

## Our Thinking: In The News

### George Floyd's addiction could change how we talk about drug use and Black Americans.

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As the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the United States, Floyd, the father of two daughters, started using again during a dark time: he lost his job as a nightclub security guard because of quarantine shutdowns, he was hospitalized for several days after an overdose, and he found out he had the coronavirus. On the day he died, his neck trapped under the knee of former Minnesota police officer Derek Chauvin for more than nine minutes, he had fentanyl and methamphetamine in his system, toxicology reports later showed.

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