

ABSTRACT

Drugs and the New Security Agenda in the Caribbean: The Threat to Sovereignty: The Case of the Shiprider

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The drug problem is a serious concern to countries in the English-speaking Caribbean. It is classed under those problems that are termed new or non-traditional security concerns. Non-traditional security issues are extremely serious and pose management challenges to these countries and in some cases call into question their sovereignty.

The thesis will look at the ways the drug trade impacts the countries in the English-speaking Caribbean. The trade has social, political, economic and environmental consequences for these countries. The major thrust of the thesis is to look at the ramifications it has for the sovereignty of the countries mentioned.

In furtherance to this, Shiprider will be used to demonstrate some of the management challenges that can be created when trying to deal with one of the non-traditional security concerns that exist in the English-speaking Caribbean. In this case the limitations of the aforementioned bi-lateral agreement will be discussed.

The nature of the drug problem makes the approach to its management a multifaceted and multidimensional endeavor beyond the scope of any individual country. The importance of a co-operative integrated approach to non-traditional security management is a must if security is to be maintained in the region.

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