tried to keep his legal fight with the government over police bodyguards a secret... then -just minutes after the story broke -his PR machine tried to put a positive spin on the dispute."

Lawyers for Harry had argued the article was defamatory and suggested the duke had "improperly and cynically" tried to manipulate public opinion.

Associated Newspapers lawyers argue it is too late for Duke to bring forward claims

Lawyers for Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL) are arguing that the seven people in the privacy claims, including the Duke of Sussex, could have brought claims before October 2016, and were too late to have them heard now.

Adrian Beltrami KC, for the publisher, said in written submissions that the duke "does not offer any reason why he could not with reasonable diligence have discovered the basis for his inferential claim against Associated before October 2016".

Quoting from Harry's letter of claim, he continued: "Indeed, the Duke was aware throughout this period of the intense interest in his life shown by the media and by Associated, of 'strange things happening around his phone communications', of 'unexplained disclosures of private information' in Associated's publications and of journalists from Associated 'regularly turning up at different locations which you would never expect them to, including South Africa... despite the extreme lengths my security team and I went to in order to protect my security and privacy'."

"In truth, the duke had sufficient knowledge to articulate an inferential case against Associated long before October 2016," Mr Beltrami said.

Prince Harry lost friends due to 'paranoia' over 'unlawful' stories, court told

The Duke of Sussex had "suspicion and paranoia" caused due to the publication of articles by Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL) using unlawfully gathered information, the High Court has been told.

In written submissions for ANL, lawyers for the publisher quoted from documents filed on Harry's behalf.

Adrian Beltrami KC, for ANL, said the duke's case was that "suspicion and paranoia was caused by Associated's publication of the unlawful articles: friends were lost or cut off as a result and everyone became a 'suspect', since he was misled by the way that the articles were written into believing that those close to him were the source of this information being provided to Associated's newspapers".

The barrister continued: "The duke's pre-action letter also stated that at the time he had become paranoid and suspicious by 'unexplained disclosures of private information in your (ANL's) publications'."

Mr Beltrami added: "He stated that 'the repeated, wrongful disclosures... had a serious and profound effect upon (him) at the time of their publication' and that he had 'painful memories... regarding the extent to which ANL publicised private and sensitive information relating to his private and family life'."

Photos from the day as Prince Harry case begins

Judge grants anonymity for Daily Mail journalists involved in alleged phone-tapping

The judge overseeing the Duke of Sussex's dispute with ANL has made an order temporarily preventing the reporting of the names of journalists linked to allegations against the publisher.

Mr Justice Nicklin permitted a bid by ANL to have a reporting restriction imposed while the publisher attempts to have the claims from Harry and others against it dismissed without a trial.

The judge said it was "not usual for the court to impose reporting restrictions at such an early stage of proceedings" but concluded in this instance it was "in the interests of fairness and the administration of justice".

The court heard that with ANL yet to file a formal defence in the cases, there was not yet a full response to any "adverse comments" that might be made about the journalists. Mr Justice Nicklin said it would not be in the public interest to "for one side of a series of allegations to be put when one side is absent".

The judge also granted reporting restrictions over certain information in court documents, that ANL alleges lawyers for the Duke of Sussex and others are using in breach of orders made by Lord Justice Leveson in his inquiry into press standards.

Mr Justice Nicklin said the temporary reporting restrictions would be revisited once he reaches a judgment over the preliminary issues being argued in court this week.

Monday 27 March 2023 12:31 , Thomas Kingsley Adrian Beltrami KC, in written submissions, argued the legal actions against his client Associated Newspapers have been brought too late and are "stale".

The barrister said the individuals have to prove they did not know earlier, or could not have discovered earlier, they might have had a claim against ANL for alleged misuse of their private information.

Mr Beltrami said that more than a decade after the Leveson Inquiry and several criminal and civil proceedings over phone hacking, "it would be surprising indeed for any reasonably informed member of the public, let alone a figure in the public eye, to have been unaware of these matters".

He continued: "The claimants have failed to show that they have a real prospect of discharging their burden at trial and the court should not hesitate to dismiss these stale claims at an early stage, thereby avoiding what would otherwise be a considerable waste of time, costs and the court's resources."

The hearing before Mr Justice Nicklin is due to conclude on Thursday.

Lawyers for Prince Harry claim unlawful acts include 'breaking and entry into private property'

David Sherborne, for the group of high-profile individuals, said the unlawful acts in the claim include commissioning the "breaking and entry into private property", illegally intercepting voicemail messages, listening to live landline calls and obtaining medical records.

He said in written submissions: "The claimants each claim that in different ways they were the victim of numerous unlawful acts carried out by the defendant, or by those acting on the instructions of its newspapers, The Daily Mail and The Mail On Sunday."

"They range through a period from 1993 to 2011, even continuing beyond until 2018," the barrister added.

ANL's lawyers have said privacy claims brought by seven high-profile individuals including the Duke of Sussex and Baroness Lawrence should be dismissed without a trial.

Monday 27 March 2023 11:50 , Thomas Kingsley The Duke of Sussex has made a surprise return to the UK for the first time since the late Queen's funeral -but is not expected to meet with the King or the Prince of Wales.

Just weeks ago, Harry laid bare his troubled relationship with his father the King and brother the Prince of Wales in his controversial autobiography Spare.

The King was due to be away on Monday on the first official state visit of his reign, but the trip to France was cancelled due to rioting over pension reforms, meaning Charles is now in the UK at the same time as Harry for the first time in six months.

But Buckingham Palace said the King was not in Windsor or London and would be leaving for a state visit to Germany on Wednesday morning.

Monday 27 March 2023 11:31 , Thomas Kingsley Court proceedings began with a bid by ANL's lawyers to have certain reporting restrictions imposed in the case.

The Duke of Sussex sat towards the back of the courtroom, occasionally taking notes in a small black notebook as legal arguments were made by ANL's barrister Catrin Evans KC.

Actress Sadie Frost, who is also bringing a claim against the publisher, sat two seats away from Harry.

Sadie Frost arrives in court ahead of hearing

ICYMI: Prince Harry and Sir Elton John launch legal action against Daily Mail publishers over 'phone hacking'

As the preliminary hearing is set to begin, let's throwback to October when Prince Harry, among other high profile figures, announced they would be taking Associated Newspaper's to court.

A group of individuals including Prince Harry and Sir Elton John have launched legal action against the publisher of the Daily Mail newspaper over phone-hacking allegations.

The allegations include the commissioning of individuals to "surreptitiously listen into and record people's live, private telephone calls whilst they were taking place" and the impersonation of individuals to obtain medical information from private hospitals, clinics, and treatment centres by deception.

Additional claims include the accessing of bank accounts, credit histories and financial transactions through illicit means and manipulation.

"These individuals have been the subject of public interest during the course of their careers and personal lives. They are united in their desire to live in a world where the press operates freely, yet responsibly. A press that represents truth, is sourced in fact and can be trusted to operate ethically and in the interests of the British public," the statement said.

Read the full piece from October below:

Group including Prince Harry launch legal action against Daily Mail publishers

Duke arrives in court room

The Duke of Sussex has arrived at Court 76 of the Royal Courts of Justice in London for the preliminary hearing in his claim against Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL).

Harry, along with six other people including Sir Elton John and Baroness Doreen Lawrence, is suing the Daily Mail publisher for misuse of private information.

