

## Is addiction genetic?

Is addiction a moral defect, a mental illness or a party trick gone wrong? Two events, a policy and a book, pose the question again. The policy is from [Iain Duncan Smith](#), ever fretting over a vampiric underclass and their disgusting habits. IDS is considering docking the benefits of addicts who decline “help”; it seems they must attend [Alcoholics Anonymous](#) (AA) or Narcotics Anonymous (NA), or risk greater poverty and, inevitably, chaos.

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