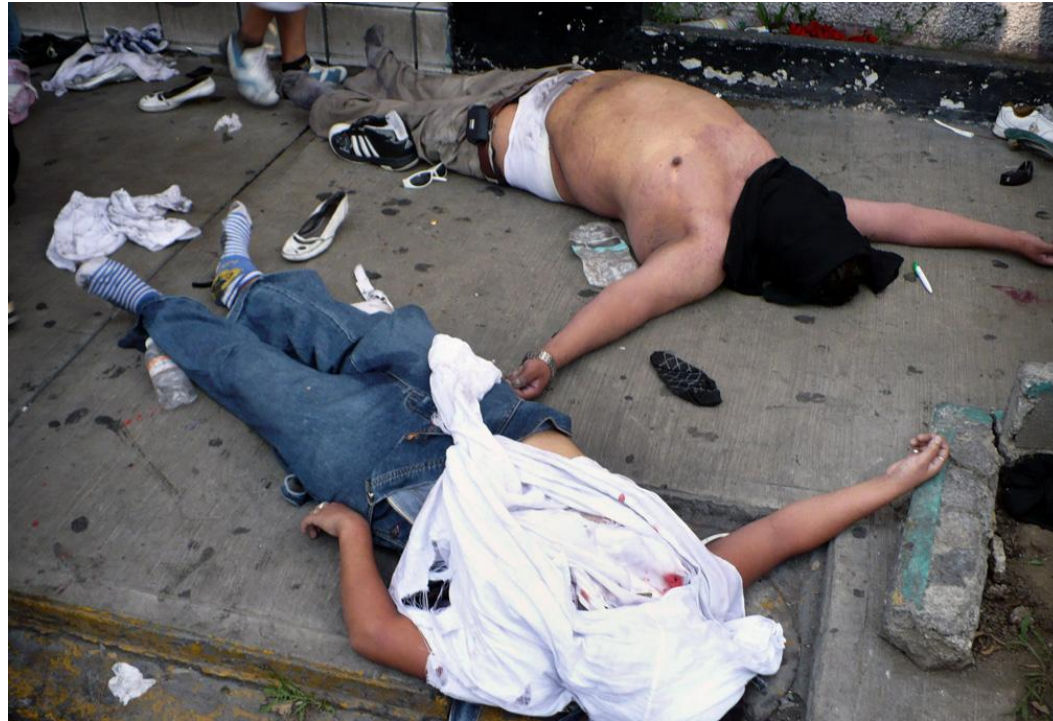


THE NARCOTICS INDUSTRY - A DIRTY BUSINESS...



NARCOTICS



Drug Trade

- Illegal: high risk/high reward
- Important source of revenue for organized crime
- Serious threat to societies

