



- Transnational Organized Crime and Foreign Interference Realities

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Transnational Organized Crime



Human Trafficking



Drug Trafficking



Piracy



Maritime Crime



Human Trafficking



Money Laundering



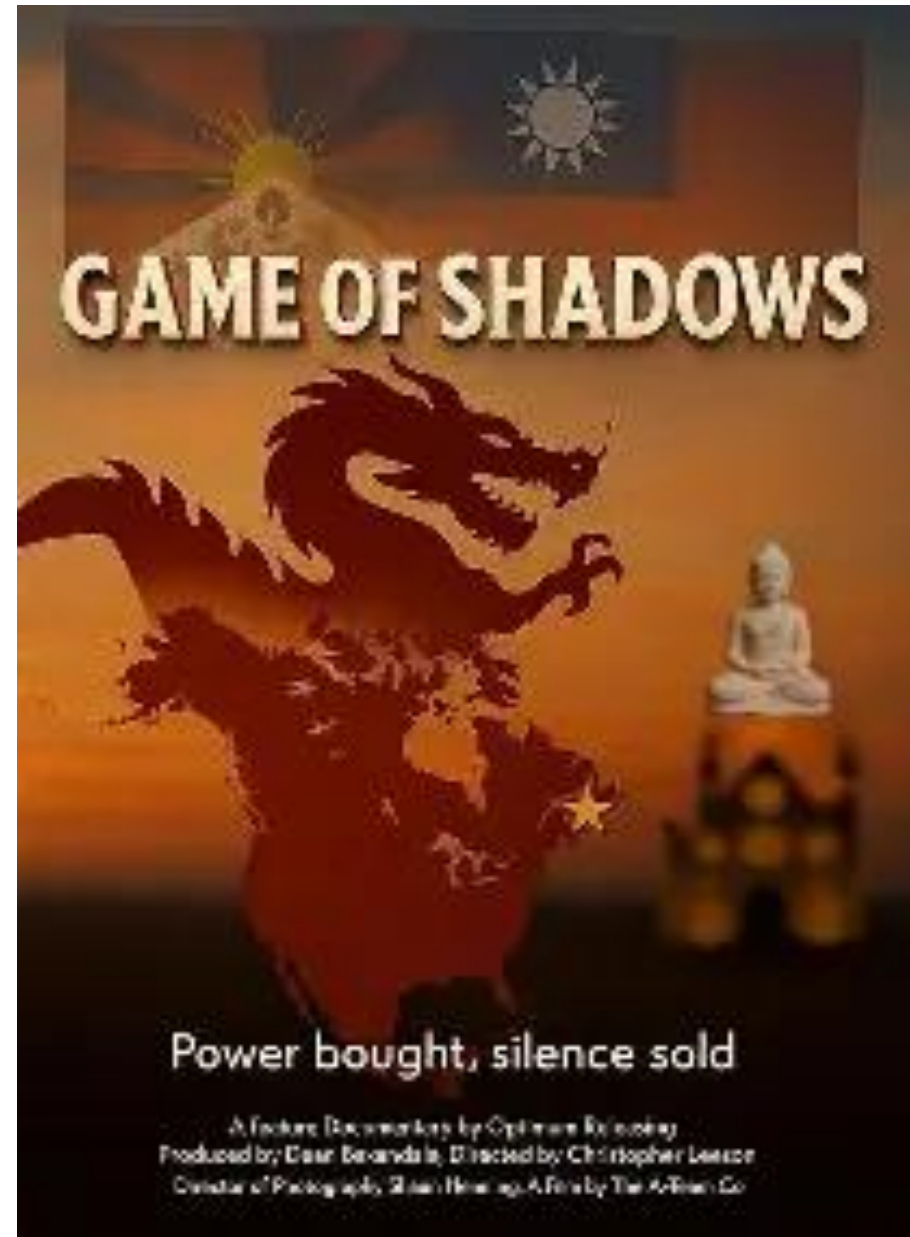
Human Trafficking



Cybercrime



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoRf3IPW1vc>





Source: Jamestown Foundation reports and open source research on United Front activities in Canada.

