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Dear Dr. Chambers:

I found your report on "Differential Drug Use" most interesting and useful. I am puzzled, however, by the absence of alcohol from the inquiry and the various tables. Does this omission reflect our general acceptance of alcohol as a "non-drug"?

In the report in the New York Times, some conclusions about drug abuse were reached, and in the absence of comparisons with alcohol abuse, they were of less consequence than if they were compared to alcohol.

Perhaps in the next review, alcohol use can be used as a standard.

It is, nevertheless, a fine and useful study and I thank you for sending it to me.

Sincerely yours,

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