The duke entered the central London courtroom at shortly before 10.30am, wearing a navy tie.

Prince Harry arrives in court

Publisher brands allegations "preposterous smears"

In a statement announcing the launch of the legal action, released by Hamlins law firm, it was alleged the unlawful acts included hiring private investigators to secretly place listening devices inside cars and homes and the recording of private phone conversations.

The publisher hit back at the allegations, describing them at the time as "preposterous smears" and a "pre-planned and orchestrated attempt to drag the Mail titles into the phone-hacking scandal".

A spokesperson for ANL also said the allegations were "unsubstantiated and highly defamatory claims, based on no credible evidence".

A four-day preliminary hearing at the Royal Courts of Justice in London is due to begin on Monday, which is set to include ANL's bid for the claims to be dismissed without a trial.

Duke of Sussex arrives in court

The Duke of Sussex has arrived at the High Court in London for a hearing in his claim against Daily Mail publisher Associated Newspapers over allegations of unlawful information-gathering.

The publisher is bringing a bid to end High Court claims brought by people including Harry, Sir Elton John and Baroness Doreen Lawrence over alleged unlawful activity at its titles.

The group of high-profile individuals, also including Sir Elton's husband David Furnish and actresses Liz Hurley and Sadie Frost, announced in October they were bringing claims for misuse of private information against Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL).

Their lawyers said at that time the group have "become aware of compelling and highly distressing evidence that they have been the victims of abhorrent criminal activity and gross breaches of privacy" by ANL, which is also the publisher of The Mail On Sunday and MailOnline.

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Meghan Markle and Prince Harry have been accused of trying to recreate their own "royal court" in the **United States** by a royal commentator after they failed to get what they wanted out of Megxit.

Meghan Markle and Prince Harry are attempting to create their own "royal court" in the **US**, according to a royal commentator. The comments come amid a slew of media appearances by the Duke and Duchess - particularly by Prince Harry - which left one commentator asking "what was the point?"

In recent months, Prince Harry has been in the spotlight. Before and after the release of his memoir Spare in January he gave numerous explosive interviews on primetime television. In December of last year, Meghan and Harry released a six-part Netflix series describing their relationship and eventual exit from royal life.

"I ask myself this all the time. What was the point for Harry and Meghan? Were they trying to make themselves look better? Were they trying to make themselves more popular than the royals? Are they trying to recreate their own royal court in the **United States**?" asked a royal commentator and founder of popular YouTube channel the Royal News Network who goes by Brittany.

She added: "Number one, yes they do definitely want to create their own royal sphere in the **United States**. Obviously, we do not have a monarchy here and nor do we want one, so they're welcome to live here like other royals do but don't make yourself a royal of the **United States** - huge difference there."

She cited the Megxit deal which saw Prince Harry and Meghan Markle leave the Royal Family for North America.

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"I think they are just trying to recreate what they wanted, what their vision was for themselves that they couldn't have in the UK, in the **US**," she said.

The host of the show added: "They could not get their way, I think at the end of the day that was their big anger point. They were not going to get their way."

Brittany pointed to the role the couple wanted to play in the Commonwealth, claiming Meghan wanted to be "Queen of the Commonwealth". She also claimed the Sussexes wanted to "supersede" the Royal Family in popularity.

During the Meghan and Harry's separation from the rest of the Firm, dubbed Megxit, the pair appeared to want to become hybrid royals who were financially independent but still represented the Queen.

On their now defunct website sussexroyal.com, the couple touted "progressive" new roles which would "continue to carry out their duties for Her Majesty the Queen, while having the future financial autonomy to work externally".

However, in 2020, Buckingham Palace released a statement making it clear Meghan and Harry were "required" to step back from royal duties.

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It appeared the couple failed to negotiate a half-in, half-out Megixt deal and in 2020 they moved to Montecito, California with their son Archie, completely stepping back from royal duties.

Since then, the pair have engaged in numerous media endeavours, including the now famous 2021 interview with Oprah. The couple released a Netflix documentary in December 2022 flush with never-before-seen footage and photos.

Arguably the biggest bombshell to date, however, was the release of Prince Harry's memoir Spare in January 2023 and the multiple interviews the Prince gave both before and after the book hit the shelves.

The book contains numerous allegations against the rest of the Royal Family and details Prince Harry's life, including his time in Afghanistan and his **drug** use.

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Harry praised for being 'incredibly brave' and helping others with 'trauma'
The Duke of Sussex received a "clinical diagnosis" during
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Prince Harry sat down for an interview with Dr Gabor Maté; earlier this month. The Canadian therapist and author of *The Myth of Normal* spoke to the Prince for a live-streamed Zoom event when he declared that, having read Harry's memoir *Spare*, he had come up with "several diagnoses" for the royal.

Dr Maté; diagnosed the Duke of Sussex "with ADD " otherwise known as ADHD, saying: "Whether you like it or not, I have diagnosed you with ADD. You can agree or disagree. I don't see it as a disease. I see it as a normal response to abnormal stress."

Harry responded: "OK — should I accept that or should I look into it?" To which Dr Maté; replied: "You can do what you want with it."

Royal commentators have since praised the Prince for his open conversation with the therapist, commending him for being "incredibly brave" and helping others who may be experiencing or have experienced "trauma".

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Rachel Bowie and Roberta Fiorito, hosts of the *Royally Obsessed* podcast, discussed the interview earlier this month.

"It did feel very much like a therapy session — a bit awkward at the beginning actually — but once they got into it, it was really interesting," said Ms Bowie. "One thing I loved was how Dr Maté; was very frank with Harry. But then he said he realised the universality of Harry's story and the humanity behind it and was actually really blown away by the book."

Dr Maté; and the Duke went on to talk about the "lack of touching within the Royal Family and how that led to where Harry is now," the commentator explained, adding: "It almost takes it back to the Queen and the trauma that Charles endured. And then that was passed on to Harry."

Ms Fiorito agreed, saying: "Yes, it's so much less about Harry's personal story and more about some of the bigger broader picture points that Harry [talks about]."

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She added: "I think it also helps other people realise. I liked the chat about trauma and redefining what trauma is. It's not the wound, it's the scar. And so I think that's reframing a lot of things that we thought we knew.

"Most people would have tuned in to hear Harry talk, but I think it was really interesting to hear Dr Maté it was like a therapy session for everyone."

The event, which was produced by Random House and a group of exclusive booksellers, came less than two months after the publication of Harry's tell-all memoir.

Ms Bowie noted Harry's bravery for opening up in a "very candid and honest" conversation, particularly because it came as part of a "deal" to promote his book.

She said: "It was incredibly brave of Harry to do such a public self-reflection. This was likely a Penguin Random House setup, this was part of the deal. He had to do this promotion. This was selling the book.

"I think to allow someone in on a very, very candid and honest therapy session. I can't imagine doing that. And bravo to Harry for doing [it]."

The conversation, filmed at the Duke's Montecito home, was streamed to the **US**, Canada and the UK on March 4. Viewers could pay \$25 to watch, with tickets including a copy of Spare.

It came after a round of publicity for Harry and his wife Meghan Markle, including their recent Netflix documentary series, during which they expressed their displeasure with several aspects of public life.