Note: Illustrative summary of patterns identified in Jamestown reporting.

THE EVOLVING FACE OF TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

MORE SOPHISTICATED. MORE COMPLEX. MORE DAMAGING.

Criminal organizations today operate like corporations—global reach, enormous profits, and complex networks that exploit our laws, borders, and systems.

HOW TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME OPERATES TODAY



GLOBAL NETWORKS

Cells and affiliates across multiple countries and continents



DIVERSE CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES

Drugs, human trafficking, cybercrime, money laundering, fraud, extortion, arms trafficking

PROFESSIONALIZED OPERATIONS



Hierarchies, specialists, corruption, and use of legitimate businesses

ENCRYPTED COMMUNICATION



Dark web, encrypted apps, and counter-surveillance tactics



MASSIVE PROFITS, GLOBAL IMPACT

Billions in illegal revenue fuel violence, corruption, and instability

THE COST TO CANADIANS



Deadly drugs and overdose deaths



Violence in our communities



Exploitation of vulnerable people



Corruption of legitimate institutions



Erosion of public safety and economic security



A HIGHER BAR: TODAY'S CASES DEMAND HIGHER SKILL SETS



COMPLEX INVESTIGATIONS

Multi-jurisdictional, financial forensics, cyber expertise, undercover operations



DIGITAL FORENSICS

Dark web investigations, data analytics, blockchain tracing



FINANCIAL EXPERTISE

Following the money across borders and through shell companies



SPECIALIZED PROSECUTION

Complex charges, novel legal arguments, sophisticated evidence



WITNESS & COMMUNITY SAFETY

Protecting vulnerable witnesses and communities from retaliation

THE LEGAL REALITY: KEY SUPREME COURT OF CANADA CASES



R. v. JORDAN, 2016 SCC 27

THE RIGHT TO BE TRIED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME
The *Jordan* decision established strict ceilings for delay in criminal cases:

- 18 months in provincial court
- 30 months in superior court

Delays beyond these ceilings can lead to stays of proceedings—even in serious cases.

IMPACT:
Organized crime cases are complex by nature. *Jordan* timelines can be difficult to meet without more resources.

R. v. STINCHCOMBE, 1991 SCC 40

THE ACCUSED'S RIGHT TO FULL ANSWER AND DEFENCE
The *Stinchcombe* decision guarantees the accused full disclosure of the Crown's evidence.

- Ensures fairness
- Prevents surprise
- Protects the integrity of the process

IMPACT:
In large-scale investigations, disclosure is enormous in scope and volume—requiring significant time, staff, and expertise.



THE RESULT:

Complex cases + strict timelines + full disclosure obligations
= Enormous pressure on police and prosecutors

WITHOUT ADEQUATE RESOURCES, SERIOUS CASES RISK STAYS, AND CRIMINALS WALK FREE.



THE MISSING TOOL: CANADA LACKS A RICO-TYPE STATUTE

WHAT IS RICO?

The U.S. RICO Act allows prosecutors to:

- ✓ Charge entire criminal organizations
- ✓ Prove patterns of criminal activity
- ✓ Use broader evidence rules
- ✓ Seize assets
- ✓ Deter and dismantle enterprises, not just individual acts



CANADA'S GAP

- ✗ No federal law to charge criminal organizations
- ✗ Must charge individuals for individual offences
- ✗ Harder to prove long-term patterns
- ✗ Limited tools for asset forfeiture
- ✗ Easier for criminals to reorganize and continue operations



THE CONSEQUENCE

Canadian law enforcement fights tomorrow's threats with yesterday's tools.

A RICO-TYPE STATUTE WOULD LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD AND MAKE COMMUNITIES SAFER.



THE WAY FORWARD

- ✓ Invest in specialized training and technology
- ✓ Increase resources for law enforcement and prosecution
- ✓ Modernize laws to address organized crime
- ✓ Enact a RICO-type statute in Canada
- ✓ Protect communities. Protect the rule of law.

