## Why do people take drugs?

Shelly: I am very happy to introduce to you, Dr. George Koob. Can you tell us a bit about your
Dr. Koob: Ok, so we've been addiction for many, and our initial
, as was with everyone, was on how drugs, you know, make you feel good;
people take drugs in the first place, so, and this is, you know, years
ago, it was what were drugs
doing to the that made them so, you know? Why do people take them
in the first place? So, we that problem, or, and probably
there would be people out there who would with that statement, but we
know a lot about why make you high, and make you feel good, but that's no
the real problem with, because drinks a glass of
and it makes you feel good, and we know some of the it makes you feel
good, but
years ago, we began to
our work to try and understand occur in the
brain that are the transition from drug-taking to
drug-taking, and what we, and so those have lead us in
my lab, into two and now three fairly

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