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The chat, which was billed as an "intimate conversation as discuss living with loss and the importance of personal healing," differed from Harry's previous interviews, with the royal refraining from mentioning his father or brother or their wives.

He did, however, reveal he had always felt different from other members of the Royal Family, a feeling he claimed his late mother, Diana, Princess of Wales, had shared.

He told Dr Maté: "I certainly have felt throughout my life, from my younger years, that I always felt slightly different to the rest of my family. I felt strange being in this container. And I know that my mum felt the same."

Ms Bowie said: "This really wasn't another royal takedown. There weren't new bombshells, William wasn't mentioned, it was more broad strokes and really kind of lifting the hood up on the psychological things Harry has been through."

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The Duke has previously spoken about the positive impact of therapy on his life but has also claimed seeking professional help was the beginning of a disconnect with his family.

Harry claimed, in his memoir, that the Prince of Wales believed his brother was being "brainwashed" by his therapist.

And in one of Spare's most shocking revelations, an alleged physical attack by his brother Prince William, Harry recounted calling his therapist immediately afterwards.

He also told ITV: "If I wasn't doing therapy sessions like I was and being able to process that anger and frustration, I would've fought back, 100%."

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EXCLUSIVE: The Duke and Duchess of Sussex caught Buckingham Palace "off guard" with their recent announcement regarding their children's prince and princess titles.

Last week, news emerged that Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle's 21-month-old daughter had been christened at their home in Montecito. A spokesperson for the couple confirmed that "Princess Lilibet Diana was christened on Friday, March 3 by the Archbishop of Los Angeles," and therefore revealed that the Duke and Duchess of Sussex had decided to use their two children's royal titles. Lilibet and her older brother Prince Archie Harrison automatically became prince and princess when their grandfather King Charles III ascended the throne, but their regal styles had not been used publicly before the announcement. For some commentators, it is clear that relations between the royals are unlikely to be "repaired anytime soon," in part because Harry and Meghan "want the rift healed on their terms".

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Marlene Koenig, a historian who has spent over 40 years researching royalty, told Express.co.uk: "The rift is huge. I don't [think it's] likely to be repaired anytime soon, unfortunately. The Sussexes want the rift healed on their terms. I don't think that's going to happen."

Similarly, the Daily Mirror's associate editor Russell Myers described relations between the royals as "fractured".

Since stepping down from their senior royal positions in 2020, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's relationship with the Royal Family has been strained.

Tensions were recently exacerbated following the release of the couple's Netflix documentary series, Harry and Meghan, and the publication of the Duke's tell-all memoir, Spare.

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While Harry has insisted he is hopeful for a "reconciliation" with his family, the likelihood of peace talks before the Coronation of King Charles III has been shut down.

The Duke and Duchess have been invited to the Coronation, it was revealed via a statement earlier this month.

Harry received "email correspondence" from "His Majesty's office regarding the Coronation," a spokesperson confirmed, but an "immediate decision" regarding the Sussexes' attendance was not "disclosed".

Mr Myers indicated that "the way it was delivered caught Buckingham Palace on the hop," and had a role to play in worsening relations between the couple and their UK counterparts.

Speaking on the latest episode of True Royalty TV's Royal Beat, he said: "They may claim it was all agreed many moons ago and there were discussions way back when, but I think they would have thought that the Sussexes would have discussed with them when they would be putting the statement out.

"The feeling that I picked up on was that wasn't the case. I think this tells you a lot about the relationships at the moment and how fractured they are."

However, Ms Koenig has argued that Harry and Meghan, neither of whom are working royals, are not required to go through Buckingham Palace to make announcements.

While she agreed that the royals were "caught off guard" by the news of Lilibet's christening, she explained: "Harry and Meghan do not come under the auspices of Buckingham Palace."

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She added: "They left. Harry is not a working royal, he is not obligated, and has no interest in using the Palace to make announcements about his family.

"Harry is going to do his own thing. It's clear that he and his wife are determined to control their own narrative. The Palace's press office has no real involvement with Harry and Meghan. News about Harry and Meghan is going to come from Harry and Meghan."

And while Mr Myers believes the announcement suggests relationships are fractured, others have argued the icy relations between the Sussexes and the rest of the Royal Family may be thawing.

Royal commentator Afua Hagan told Express.co.uk: "The lines of communication are improving. There has been a defrosting of royal relations — from both sides."

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She also suggested the couple's decision to use their children's formal titles could suggest they intend to return to the UK for the Coronation.

"It is a good indication that they will attend the Coronation and indicates where their head is at," she said, adding: "They still want to have ties to the Royal Family."

If the Duke and Duchess choose to attend the Coronation, it will see them reunite with members of the Royal Family at Westminster Abbey on May 6.

Historian Tessa Dunlop believes Meghan's attendance hinges on whether her children, specifically her son, are invited. She told The Royal Beat: "If you look at the footage of the 1953 Coronation, who was very prominent, albeit briefly? Prince Charles. He was four. Archie on his fourth birthday is definitely not too young to attend the coronation. And if you want Meghan there, you need to invite her son."

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Prince Harry poses 'bigger threat' to King Charles than Meghan as Duke demands apology
EXCLUSIVE: Royal author Nigel Cawthorne has said Harry's demand
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Prince Harry poses a greater risk to King Charles's Coronation than his wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, because of the Duke's demand for an apology, a royal expert has claimed. Harry is reportedly seeking a private apology from his father and brother, Prince William, before making any commitment to attend the Coronation on May 6.

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Buckingham Palace staff have been told to plan for Harry and Meghan attending the King's Coronation, but an official announcement has yet to be issued.

Nigel Cawthorne, author of Prince Andrew, Maxwell and the Palace, said Harry poses a greater threat to the Coronation than his wife.

He told Express.co.uk: "Meghan has, thankfully, kept her mouth shut lately. It's Harry wanting an apology that poses more of a threat to the Coronation.

"But Charles knows he can't go around apologising to people - that's ridiculous. It's far beneath the King to do that."

Harry has previously refused to commit to being at the Coronation unless King Charles and Prince William "sit down and talk about" the allegations he has levelled against the Royal Family.

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In an interview with ITV ahead of the publication of his memoir, Spare, Harry said the ball was in their court, but the door is always open for reconciliation.

A source told The Times in February that while Harry wants an apology, the royals do not believe one is owed.

Mr Cawthorne, whose new book Going Spare will examine sibling rivalry between Charles and Prince Andrew, said if Harry attends the Coronation he is likely to bring his family with him. This includes his wife and their two children, Prince Archie and Princess Lilibet.

He said: "I would have thought Meghan will come with Harry, as well as the prince and princess. [Harry might say] 'I'm turning my back on the monarchy, but my children are a prince and princess'."

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The Duke and Duchess of Sussex began to use the titles prince and princess for their children Archie Harrison and Lilibet Diana last week.

Harry and Meghan's youngsters became a prince and princess when the King acceded to the throne last September, but had remained a plain "master" and "miss" on the Buckingham Palace website until last Thursday .

Mr Cawthorne said: "If you're turning your back on the monarchy and royalty, it's very odd you would do that.

"But [Harry and Meghan] are so self-absorbed that they want the fancy balls, while rejecting the rest of it. I think they are just trying to have their cake and eat it."

