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WHY MARIJUANA SHOULD BE LEGAL EVERYWHERE

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Why Marijuana Should Be Legal Everywhere

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Cannabis, or marijuana as it is popularly known, is derived from the cannabis plant. Marijuana is used for medicinal and recreational purposes around the world. It gets its psychoactive properties from tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), one of the over 480 compounds found in the plant. There are multiple ways to take marijuana. It can be smoked directly or vaporized and marijuana-infused foods and drinks have been consumed since as early as 1000 BC.


Marijuana has gotten a bad reputation over the years and many people consider it nothing more than a drug that gets people high. Though marijuana has been around for centuries, very few people understand it in its entirety. One of the major reasons why many people vocally support calls to ban marijuana are the number of myths and misunderstandings surrounding it. The good news is that this is changing. Over the years, various studies conducted around the world have found multiple medical benefits from marijuana use and public opinion regarding marijuana has changed for the better over the last few years. The percentage of American adults who oppose [marijuana legalization](#) has sharply declined in recent years. If you are still on the fence about marijuana, here are some reasons to help you make up your mind.

No Deaths Have Been Reported Due to Marijuana Overdose

One of the most popular marijuana myths that are still doing the rounds is that a marijuana overdose can kill a person. Nothing could be further from the truth. Recent studies shows that a person would have to consume 20,000-40,000 times the amount of THC in a joint to die due to an overdose. To date, not even a single account of death due to a marijuana overdose has been recorded.

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Marijuana is also not addictive. You can develop a habit for using it on a regular basis, but when i quit after years of heavy use there was no withdrawal problem.

 [Lovebug](#), [snakestretcher](#), [Logician Man](#) and 3 others



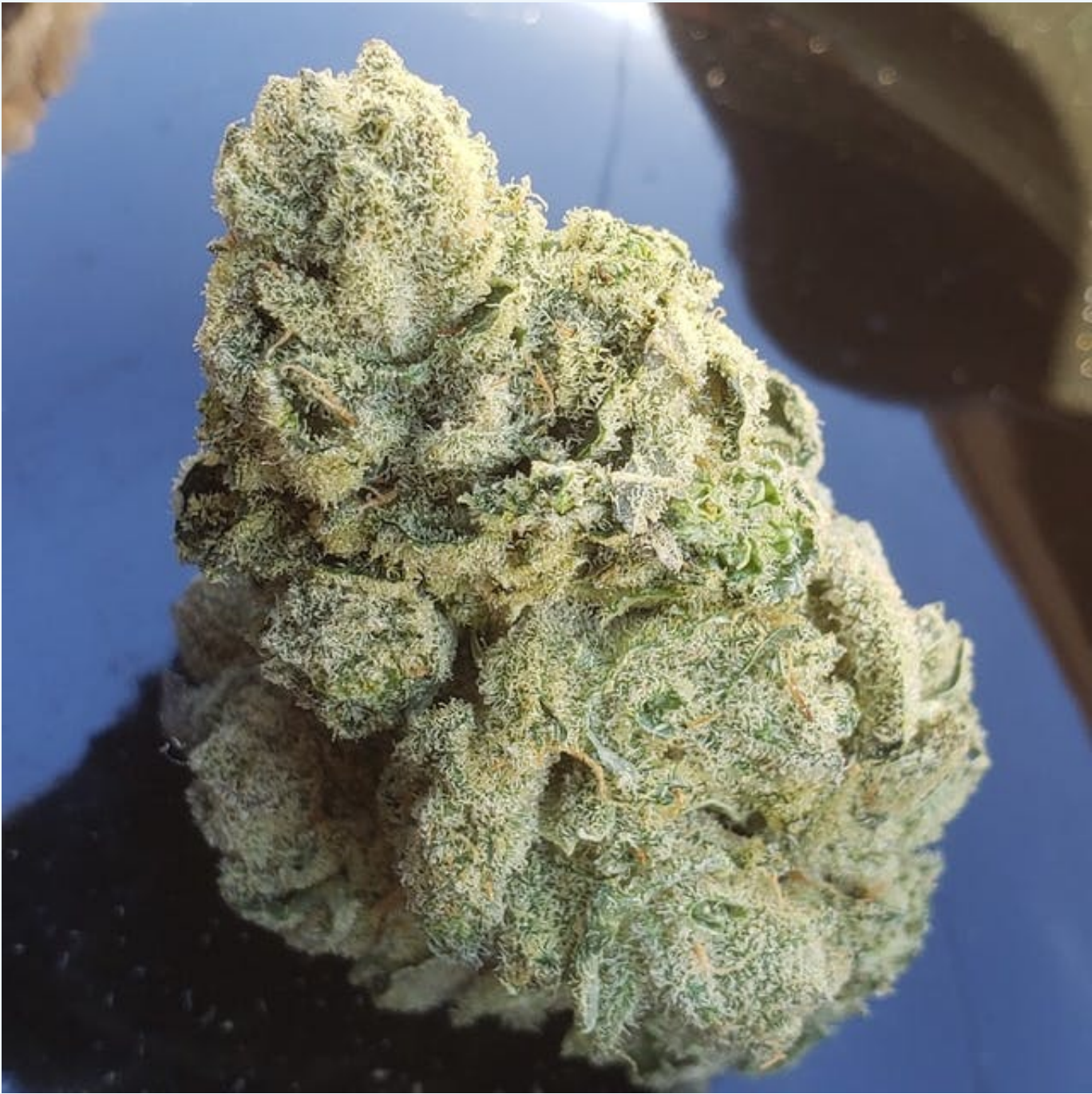
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A Little Bitter