**STRONG LAWS.
SKILLED PROFESSIONALS.
THE RIGHT TOOLS.
SAFER COMMUNITIES.**



PUBLIC SAFETY DEPENDS ON IT.

Organized crime is sophisticated.
Our response must be stronger.
Our laws must be smarter.
Canada can—and must—do better.



**STRONGER LAWS. STRONGER PROSECUTIONS. STRONGER CANADA.
BECAUSE COMMUNITIES DESERVE NOTHING LESS.**



TOGETHER WE CAN COMBAT DRUG USE AND TRAFFICKING

Small Police Services are Stronger When We Work Together

THE CHALLENGE



NO SINGLE SERVICE CAN DO IT ALONE.

Criminal networks don't respect borders.

CHALLENGES FOR SMALL POLICE SERVICES

- Limited resources and specialized units
- Limited intelligence and data
- Jurisdictional boundaries
- Competing priorities and calls for service

OUR SHARED GOAL

- Reduce drug use. Disrupt trafficking. Save lives.
- Build stronger, healthier communities.

THE SOLUTION: COLLABORATIVE POLICING

A Connected Policing Community for Safer Communities



THE POWER OF COLLABORATION

- Pooled Resources and Specialized Expertise
- Better Intelligence, More Leads, Stronger Investigations
- Disrupt Drug Supply Chains at Every Level
- Consistent Messaging and Community Trust
- Address Root Causes: Prevention, Treatment and Recovery
- Safer Communities for Everyone
- Collaboration is not a choice—it's a necessity. Together, we can outsmart, outwork and outlast drug traffickers.

KEY ENABLERS FOR SUCCESS

- Trust and Relationships
- Information Sharing Agreements
- Interoperable Systems and Technology
- Joint Training and Capacity Building
- Clear Roles, Protocols and Communication
- Sustainable Funding and Support
- Regular Collaboration and Debriefing



STRONGER TOGETHER. SAFER TOGETHER. A UNITED POLICING COMMUNITY AGAINST DRUGS.





ORGANIZED CRIME IN CANADA

A COMPLEX, ADAPTIVE AND PROFIT-DRIVEN THREAT



ESTIMATE OF ORGANIZED CRIME GROUPS IN CANADA

200 – 250
ACTIVE ORGANIZED CRIME GROUPS



Includes domestic groups, outlaw motorcycle gangs, and transnational criminal organizations operating in Canada.

Source: Public Safety Canada (2024)
Canadian Integrated Assessment of Organized Crime

IMPACT ON CANADA



Threatens public safety and community wellbeing



Drives violence and addiction fuelling social and economic costs



Erodes public trust and undermines the rule of law



Connected to transnational criminal networks

THE ORGANIZED CRIME ECOSYSTEM



KEY THREAT AREAS



DRUG TRAFFICKING

Fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine and cannabis continue to drive violence and overdose deaths.



FIREARMS TRAFFICKING

Illicit firearms flow into Canada, fueling gang violence and community harm.



MONEY LAUNDERING

Billions in illegal proceeds are laundered through businesses, real estate, and financial systems.



CYBERCRIME & FRAUD

Online scams, ransomware and identity theft generate significant profits and victimize Canadians.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING & EXPLOITATION

Victims are exploited for profit across Canada and internationally.

A WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY RESPONSE



STRONG POLICING

Intelligence-led, proactive investigations and disruption



EFFECTIVE PROSECUTION

Target leaders, finances and enablers



FINANCIAL DISRUPTION

Cut off the money and deny the profit



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Prevention, intervention and resiliency



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Share intelligence and disrupt transnational networks



ORGANIZED CRIME THRIVES WHERE THERE IS PROFIT, POWER AND OPPORTUNITY. **TOGETHER, WE CAN DENY ALL THREE.**





FENTANYL: CCP WEAPONIZED POISON

A CAMPAIGN OF DISRUPTIVE WARFARE AGAINST NORTH AMERICA

The CCP floods our communities not with bullets, but with poison—undermining our societies, overwhelming our systems, and destroying our future.