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He added Harry and Meghan might announce whether or not they plan to attend the Coronation, saying: "I'm not sure to be honest. By and large the Sussexes do tend to seize the initiative with these things. They are the ones with the agenda."

Asked what their agenda is, Mr Cawthorne said: "It's certainly self-aggrandisement. They're bigging it up as much as they can.

"With their whole [Coronation] invitation and Netflix over there in the **US**, they're just feeding off their profile.

"The longer the 'will they or won't they' [discussion continues] the more attention they're getting.

"It goes hand in hand - the higher the profile they have, the more they can capitalise on it in the **US**."

Mr Cawthorne said that while Harry poses the bigger threat to the smooth running of the Coronation, King Charles would "in no way" be able to control the situation or mitigate against any further drama.

He joked: "He just has to sit there with a fancy hat on his head. He can't have guards with spikes pointing at Harry and Meghan!"

The author said: "Simply by being there, Harry is going to draw attention away from Charles. And if he doesn't come, he's drawing attention away from Charles.

"Presumably, there will be pictures of him cycling around Los Angeles looking nonchalant. It's a lose lose situation for Charles."

On how Buckingham Palace might handle Prince Andrew's Coronation attendance, Mr Cawthorne told Express.co.uk: "I think [Andrew's] desperate for any sort of attention really.

"He seems to be upset he's not allowed to wear his spiffy Order of the Garter outfit or his army uniform.

"He should do a nude protest and streak outside Westminster Abbey instead!"

For more about Mr Cawthorne and his work visit nigelcawthorne.com

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Coronation threat as Windsors left 'threadbare' as top royals not 'bothered to turn up'

A royal expert has said the monarchy is looking "a bit threadbare" as questions remain over whether Prince Harry and Prince Andrew will attend.

Jon King

King Charles is in an "impossible position" with Prince Harry and Prince Andrew threatening to "besmirch" the Coronation if they attend the historic ceremony, a royal expert has claimed. Nigel Cawthorne - author of Prince Andrew, Maxwell and the Palace - said the monarchy is "looking a bit threadbare".

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Buckingham Palace staff have reportedly been told to plan for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex attending the King's Coronation, but this has yet to be confirmed publicly.

Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, and Prince Harry, who have begun using the titles prince and princess for their children in an "alignment" with the Palace on the matter, have yet to confirm whether they will attend the ceremony on May 6.

There are also doubts over the role Prince Andrew can play at the Coronation, given he is no longer a working member of the Royal Family.

It comes after the Duke of York settled a **US** civil lawsuit with Virginia Giuffre, who had accused Andrew of sexually abusing when she was a teenager. Andrew repeatedly denied the allegation and did not admit any wrongdoing in settling the case.

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But the court case as well as Harry and Meghan's allegations against the royal family in their Netflix series and the Duke of Sussex's memoir, Spare, have put the King in a difficult position in relation to the Coronation.

Mr Cawthorne said: "There is a battle royal going on here. It's tit for tat. Certainly tat. With the flawless Queen gone, the monarchy is looking a bit threadbare.

"Charles is in an impossible position. If either Andrew or Harry, or both, turn up, they are going to besmirch the Coronation and take the spotlight away from him.

"Their absence will be equally headline-grabbing and will diminish the significance of the ceremony."

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Mr Cawthorne described the Coronation as the key moment in the monarchy, but claimed the "top royals can't be bothered to turn up".

He added: "Imagine a wedding or funeral where a brother or son is a no-show. It speaks volumes.

"Neither Andrew nor Harry can do any right. If Andrew is not there, drawing the attention of the TV cameras and media commentators, he will be photographed driving around in a flash car or horse-riding in Windsor Great Park, or otherwise moaning about being demoted by moving into a tiny, five-bedroom cottage or leaking that he is going to spend millions of pounds which he, apparently, does not have, on trying to clear his name in a pointless legal battle against Virginia Giuffre."

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Mr Cawthorne added: "Harry's on the horns of a dilemma too. How unpopular does he want to be? Every time he opens his mouth he plummets in the opinion polls.

"He's the Royal Family's Eddie the Eagle. If he turns up, he risks having rotten tomatoes thrown at him.

"If he stays away, he's turning his back on [royalty]. Only, by the way, my son and daughter are a prince and princess."

Harry and Meghan's relationship with the King and the Prince of Wales has remained troubled in the wake of the publication of the Duke's controversial tell-all memoir.

The Duke of Sussex has criticised Charles's parenting skills, accused Prince William of physically attacking him and branded Camilla, Queen Consort, "dangerous".

The latest YouGov poll shows 43 percent of the 3,024 adults surveyed saying Harry and Meghan should be invited to the Coronation, with 39 percent opposing.

YouGov found just a quarter of Britons think positively of Harry, while 68 percent have a negative opinion of him, giving him his lowest ever favourability rating of -44.

Harry and Meghan are now so disliked by older Britons that their popularity ratings are worse than Andrew's among the over-65s, according to YouGov.

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While 60 percent of the oldest generation have a "very" negative view of Andrew, this rises to 69 percent for Meghan and 73 percent for Harry, the poll shows.

It is understood there is no update from the Sussex camp over whether they will attend the crowning of Charles and Camilla, the Queen Consort.

A spokesperson for the Sussexes has previously said Harry and Meghan received email correspondence from the King's office about the event, but an immediate decision on their attendance would not yet be disclosed.

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Prince Harry was savaged for appearing in a live streamed therapy
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Matthew Dooley

Prince Harry's live-streamed therapy session has been likened to "tacky" American reality TV by a royal expert. The host of the To Di For Daily podcast Kinsey Schofield savaged the Duke for a sit down he did with trauma expert Dr Gabor Maté; discussing subjects from Harry's **drug** use to his mental health.

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When asked about the therapy session Ms Schofield likened it to several famous American reality TV shows.

"Well lets be honest, we are the home of Dr Phil, Oprah Winfrey, Ricki Lake, I could list all of the tacky TV shows that have existed - Jerry Springer! - over the years and unfortunately it really feels like this falls into that category," the LA-based commentator opined on GB News.

She continued: "Harry being diagnosed over Zoom? That is extremely unsettling and it's not something that the American public is comfortable with but it is that kind of tacky reality TV that we've all become addicted to. And I apologise if we've sent it over there your way [to the UK]."

Jerry Springer hosted a famous talk show of the same name in the **US**, focusing on a range of issues including infidelity and marital problems. Springer would famously take the stage to chants of "Jerry! Jerry!" from the audience.

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During the pay-per-view live stream, Dr Gabor Maté; diagnosed the Duke with ADD, PTSD, depression and anxiety right on the spot.

Prince Harry also opened up about his **drug** use saying cocaine "didn't do anything" for him but lauded the use of marijuana and psychedelics.

Speaking on psychedelic **drugs**, the Prince said: "It was the cleaning of the windshield, removal of life's filters. It removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, release, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold onto for a period of time.

"For me I started doing it recreationally and then started to realise how good it was for me."

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Dr Gabor Maté; is known for his controversial views on the use of psychedelic **drugs** to treat mental health issues.

The Hungarian-Canadian doctor has used the hallucinogen Ayahuasca to treat patients in the past.

Ayahuasca is a plant grow in the Amazonian rain forest which has a long history of cultural use among shamans there.

