

Defending Death by Overdose

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How do I get people to understand an overdose is still a flatline?
Is cause of death only notable when there's no needles?
When there's no pill that reads "30"?

"He was always so troubled," someone sober said that bullshit
In a world where you tell your doctor you have a shaky hand
They hold it
And they let go with a bottle of Xanax at your disposal
In a doctor's office where you're asked a two-question survey
To determine what FDA approved prescription you should get
That's the same organization that claimed OxyContin wasn't injurious
Numbers of death by OxyContin in 2020, *76,000*.
In a world where the best advice they got about the opioid crisis is statistics
Numbers of death per year, *46,802*
Numbers of new users per year, *up 27%*

"Oh, but it was his choice," someone else said
Yet with not enough confidence for me to believe it
For they spoke with my back towards them
Spoken with not enough confidence in themselves, at that
Moments like this makes me wonder
You know that's not true, but do you hear the lie?