Meet Molly: Miami's New Best Party Friend

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Abstract

During the Miami’s Ultra Music Festival, Madonna made a statement that caused an uproar from the audience. She asked a charged crowd whether they had met molly. She was accused of promoting the use of illegal drugs among her followers, but she denied these allegations. Instead, she said that she only referred to a friend’s song, but not a drug as alleged by critics. This term paper gives a conceptual analysis of the use of ‘meet molly’ by Madonna during Miami’s New Best Party.

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Introduction

At the Miami’s Ultra Music Festival, Madonna, a pop star, asked a charged audience: “How many people in the crowd have seen molly?” The question was answered by a slew of cheers from the crowd and it elicited mixed reactions from different people. Molly is the party drug of choice for many youths and young adults and has come under the spotlight in the recent past (Csomor, 2012). This term paper analyzes the concept in which Madonna used the ‘molly’. The paper outlines reactions of different people and her own take. It further discusses why the drug is popular in the electronic dance industry.

Miami’s Ultra Music Festival

In a year that molly, the drug, was abundant at almost all music festivals, Madonna’s statement could be taken for nothing else, but an endorsement of the drug. Just before making the statement at the festival, fliers littered the landscape before Madonna took to stage. The fliers had the question: “Have you seen molly?”, as if there was a young girl missing. The pop star asked the charged crowd the same question immediately she got on stage (Csomor, 2012).

The use of Molly is surging into a popular culture, with the increase in the mentioning of the drug by popular artists, such as Madonna. However, Madonna, disputed the drug reference and maintained that she has never and does not support the use of drugs. She said that she mentioned molly in reference to the song by her friend, Cedric Gervais, entitled “Have You Seen Molly?” In the song, the friend refers to a Molly, a young girl who makes him feel like he “want to dance” (Csomor, 2012).

The Drug Enforcement Administration describes molly as the powder form of 3, 4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine, which is a widely used chemical drug. Unlike the pressed
pill Ecstasy, which is often laced with caffeine among other additives, molly, the short form of “molecule” is thought to be pure MDMA. The Drug Enforcement Agency maintains that the drug has high potential of abuse and is labeled as Schedule 1 controlled substance. In medical treatment, the MDMA drug has no accepted use. Therefore, its use remains illegal in the country (Csomor, 2012).

Analysis

Though Madonna denied the allegation that she used molly in reference to the drug, the context in which she used it raises many questions. Recreational drugs have several kinds of nicknames; these names vary with across time, subpopulation and place. The users of these nicknames mean a lot to the targeted audience. This explains why Madonna’s statement can easily be faulted. The pop star is a role model to 100’s of millions, she has a powerful voice and should be able to influence the electronic dance music industry positively (Vanderborg, 2012).

The drug is commonly used in nightclubs, due to the fact that it is a strong stimulant. While taking it, users’ first experience a bitter taste, which is quickly forgotten, as they continue to take in more of it. After the users inhale or eat molly, the drug usher them into euphoria human brain. That is, it makes the users feel empathic, elated and energetic (Vanderborg, 2012). The effects are a result of neurotransmitters serotonin, dopamine, as well as norepinephrine which flood the brain of the users (Csomor, 2012). Unfortunately, the drug is known to have several negative effects. It causes chills, nausea, seizures and long term effects, such as heart and kidney failures among others (Swako, 2013).

Conclusion

The rising popularity in the use of molly and the admiration of the posters that are asking the question “Have you seen molly?” are of great concern. Officials and parents would only hope
that the molly the young generation is constantly searching for in nightclubs would not be found after all. Whether or not Madonna’s statement referral to the drug is sincere, there is a need that popular people like she would help fight the abuse of the drug.
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