Trafficking in Drugs

Drug Cartels/Guerillas

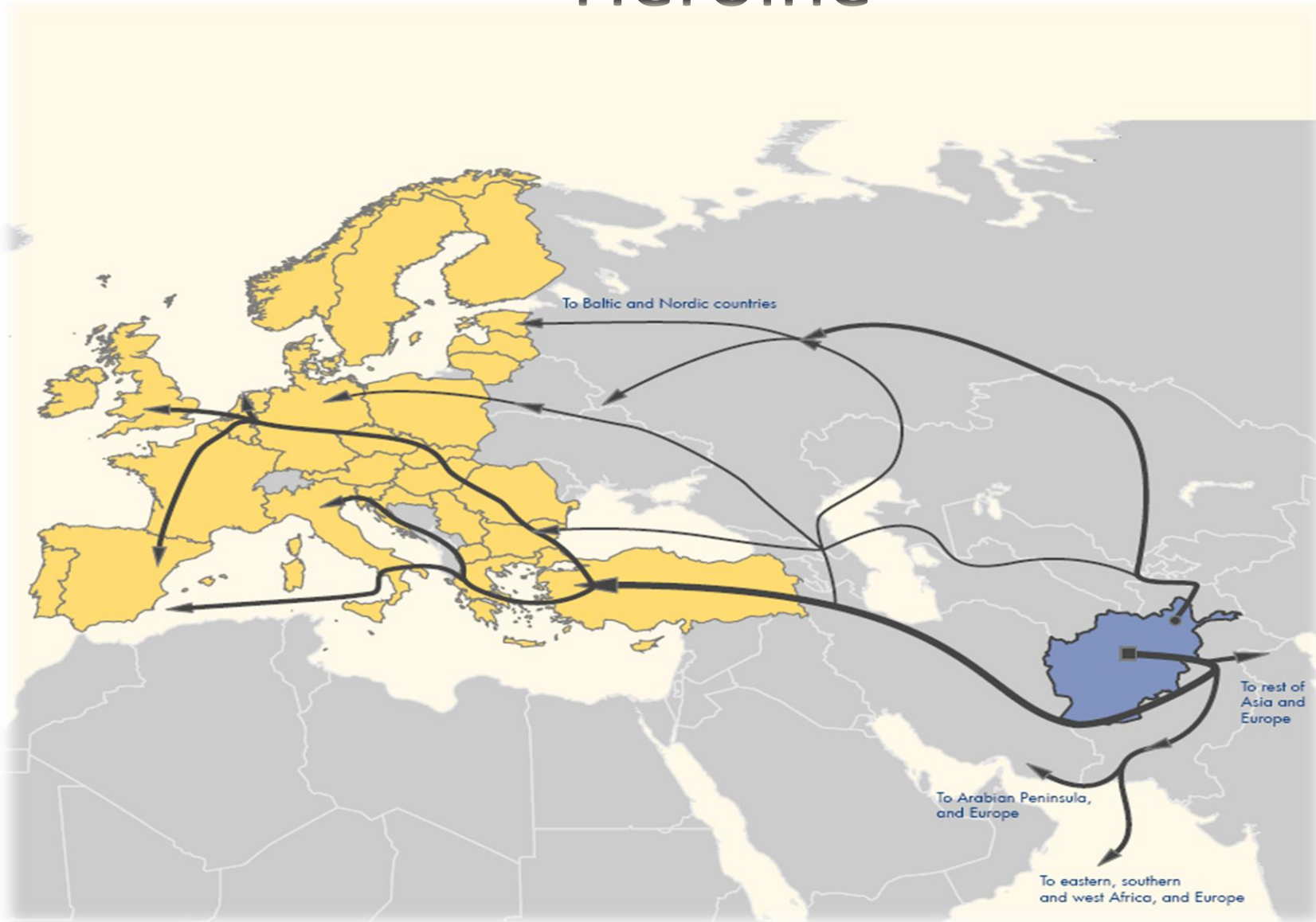
Terrorists

Organized crime

Opium- Heroine



Heroin



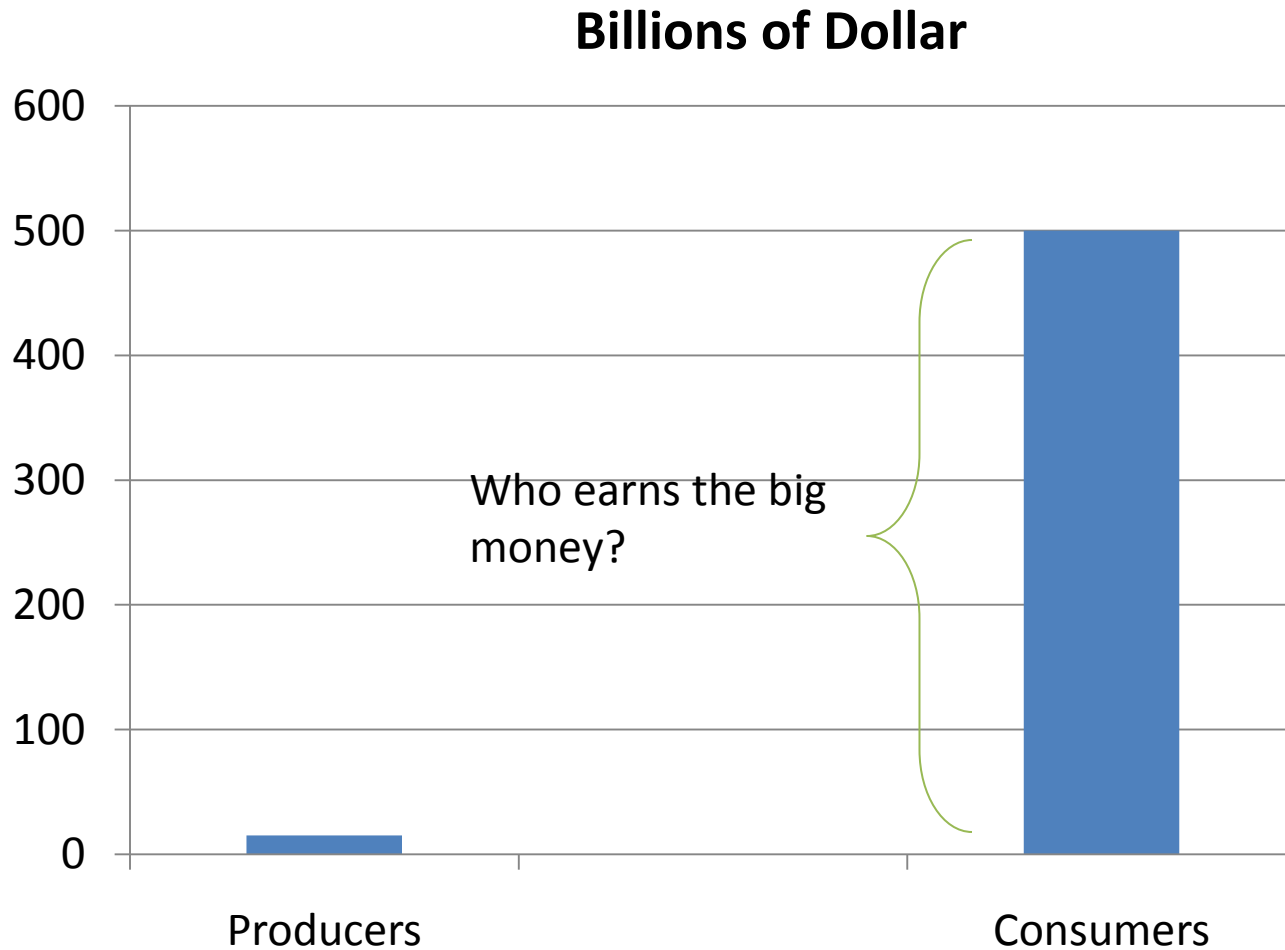
Cocaine



Synthetic Drugs



Value of Drugs at different levels



Consequences of the Drugs Trade



Consequences

- Political
- Economical
- Military
- Environmental

Political

- Bribes to civil servants, law enforcement and politicians
- Violence/ threats
- Promotes local conflicts
- Purchase of political influence

Law Enforcement Consequences

- Costs to fight criminality
- Risk that powerful repressive measures will be introduced i.e. Singapore, China
- Innocent persons might be targeted

Weakening of state institutions

- Corruption
- State control over its territory challenged
- Monopoly of violence challenged
- Threat to democracy

Worst Case Scenario

- State as a tool for criminals
- Criminals capture parts of the state
 - Law enforcement agencies
 - Security services
 - Border Control
- Some states finance themselves through drug trafficking i.e. North Korea, Afghanistan Guinea Bissau

Economic Effects

- Corruption
- Shadow Economy
- Unfair competition
- Increased costs for fighting crime and public health

Civil Wars and Conflicts



Role of Narcotics in Conflicts

- Source of revenue for combatants
 - Strengthen the weaker part
- Prolongs conflict – does not start them
- Making money more important than achieving political goals

