

## *Ethical Issues of the Project Prevention Initiative*



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**SUMMARY:** *The article introduces an initiative called Project Prevention, which provides its services in the USA and in the UK, and which raises some ethical questions. The organisation offers financial rewards to drug users and drug addicts for undergoing long-term birth control, including*

*sterilisation. Arguments against the activities of this initiative and those which may support its attitudes are discussed. Finally, possible solutions to this ethically controversial situation are suggested.*

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