The **drug** is illegal in the UK, **US** and Canada - in 2011 Canadian authorities threatened to arrest Dr Maté; if he didn't stop using the **drug** to treat his patients.

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Royal Family have dealt with Harry revelations but 'can't ignore threat' of new book
Prince Harry claimed he had enough material for a second
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Sophie McCabe

Following the publication of his tell-all memoir, Prince Harry sat down for an interview with Bryony Gordon of The Daily Telegraph. He told her the first draft of Spare was 800 pages — double the final manuscript which came in at just over 400 pages. The Duke of Sussex reportedly revealed information to ghostwriter JR Moehringer "for context", but there was "absolutely no way" they would be included in the book.

Harry is said to have told her: "But there are some things that have happened, especially between me and my brother, and to some extent between me and my father, that I just don't want the world to know. Because I don't think they would ever forgive me."

It came after Harry revealed a slew of secrets pertaining to Palace life and the Royal Family. And now, a royal commentator has claimed the House of Windsor can tolerate the revelations but "can't ignore" Harry's threat.

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Richard Fitzwilliams was a guest on last week's episode of the Royally **Us** podcast. He told hosts Christine Ross and Christina Garibaldi that the threat of another book will only exacerbate the deepening rift between Harry and his family.

He said: "We have to remember that he's threatened another book — 800 pages. It's a threat. You can't ignore things like that. It's awful."

When asked whether he thought writing Spare was "the worst thing that Harry could have done," Mr Fitzwilliams referred to the autobiography of the Duke of Windsor, formerly King Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne and subsequently lived in exile.

He said: "The Duke of Windsor took 15 years before he wrote it [his book], [and] there was nothing as sensational. This is purely making money out of family trauma. No one had any idea — as far as I could see — that he felt so jealous and that he resented his brother."

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Harry's relationship with his older brother Prince William is said to be one of the most affected by the rift. The Prince of Wales featured heavily in Spare, with Harry telling his version of intimate events, including a physical altercation and heated arguments.

The Duke recalled reuniting with his family for the funeral of his grandmother Queen Elizabeth II. He claimed that he and William barely spoke during the solemn event.

Since the publication of Spare, Harry has insisted that he is hopeful for a reconciliation with his family, telling ITV's Tom Bradby that he wants his father and brother back.

However, some commentators have claimed that William may not be on the same page, particularly given the content of the Duke's memoir.

During an appearance on Royally Us last month, royal biographer Angela Levin speculated about William's feelings towards Harry's memoir.

She said: "It's terrible how he's attacked William. William has always looked after Harry, always protected him from a lot of wrongdoings when he was younger and he's always loved him.

"Harry even said to me once, 'Every year that passes William and I get closer together. He's the only person I trust, we can say anything to each other. And if we have an argument, we get over it, we can move on.'

"[They were] very, very close. And now he's attacking him in an awful way, talking about his bald head that now makes him not look like their mother and that he was circumcised."

Ms Levin continued: "I don't think you should invade somebody's privacy like that. That's not Harry telling his story, it is invading other people's stories that they don't want to be told.

"Brothers do fight€; Unlike a father and a son, brothers can fall out in a big way because they don't want to take the nonsense. They don't want to take all that. And I think Harry's gone too far. He's been quite rude about Catherine and he knows that would enrage William."

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While the Sussexes must leave their previous residence "within weeks", the America-based couple could be offered Prince Andrew's old suite in Buckingham Palace.

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The comments came less than three months before the Coronation of King Charles III, due to take place on May 6.

It has been confirmed that Harry and his wife Meghan Markle have been invited but the pair are yet to reveal whether they plan to attend.

In recent days, hopes the Duke and Duchess of Sussex will accept the invitation have been raised after it emerged they have decided to give their children the titles of prince and princess.

The couple announced on Wednesday that their 21-month-old daughter — named after the late Queen Elizabeth II — was christened last Friday and an announcement referred to her as Princess Lilibet Diana.

Harry and Meghan also invited the King and Queen Camilla and Prince William and Kate, Princess of Wales to the christening — a move that is being seen as a sign that relations between the Sussexes and the rest fo the Royal Family may be thawing.

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Royal commentator Afua Hagan told Express.co.uk: "The lines of communication are improving. There has been a defrosting of royal relations — from both sides."

She claimed the couple's decision to use their children's formal ties could suggest they intend to return to the UK for the Coronation. "It is a good indication that they will attend the Coronation and indicates where their head is at," she said, adding: "They still want to have ties to the Royal Family."

However, Mr Fitzwilliams has suggested that while the Coronation invitation indicates that Charles wants to mend the rift with his son, William may think differently.

He said: "Charles is a symbol of national unity, of course, as the monarch and the invitation comes from him, but as far as William's concerned, it's a terribly deep rift and I didn't see it being mended."

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Princess Eugenie shares new pictures in heartwarming tribute to Fergie and Beatrice
The youngest daughter of Prince Andrew and Sarah, Duchess of York,
has posted photos on Instagram to mark International Women's Day.

Jon King

Princess Eugenie posted a heartwarming tribute to her mother and sister to mark International Women's Day. Eugenie shared two photos on Instagram showing herself with Sarah, Duchess of York, and Princess Beatrice, against a snow-covered wintry landscape, believed to be in Norway.

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The post has already received more than 75,000 likes as royal fans delight at the new pictures.

Eugenie captioned the images: "International Women's Day. I'm so lucky to have my mum and sister as two incredible women in my life. Beabea, Mumma so proud of you! Xx."

Princess Eugenie's photograph sparked a wave of praise from royal fans, with Instagram users commenting on the Yorks's strong bond.

Scottish TV presenter Kirsty Gallacher said simply, "Love you all", in response to Eugenie's post.

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Fellow Instagram user Auntlizability commented: "How sweet. It's wonderful to see such great mother - daughter relationships."

And Insta user olga_bojo wrote: "For real, my favourite Royals right here!"

Eugenie's post came on the day the Duchess of York appeared on **US** TV show The View where she spoke of her relationship with the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Sarah told viewers: "We did chat a lot because the last three years in particular, during the pandemic, I used to go - don't worry I stuck to the rules - to take her out in the garden and we would both go wandering around the gardens with the doggies."

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She also revealed how she would call her ex-husband's mother "mumma".

The Duchess of York also explained how on their walks she would point to the ground and tell the Queen "there's a fairy ring there".

She continued: "And she was so brilliant and so great and such a sense of humour that she'd say, 'Yes, there is a fairy ring there', and she came with the game."

Fergie then revealed that she misses her friend because she was more of a mum to her than her own mother.

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She said: "She was so incredible. She was so forgiving and she didn't judge me. She used to say to me, 'Just be yourself Sarah, and one day you'll be alright'."

Eugenie's post comes amid claims she and her family have moved into Frogmore Cottage, which was vacated by Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex.

A source told OK! Magazine that Harry could not be happier for his cousin.

Princess Eugenie's husband, Jack Brooksbank, has reportedly been offered a promotion at **US**-based firm, Discovery Land Company, which could mean he will spend more time in the **United States**.

But the insider told the publication Eugenie, who is pregnant with the couple's second child, is keen to give birth in Britain and raise her children in England.

The source said: "The Sussexes are disappointed by the move but couldn't be happier that Eugenie and Jack will take it over.

"They have been staying there on and off for the past few years anyway.