Drugs and Terrorism

End of Cold War and 9/11

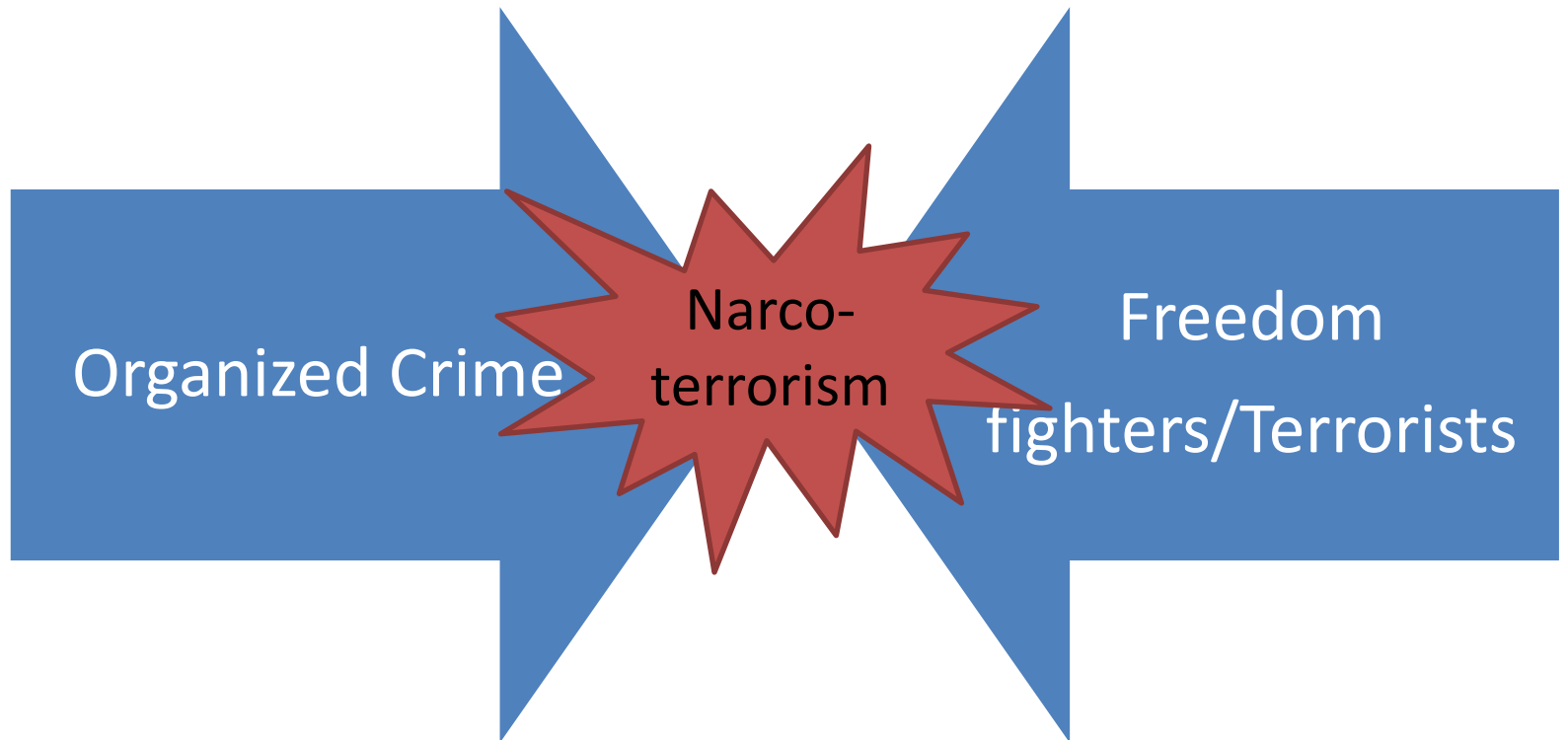


Problems for terrorists



Cooperation with organized crime groups

Narcoterrorism



Environmental Destruction



Environment

- Unregulated production
- Dumping of chemicals
 - Harms animal and vegetation in the Amazon, the Netherlands, and Afghanistan
- Devastation of rainforest
 - One line of cocaine clears one square metre of rain forest.

Additional Consequences

- Increased risk of HIV/AIDS
- Declined health
- More accidents at workplaces and in traffic
- Less productivity

Russia

- Fully integrated in the global drug market
- 100 000 drug related deaths
 - 30 000 of those related to heroine abuse
- 2,5 million drug abusers in Russia?
- 1,5 million Russians affected by HIV?