CCP DISRUPTIVE WARFARE OBJECTIVES

- WEAKEN & DIVIDE SOCIETIES
- OVERWHELM HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS
- ERODE PUBLIC TRUST & STABILITY
- DISTRACT & DRAIN RESOURCES
- GAIN GEOPOLITICAL ADVANTAGE

1. PRECURSOR CHEMICALS SOURCED IN CHINA



- NPP
- 4-ANPP
- 1-Boc-4-piperidone
- Glycols & Solvents
- Other precursor chemicals

STATE TOLERANCE. SYSTEMIC SUPPORT.
Chinese companies sell to known traffickers. Minimal regulation. Maximum strategic impact.

Shipped by air, sea, and mail



Minimal oversight.
False labeling.
Shell companies.

2. SHIPPED TO MEXICO FOR MANUFACTURE



CARTEL PARTNERS.
Mexican cartels manufacture fentanyl using Chinese precursors. Cheap labor. Weak enforcement. High profit.

Shipped over land border in hidden compartments



3. TRAFFICKED TO CANADA AS TRANSIT POINT



OPEN DOOR NORTH.
Weak border security allows fentanyl to move through Canada and into the U.S. Facilitated by criminal networks.

Smuggled into the U.S. via land crossings, vehicles, and mail



4. DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE U.S. DEADLY IMPACT



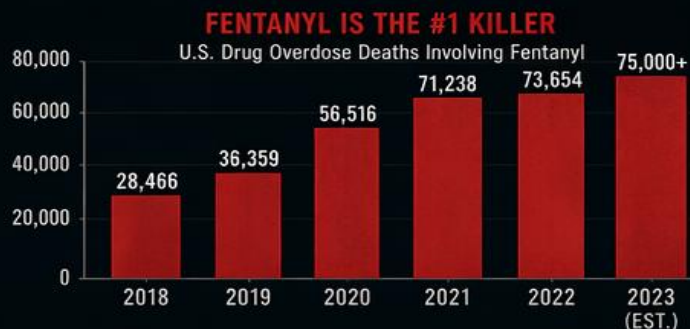
DEADLY CONSEQUENCES.
Illicit fentanyl consumes American communities—young and old. Families shattered. Futures stolen.

Fentanyl is 50-100x more potent than morphine.

THE HUMAN COST: OVERDOSE DEATHS

U.S. DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS

MORE THAN
450,000
AMERICANS
DIED
2018–2023
FROM DRUG OVERDOSE



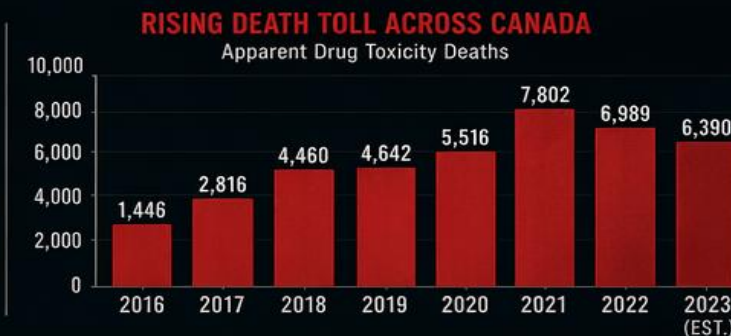
Source: CDC WONDER – National Center for Health Statistics (2023 est.)



NOT AN ACCIDENT. A STRATEGY.
The CCP's fentanyl pipeline is deliberate, calculated, and designed to bring pain, chaos, and instability to North America.
RECOGNIZE IT. CONFRONT IT. STOP IT.

CANADA DRUG TOXICITY DEATHS

MORE THAN
44,000
CANADIANS
DIED
2016–2023
FROM DRUG TOXICITY



Source: Government of Canada – Special Advisory Committee on the Epidemic of Opioid Overdoses (2023 est.)



THIS ISN'T JUST DRUG TRAFFICKING. THIS IS CCP DISRUPTIVE WARFARE.

STRENGTHEN OUR BORDERS. DISRUPT THE SUPPLY CHAIN. PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. SAVE LIVES.