"They went to see Harry and Meghan last month in California. They took over some small personal belongings left in the property. They were also helping to box up items at Frogmore to be shipped over to California.

"Andrew is delighted that his daughter will take over the property for the time being."

A second source said Eugenie and Jack will be based at Frogmore temporarily as the Palace has no long-term plans for the couple to stay there.

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REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst>Welcome to this week's edition of Royalist, The Daily Beast's newsletter for all things royal and Royal Family. Subscribe here to get it in your inbox every Sunday. Joe Biden: Coronation no-show US president Joe Biden will not attend the coronation of King Charles next month, according to the Telegraph, which claims he wants instead to prioritize an April 11 trip to Northern Ireland. Biden is "not expected" to join dozens of heads of state for the event, sources told the paper, and will send a delegation featuring "high-profile representatives" in his place. First Lady Jill Biden may go, with her husband reportedly keen to avoid any sense the event is being snubbed. Sources close to President Biden insisted to the Telegraph that his relationship with Charles was "strong," and may make time to meet him when he visits Northern Ireland. President Eisenhower did not attend Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1953. Historically it was considered diplomatic not to send a figure who would overshadow the monarch being crowned. Not exactly palatial The appalling pay and crappy accommodation all too often offered to royal staff has long been a cause of grievance in the palace. But photographs published today in MailOnline of the litter-strewn, rodent-infested apartments equipped with filthy fridges and encumbered with blocked toilets in Wellington Barracks, where members of the king's guard live, just yards from Buckingham Palace, are likely to renew demands for action on the issue. The barracks is home to five of the army's most high-profile regiments: the Coldstream, Grenadier, Irish, Scots, and Welsh Guards—better known as the people standing on guard outside royal palaces in bearskin hats. One former Coldstream Guard, who did not want to be named, told MailOnline: "It's a disgusting way to treat soldiers who are doing a very important job. Prisoners in Britain have better living conditions than we do." Wellington Barracks is absolutely filthy but from the outside they look great. Tourists stand at the gates to take pictures, but they wouldn't believe what life is like for soldiers inside. "The rats would die in the bins, and we'd have to clean them out when doing block jobs in the morning. There are piles of rubbish inside the accommodation areas and the stench from the toilets is unbearable. All the problems are in the blocks where the privates live. Soldiers from the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards take part in the Changing of the Guard in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace, in London, Britain October 4, 2021. Kirsty O'Connor/Pool via REUTERS "I can promise you this would not happen in the officers block. I couldn't take it anymore, it was worse than living in a filthy squat. I put up with it for several years, but nothing changed. The British public need to know how soldiers in this country are treated." One soldier said: "If you said something to a senior officer, they would either ignore you or tell you to fuck off, so we just stopped complaining. The whole thing is a joke. We're guarding some of the most famous people and buildings in the world then return to a filthy hell hole once our day's work is done." One soldier said that 32 privates live on each floor and have to share six toilets and two bathrooms between them. Harry urged to tell truth on **drugsA** conservative think tank wants to know what Prince Harry said on his **U.S. visa** application about his **drug**

use. Samuel Dewey, a senior lawyer at the Heritage Foundation—which has filed a Freedom of Information request to see Harry's application—told the Mail on Sunday: "It is in the public interest to know how Prince Harry answered the **drug** question. If he has been honest and open about his **drug** use, and there is no reason to believe he has not been, it could well be that he ticked the 'yes' box, in which case he would need a waiver to be granted a **visa** to be admitted into the States. That means he would have had to be interviewed in person and someone would have had to grant him a waiver. We are simply asking who granted that waiver." The think-tank wants to know how Harry answered "Are you or have you ever been a **drug** abuser or addict?"—given his previous admissions of **drug** use. Typically, the paper says, answering yes means you won't be let into the country. Britain's Prince Harry walks outside the High Court, in London, Britain March 30, 2023. REUTERS/Toby Melville Dewey said: "An admission of **drug** use doesn't automatically ban you for ever. There is a waiver process and a lot of people get a waiver on a case-by-case basis. If Prince Harry was given a waiver, who authorized it? Was the correct protocol followed? It's something the American people deserve to know. There is no suggestion Prince Harry did anything wrong and, if he was granted a waiver, he may not be aware of any political strings that may have been pulled, if indeed they were. But there is a danger he could become an unwitting pawn in an issue which has become a political hot potato." Another question: is a conservative think tank trying to stir up mischief for President Biden around the issue of immigration, with a liberal-leaning high-profile celebrity they can bash on as a bonus too? Subscribe here to get all the latest royal news and gossip with Tom Sykes and Tim Teeman. Meghan wins Congratulations to Meghan Markle who has won a Gracie Award for her Spotify podcast Archetypes, which featured guests including Serena Williams, Paris Hilton and pop star Mariah Carey, and said it aimed to explore "labels that try to hold women back." The Gracie awards are organized by the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation. Meghan wrote on the Archewell website, Meghan said: "Thank you to the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation for this prestigious honor. This is a shared success for me and the team behind Archetypes – most of whom are women—and the inspiring guests who joined me each week." Meghan Markle attends the 2021 Global Citizen Live concert at Central Park in New York, **U.S.**, September 25, 2021. REUTERS/Caitlin Ochs In other Archewell news, the organization filed its accounts this week. They show it received \$13 million from two anonymous donors. Harry previously pledged to donate money from his rumored \$20 million book deal to charity. Public donations came to just \$4,470. Archewell paid out \$110,000 to a firm run by former Obama adviser Katie McCormick which will spark fresh speculation over Meghan's political ambitions, the Sun says. Boom boom The Sun had an exclusive Saturday about a new video game called Harry & Meghan: Call of Dukey. An insider briefed that the project was being called Crown Theft Auto, and quoted a source at the firm as saying: "Prince Harry has spoken of his love of gaming so we approached him with the idea and he loved it. It seemed the logical progression after the success of his book and Netflix series. It's all tongue-in-cheek and there are some brilliant secret levels, including one where the player finds themselves in the Duke of York's bedroom, confronted by a raging Prince Andrew bouncing on his bed, hurling teddy bears." Attentive readers will note Saturday was April 1st, April Fools' Day. This week in royal history On April 6, 1199, Richard I of England, aka Richard the Lionheart, died after being mortally wounded at the Siege of Chalus in France. Unanswered questions King Charles and Prince Harry are still dancing a delicate dance around the Coronation—how are negotiations going? And how does Prince William feel about it? Does Biden not showing up to the Coronation add to the sense that the event cannot secure A-list guests? Love The Daily Beast's royal coverage? Sign up here to get Royalist newsletters sent straight to your inbox. Read more at The Daily Beast.

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Prince Harry 'may have to update US officials on his drug use' when he reapplies for visa this year - as pressure grows on authorities to reveal if Duke of Sussex was given special treatment when it was granted

Prince Harry must renew his US visa this year, it has emerged, as pressure mounts for his original application to be published following his admissions of drug use.

In his memoir The Duke said he would 'roll a joint' and smoke it by himself at 36 Sources say he has been honest with drug use to officials in US visa application

The Duke of Sussex moved to California with his wife Meghan Markle in March 2020, meaning the typical three-year visa given to those who emigrate to the States should be coming to an end.

