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## BREAKING NEWS FROM CATO: Tancredo leaning Pro-Drug Legalization



### Admits he's taking a huge political risk

Congressman Tom Tancredo of Colorado is the former Director for the libertarian/free market think tank The Independence Institute. He has also scored in the high 80's and even low 90's consistently on libertarian voting indexes throughout his career such as NTU, NRA and the Republican Liberty Caucus

ratings of Congress.

Now it appears he's moving libertarian on the issue of drug legalization, as well.

The Cato Institute reports:

Admitting that it may be “political suicide” former Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo said its time to consider legalizing drugs.

He spoke Wednesday to the Lincoln Club of Colorado, a Republican group that's been active in the state for 90 years. It's the first time Tancredo has spoken on the drug issue. He ran for president in 2008 on an anti-illegal immigration platform that has brought him passionate support and criticism.

Tancredo noted that he has never used drugs, but said the war has failed.

“I am convinced that what we are doing is not working,” he said.

Tancredo told the group that the country has spent billions of dollars capturing, prosecuting and jailing drug dealers and users, but has little to show for it.

The article went on to cite Tancredo's belief that the War on Drugs is causing violence in Mexico to spread across the border into the United States.

Read the full text at [Cato.org](http://Cato.org).