

Dark Secrets Behind the Drug Overdose Deaths of Tom Petty, Prince and 42,000 Americans Per Year

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Rock stars Tom Petty and Prince both died after overdosing on opioid drugs. The Sackler family reaped \$14 billion in ill-gotten gains after manipulating the medical industry into prescribing their dangerous drugs. The Sacklers are now selling their fatal drugs on the international market after facing lawsuits, bad press and new regulations in America.

Tom Petty's family says the coroner found that the musician died in October 2017 from an accidental overdose of opioid painkillers, including fentanyl patches. They wrote on his [website](#) that he "suffered from many serious ailments including emphysema, knee problems, and most significantly a fractured hip." Despite his injury, he kept his commitment to his fans and performed 53 scheduled concert dates, which, they say, worsened his condition.

In a similar event in [April 2016](#), pop star, Prince, who was a known teetotaler, died of an accidental overdose of the opioid fentanyl, which is highly addictive, and can be 25 to 50 times more potent than heroin.

In [2016](#), there were 42,249 drug fatalities caused by opioids, a 28% increase over the

previous year. Nationally, drug overdoses are now the leading cause of accidental death for Americans under age 50,

The opioid crisis can be traced back to the dramatic overprescription of the drugs in the 1990s when doctors were persuaded to treat pain as a serious medical issue demanding drugs as the treatment of choice. Investigative reporter Christopher Glazek says the Sackler family that owns Purdue Pharmaceutical company is behind the explosion of opioid abuse in America. Purdue produced a powerful time-release morphine pill, MS-Contin, that was effective for cancer patients, typically used for pain control at the end of their lives. The patent was due to expire in the 1990s and, as Purdue was on the brink of losing its golden goose, they sought to replace it.

They created a new drug that uses another derivative of the poppy plant, oxycodone, which is similar to morphine, and also very powerful, and made it into a time-release pain-killer, OxyContin. Their new drug was targeted at 30-million people who suffer from back pain and millions of other people who suffer from chronic pain.

The Sacklers' Purdue Pharma created a new market for their very powerful drug by deceiving doctors and the public by claiming, "There is no evidence that addiction is a significant issue when persons are given opioids for pain control," per a video the company released in 2000. The Sacklers paid \$635 million for false marketing of Oxycontin in 2007, and three Purdue executives have pleaded guilty to criminal charges. None have served prison time.

The Sackler family, owners of Purdue Pharma, have reaped \$14 BILLION by pushing opioids on the American public. The Sackler dynasty was founded by three brothers from Brooklyn who were Jewish immigrants from eastern Europe. Arthur Sackler, the oldest brother, was a pioneer in pharmaceutical advertising and was inducted into the Medical Advertising Hall of Fame.

Glazek stated that the opioid industry in the US will go into decline due to lawsuits, new regulations, bad press. and a warning issued by the CDC that opioids may not be good for chronic pain because they become less effective over time. The Sackler family is now pushing their products internationally.

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