The 38-year-old, who admitted past use of cannabis, magic mushrooms and cocaine in his bombshell memoir Spare, will therefore have to apply for a new visa, Green Card or full-blown citizenship if he wants to remain in the country.

But according to US immigration laws, foreigners who are 'determined to be a drug user' are classed as 'inadmissible'.

While officials can use their discretion to waive the rule, some American conservative voices fear Harry - who admitted in his memoir to 'rolling a joint' as recently as 2020 - may have enjoyed special treatment.

Sources close to the Duke insisted last night that he was 'truthful' when he applied for residency in California, suggesting he informed immigration officials of his past drug use.

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But conservative think tank The Heritage Foundation has filed a freedom of information (FoI) request, demanding the application be published to ascertain exactly what the royal divulged - alongside details of any waiver he was granted.

US immigration law has harsh penalties for lying to immigration officials, including deportation and being barred from applying for citizenship.

In his memoir and in a 'therapy session' with toxic trauma expert Dr Gabor Mate to promote his book last month, Harry admitted using psychedelic **drugs**.

They included the hallucinogenic Amazonian plant ayahuasca, the effects of which he described as 'the cleaning of the windshield, the removal of life's filters'.

But under US law, an admission of drug use usually results in a person being denied entry to the States.

The issue of immigration is expected to become one of the main focuses of the 2024 presidential election, with Republicans attacking President Joe Biden for his lax border controls.

And there are fears that Harry's friendships with prominent Democratic Party figures such as former president Barack Obama and major Democratic donors including Oprah Winfrey and Tyler Perry could see him become an 'unwitting pawn in a highly political game'.

The Heritage Foundation says his visa application must now be released so the American taxpayer can understand whether Harry declared his drug use.

Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project, said: 'This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of **Prince Harry's** visa for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's drug use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the United States'.

US immigration authorities have until April 12 to respond to the Freedom of Information (FoI) request.

Under US law, anyone applying for a visa to live and work in America has to tick a box to answer 'yes' or 'no' to the question: 'Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict?'

There is a history of authorities releasing immigration documents about public figures.

The US Citizenship and Immigration Services website has an electronic reading room which contains the immigration files of people such as Shyamala Gopalan Harris, mother of US Vice-President Kamala Harris, and George Michael and John Lennon.

Other celebrities whose files are open to the public include Canadian-born Superman actress Margot Kidder and British actress Lynn Redgrave.

Mr Dewey added: 'An admission of drug use doesn't automatically ban you for ever.

'There is a waiver process and a lot of people get a waiver on a case-by-case basis. If **Prince Harry** was given a waiver, who authorised it? Was the correct protocol followed? It's something the American people deserve to know.'

Often a ban is overturned after an in-person interview at a US consulate or official immigration office, where a waiver can be issued.

In 2014, Ms Lawson was prevented from entering the US after admitting during a court case to taking cocaine, even though she told a judge: 'I have never been a drug addict. I've never been a habitual user.' She was later granted a visa after being interviewed at the US Embassy in London, while Ms Winehouse was twice refused entry because of her drug use.

Mr Dewey said: 'There is no suggestion **Prince Harry** did anything wrong and, if he was granted a waiver, he may not be aware of any political strings that may have been pulled, if indeed they were. But there is a danger he could become an unwitting pawn in an issue which has become a political hot potato.'

Reports in the US have suggested Harry was admitted on an 'O' visa – given to people of extraordinary ability.

Nile Gardiner, a director of the Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom at the Heritage Foundation, said: 'This is a much bigger issue than **Prince Harry**. It is about enforcing immigration law and ensuring that no one is above the law. **Prince Harry** is simply the tip of the iceberg.

'There are many who believe that under President Biden immigration laws have become lax and are not being properly implemented.

'**Prince Harry** openly talked about his drug use and he has done so for commercial and financial gain, to sell books. In our opinion, there is no case for privacy here.'

The Mail on Sunday previously sought comment on **Prince Harry's** immigration status from the US Department of Homeland Security, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, US Customs and Border Protection, California Border Patrol and the Sussexes' Archewell organisation. None responded.

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The US authorities take a very hard line on drug use for those wishing to enter the country, with one think tank pushing for full clarity over the **Prince Harry's** answers on an immigration form

Prince Harry reportedly did inform US authorities about the drug use mentioned in his bombshell memoir Spare.

US border control is notoriously hardline, with visa applicants required to answer the question: "Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict"

The Duke of Sussex has openly admitted to using cannabis, cocaine and magic mushrooms.

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He details one instance of using psychedelic **drugs** in the memoir, leading to speculation that it could jeopardise his visa status in the US, where he currently resides.

He has also recalled hallucinating while at a celebrity-filled event in California and smoking cannabis after his first date with Meghan.

He discussed his drug use at greater length while speaking with toxic trauma expert Dr Gabor Mate on TV where he talked about his experience with hallucinogenic Amazonian plant ayahuasca.

Sources close to the Duke of Sussex told The Telegraph that Harry had been "truthful" on his visa application, meaning he would likely have admitted to past drug use.

For most foreigners, admission of drug use normally results in visa applications being denied outright, however each person is dealt with on a 'case by case basis'.

A leading US think tank recently filed a freedom of information request about the Duke's application and are calling on him to be "totally transparent" when answering the immigration questions.

Brits have fallen foul of the tough stance countless times when trying to enter the US.

In 2019, Isabella Brazier-Jones was banned from the USA for 10 years allegedly after admitting to snorting a line of cocaine in 2017.

The 31-year-old said she was immediately thrown in a jail cell where she was kept for 24 hours before being shipped straight back to the UK.

Experts say such a ban can sometimes be overturned after an in-person interview at a US consulate or immigration office.

Samuel Dewey, a lawyer acting for America's Heritage Foundation in its FoI case regarding **Prince Harry**, said: "One condition of a waiver in the case of someone who has admitted drug use could be that the person has to check back with the medical examiner, so that there is some sort of follow-up.

"But we just don't know how **Prince Harry** has been treated and that is why we are asking these questions."

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Prince Harry 'told US officials about drug use' insider claims amid visa row
The Duke of Sussex is facing calls to release his US visa application
following recent remarks he has made about his past drug use.

Clive Hammond

Prince Harry told custom officials in the US about his past drug use, an insider has claimed, adding that the 38-year-old was "truthful" on his visa application. The latest development comes as a conservative think tank campaigns to get the Duke's visa application made public following his recent revelations about past drug use. Those closest to the Duke of Sussex argue he had not withheld information about his previous drug use, which according to his autobiography *Spare*, included using the likes of cannabis, cocaine and magic mushrooms.

The taking of these **drugs**, which are Class A and Class B, was confirmed on the forms Harry had to fill out as he applied for a visa to live in the US, alongside his wife Meghan Markle and their two young children, Archie and Lilibet, the insider has claimed.

Question marks over Harry's relationship with **drugs** have long been discussed in royal circles, particularly during his younger years when the royal earned a reputation for his partygoing sensibilities.

And in *Spare*, which became one of non-fiction's fastest-selling books in history when released in January, Harry noted how he used as a way to deal with the trauma of losing his mother, Princess Diana when he was just 12 years old in 1997.

As well as the admissions on his drug use in *Spare*, Harry also outlined his past in a "therapy session" with the trauma expert Dr Gabor Mate, which helped promote the book.

