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OBAMA AND DRUG POLICY IN 2009

Less than a generation ago, African Americans were denied the right to vote in some states. Now the White House, built by slave labor in the 18th century, is home to America's first Black president. What are the opportunities for drug policy reform in this new era?

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SUCCESS: NEW DIRECTIONS FOR NEW YORK

On January 22 - 23, DPA Network and the New York Academy of Medicine brought together over 300 conference participants from all over the state in order to build a public health and safety approach to drug policy. At the event, New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver released his very first policy position paper, making his commitment to reform clear.

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CHANGE IN NEW MEXICO, NEW JERSEY

New Mexico is in fiscal crisis. Now is the time to start saving millions by embracing treatment instead of incarceration, which is a focus of DPA New Mexico's legislative agenda. DPA Network is also working hard to protect communities in New Jersey, where the criminal justice system is seriously out of balance with too much emphasis on mandatory minimum sentencing.

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EL PASO MAYOR VETOES CITY COUNCIL'S CALL FOR FEDERAL DISCUSSION ON U.S. DRUG PROHIBITION

El Paso's city council unanimously passed a "Solidarity and Peace Resolution" in a step to assert cross-border solidarity with El Paso's sister city, Ciudad Juarez and to draw attention to the impact of drug prohibition on both communities. El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico share the fallout at the frontline of the war on drugs -- but not equally.

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Network, speaks with DPA Network Director of National Affairs
Bill Piper about new opportunities for drug policy reform.

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COMMUNITY

"It was a tremendous effort, and the conference was an incredible
experience."

-- Malakkar in the D'Alliance, blogging about the recent New
Directions for New York: a Public Health & Safety Approach to Drug
Policy conference

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