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The CDC's opioid prescribing guidelines of 2016 caused massive harm. They were based on faulty data. Laws in many states were changed to prohibit prescribing beyond the subjective MME totals the CDC recommended, while not taking into account individual patients' diagnoses. Forced tapers and medication cut-offs resulted in many chronic pain patients' loss of quality of life. People continue to suffer, whether their pain is chronic, acute, post-surgical, cancer, or end-of-life.

The 2022 revisions did NOT result in these laws being udated or overturned. Millions of people continue to suffer as a result. Combined with the DEA's crackdown on doctors and their throttling of the opioid supply, great harm is being done, and ODs still increased due to illicit fentanyl poisoning the drug supply, thus not only not solving the "opioid crisis", but creating a new one.

Prohibition kills.