The admission raised questions over how Harry would be allowed to gain a visa to the US, particularly with such ardent restrictions in place over drug use.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank that reviews American law, is using freedom of information laws to determine the exact details of Harry's admission.

According to the Telegraph, one source close to Harry said the prince was "truthful" on his application, suggesting he likely admitted to taking the narcotics, but he did not reveal the extent to which he disclosed his drug activity.

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US law, though, often sees those admitting to drug taking being denied entry to the country.

Immigration is a hot-button issue in the US. It's likely to take centre-stage during next year's presidential elections, with many Republicans believing incumbent US President Joe Biden has been lenient when it comes to border controls.

This has led to some to believe Harry's friendships with those on the left of politics, such as Democrat Party figures Barack Obama and Oprah Winfrey, may see him become an "unwitting pawn in a highly political game".

Calls have been made for Harry's visa application to be made public by the Heritage Foundation, which argues the US taxpayer has the right to know on what grounds he was approved status to live in the country.

Mike Howell, director of the Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project, said: "This request is in the public interest in light of the potential revocation of **Prince Harry's** visa for illicit substance use and further questions regarding the Prince's drug use and whether he was properly vetted before entering the US."

Lawyer Samuel Dewey also waded into the debate, arguing that "an admission of drug use doesn't automatically ban you forever".

He added: "There is a waiver process and a lot of people get a waiver on a case-by-case basis. If **Prince Harry** was given a waiver, who authorised it? Was the correct protocol followed? It's something the American people deserve to know."

Ordinarily, a ban from entering the US could be reversed after the US consulate or immigration office, speak in person to someone attempting to gain an American visa.

Mr Dewey concluded to the MailOnline earlier this month: "There is no suggestion **Prince Harry** did anything wrong and, if he was granted a waiver, he may not be aware of any political strings that may have been pulled, if indeed they were.

"But there is a danger he could become an unwitting pawn in an issue which has become a political hot potato."

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Carlo Allegri/ReutersPrince Harry's camp has suggested that he admitted to drug use when applying for an American visa.Harry has come under pressure from conservative think tank the Heritage Foundation to say whether he made such a declaration, after writing about taking cocaine, marijuana, ayahuasca, and magic mushrooms in his memoir, Spare. The Heritage Foundation says his visa application should be published to ensure no "favors" were granted to the prince.Now, sources close to Harry appear to have briefed the Daily Telegraph-one of the few outlets with which the Sussexes still do business-that he was "truthful" on his visa application.Harry's book also suggested that he has continued to use illegal **drugs** since moving to America in 2020, and he has been vocal about using ayahuasca, the controversial (and illegal) Amazonian psychedelic, as part of his therapy.In one interview, Harry admitted he used the drug "recreationally" before realizing "how good it was for me."He said: "It was the cleaning of the windshield, removal of life's filters. It removed it all for me and brought me a sense of relaxation, release, comfort, a lightness that I managed to hold onto for a period of time."For me I started doing it recreationally and then started to realize how good it was for me. I would say it is one of the fundamental parts of my life that changed me and helped me deal with the traumas and the pains of the past."The Heritage Foundation has made a freedom of information request to see Harry's visa application. It is likely Harry would have immigrated to the U.S. on an "O" visa that lasts three years, and he will likely have to admit to any drug use in the meantime when renewing.Samuel Dewey, a Heritage Foundation lawyer who is making the freedom of information request said: "We just don't know how **Prince Harry** has been treated and that is why we are asking these questions."Nile Gardiner, director of the Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom at the Heritage Foundation, said: "The drug issue is a huge question. Applicants to the U.S. have to say if they have used **drugs**. If they say yes they have to fill out a much more detailed form. Sometimes they will be denied entry."For him to have got in may have required some kind of high level intervention and we don't know where that came from."What we are asking is whether he was open and transparent with the application, whether there were any particular favors given, was he treated differently to everybody else. We believe in the rule of law."Read more at The Daily Beast.

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Prince Harry may have to update US officials on drug use to keep visa
Freedom of information battle aims to find out if Duke of Sussex
was given special treatment when his US visa was granted

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The Duke of Sussex may have to keep US authorities updated on his drug use if he is to retain visa rights to live in California, it has emerged.

The Duke's immigration status has come under intense scrutiny after a Washington-based think tank requested the publication of his visa application in the light of his admissions of drug-taking.

US immigration laws state that any foreigner "determined to be a drug abuser" is classed as "inadmissible"-though immigration officials can use their discretion to waive the rule.

Sources close to The Duke of Sussex have indicated that he was truthful on his visa application, suggesting that he disclosed his drug use, which has continued since he moved to the US in 2020.

The Heritage Foundation, the biggest conservative think tank in the US, has now used freedom of information laws to demand the release of his visa application, saying it is in the public interest for the authorities to divulge what the Duke said about his drug use, and the details of any waiver he was granted, including the identity of the person making the decision.

People who emigrate to the US are typically given a three-year visa, meaning **Prince Harry** will need to apply for a new visa, or a Green Card, or citizenship, this year, which could be a problem in light of his recent admissions.

In his autobiography, Spare, and in television interviews, The Duke of Sussex has admitted taking cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms. He owned up to taking magic mushroom chocolates-which are illegal in the US-during a party at the Friends star Courtney Cox's home in Los Angeles.

He also spoke about his "positive" experience of the psychedelic drug ayahuasca, which is also illegal in the US, though he did not specify where he took it.

One possibility open to immigration officials in cases where people have admitted to drug use is to require them to update medical examiners on their drug intake over a matter of months.

Drug issue 'a huge question'

Samuel Dewey, a lawyer who is acting on behalf of the Heritage Foundation in its freedom of information case, said: "When there is an adjustment of status-such as an application for a Green Card-there is a requirement for a full medical examination.

"One condition of a waiver in the case of someone who has admitted drug use could be that the person has to check back with the medical examiner, so that there is some sort of follow-up.

"But we just don't know how **Prince Harry** has been treated and that is why we are asking these questions."

Famous names including the cookery writer Nigella Lawson and the late singer Amy Winehouse have been denied entry to the US in the past because of admissions of drug taking, while the tennis player Novak Djokovic has been denied entry because he refuses to be vaccinated against Covid.

Nile Gardiner, director of the Margaret Thatcher Centre for Freedom at the Heritage Foundation, said: "The drug issue is a huge question. Applicants to the US have to say if they have used **drugs**. If they say yes they have to fill out a much more detailed form. Sometimes they will be denied entry.

"For him to have got in may have required some kind of high level intervention and we don't know where that came from.

"What we are asking is whether he was open and transparent with the application, whether there were any particular favours given, was he treated differently to everybody else. We believe in the rule of law."

'This is going to build and build'

Freedom of information requests have been submitted to the Department of Homeland Security, US Customs and Border Protection and the US Citizenship and Immigration Service. They must respond by a deadline of April 12, though Mr Dewey said that if the requests for information are turned down the Foundation, which has 500,000 members, will take the matter to court.

Mr Gardiner added: "This could potentially build into an issue of congressional interest. Immigration law is a big issue in the coming US presidential election and **Prince Harry** is increasingly seen as a political activist, so I think this is going to build and build as an issue."

A source close to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex said that **Prince Harry** had been truthful on his visa application, but would not be drawn on the extent to which he detailed his drug-taking.

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