

FACTS ABOUT GAMBLING YOU SHOULD KNOW!

You have friends who also need to know this!

Gambling is destroying America. It is siphoning money from American families—and putting it into the pockets of rich organizations. “Today, gambling outlets are almost as ubiquitous [universal] and well-patronized as convenience stores.” (*Business Weekly*).

Indeed, gambling is taking over Western civilization. It is impoverishing vast numbers of people. Tens of millions of people in North America, Europe, the Far East, and Latin America are giving sizeable amounts of their income to gambling establishments. They are pouring it into everything from bingo games to state-controlled lotteries.

Gambling is, by far, the fastest-growing “industry” in America and several other nations. Here are facts you should know:

The United States: In 1991 alone, Americans placed more than \$304 billion in legal bets. An unknown amount—at least \$50 billion—was also wagered illegally.

To help you understand what an immense amount was handed over to the gambling establishments, compare it with the nation’s entire defense budget for that same year, \$299 billion. The total fiscal deficit that year was \$269 billion.

Each year gambling dramatically increases. The preceding year (1990), gambling receipts were only \$288 billion; that is an increase of \$18 billion in one year!

United Kingdom: According to the Mintel International Group, in 1991 almost 70 percent of Britons gambled. That year they spent almost 13 billion pounds (US\$21 billion) on various forms of wagering.

Canada: In 1991, the citizens of Canada spent over C\$10 billion (US\$8.8 billion) on legal betting. That was more than the combined annual revenues for five of that nation’s largest corporations.

Japan: The Japanese are going crazy over gambling also. In 1991 alone, Japanese gambling receipts totaled 26.4 trillion yen (US\$191 billion). That is an enormous amount—about 6.6 percent of Japan’s Gross National Product for that year. By way of comparison, Japan exports about 10.9 percent of its GNP. So the Japanese are gambling away almost as much as they sell overseas!

Australia: An average of \$272.42 (US\$215.33) was spent in 1990 by the average Australian on gambling.

Venezuela: Here is but one more example of how the gambling craze is taking over the world: Each year, 9-10 billion bolivars (US\$186-207 billion) is poured, by Venezuelans, into lotteries and horse racing. In addition, still more is handed over to illegal lotteries—an additional 11 billion bolivars (US\$228 million). Gambling is the second largest industry in the nation.

The list goes on and on.

In America, New Hampshire started the first legal state lottery in 1964. Ever since then, state after state has gotten into the gambling racket. As a result, families all over America are all the poorer. What is the response of both politicians and major crime syndicates? Both are excited at the prospects.

And think not that the crime syndicates are not involved. They are. Wherever fast profits can be made, the syndicates are not slow to penetrate.

Certain gambling casinos, in earlier decades, were especially known to report only part of the wagers made while transferring the rest to numbered accounts overseas. That money, in turn, is used to fuel still more racketeering operations and more takeovers of legitimate businesses. If you want to help the criminal element get ahead,

gamble.

Several states have legalized riverboat casinos along their stretches of the Mississippi River. Wild West-style casinos are being established in other areas, such as Deadwood, South Dakota. There are those who believe that the Dakota and Mississippi floods in recent years have, to one extent or another, been a judgment from Heaven on the gambling fever which has invaded America’s heartland.

In order to get more people to the casinos, the big operations are building massive Disney-style entertainment resorts to attract entire families. In this way, the children will see what it is like, come back in a few years, and, themselves, become compulsive gamblers. Leading out in this, enormous hotel-casinos have built so-called “family entertainment” facilities in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Yet gambling is a form of robbery. It steals more than the money of a family. It deprives loved ones of adequate nourishment, housing, and education. The influence also weakens their morals. Instead of diligent work, thrift, and investment, gambling instills a love of excitement and a thrill of trying to take someone else’s money.

The likelihood that you can win on an average state lottery is less than 1 in 10 million. That is a ratio so slight, that it is equivalent to being struck by lightning three times in your life. Yes, it is true that someone will win the lottery, but I can assure you: It will never be you.

The state or nation which permits gambling, impoverishes its citizens. It is little more than legalized stealing. The only ones who win are those who never gamble. They keep their money, while others lose it.

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