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newsletter...

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Do You Think She Did it?

I asked a colleague yesterday whether she thought Schapelle Corby deliberately smuggled dope into Bali. Her answer was direct. "Why on earth would she be so stupid? Marijuana is almost like Bali's national flower!" What is really stupid is the idea of being a mule to smuggle drugs in through your body. How could the two teenagers now imprisoned in Hong Kong ever have agreed to be "mules"? Talk about Russian Roulette with death!

To see this dramatically enacted, I suggest you see the movie "Maria Full of Grace" about the young, pregnant woman from Columbia, who swallows packages of cocaine and acts as a "mule" to smuggle the stuff into New York.

I am pumped up with passion about the dangers of drugs in our world. This is our youth, our children and their friends. Fill them up with "everyday stuff", like marijuana, or tempt them with designer drugs that sound "cool" and you almost guarantee that they will suffer mentally – many for the rest of their life. How does "drug-induced schizophrenia" sound as a potential diagnosis for a life-time sentence for a young relative of yours? How about suicide by hanging?

Let's educate our kids about drugs and mental illness.
Let's educate them about corruption and crime induced by the drug trade.
Let's make a united stand against drugs!

In conclusion, can I ask you for your help with an opinion poll about our views on the Schapelle case? Please hit reply with a Yes (she did it) or No (she was framed).

Thank You

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