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 Demon, justabubba and JacksinPA



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Mr Person said: ↗

Flowers.



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justabubba

long standing member

DP Veteran

hemp growing has been suppressed because it looks like cannabis that's unfortunate because hemp has an array of wonderful properties, which causes it to be something which deserves to be grown:

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Hemp as paper: Hemp won't just save trees, but paper made from Hemp is stronger and more durable. According to [Ecomall](#)

The hemp plant, like cotton, produces cellulose fibers that are much more pure than fibers derived from wood. Many of

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bongsaway and Demon



Glitch

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JacksinPA said: 

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According to the Shafer Commission, formally known as the "National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse," they recommended national decriminalization of marijuana. That was in 1972. Nixon chose to ignore their findings.

You are right, marijuana is not physically addicting. However, there is the possibility of a psychological addiction. The individual thinks they need to be high in order to function. There is also a risk that heavy use could lead to increased tolerances to THC, and only after detoxifying for at least several days (or even a few weeks) can those tolerances be lowered again. THC is stored in the fat cells, and even if someone completely stops after a long period of heavy use, they could still test positive for THC up to six weeks later.



snakestretcher

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Likewise I managed a very responsible career in medicine along with my daily smoke. If anything deserved a ban it would be tobacco and alcohol; the two biggest killers-but they provide a massive income to governments via taxation so won't be banned any time soon. In 2019 alone tax revenue from sales of alcohol (in the US), amounted to \$9.9 billion.

 bongaway



Helix

Administrator

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DP Veteran

Today at 8:57 AM

#7

i don't smoke anything right now, but i agree that pot should be legal nationwide.



Lovebug

DP Veteran

Today at 8:58 AM

#8

I suggest some 'smoke clouds' being pumped into some of the hot spots we keep having t/o the nation. Cooler heads would prevail.

bongsaway



Common Sense 1

Supporting Member

DP Veteran

Today at 9:02 AM

#9

People under the influence are much easier to control. Keep-em drunk and high! 🤪



Lovebug

DP Veteran

Today at 9:02 AM

#10

Common Sense 1 said: ↗

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Calm, keep em calm. 😊



Guyzilla

Supporting Member

Today at 9:18 AM

#11

There is a terrible thing about Pot. If you say, had a guy jump in front of your car, and you hit them, you will be tested for intoxication. The tests for pot are based on fat cells. Which could show up as positive, a LONGGGGGGGGG time after use, not currently high. This could ruin your life.



Michael McMahon

Member

7 minutes ago

#12

Libertarianism definition: "a political philosophy that advocates only minimal state intervention in the free market and the private lives of citizens."

I think libertarianism is a very important benchmark. I agree with it insofar as the onus is on the government to justify the silver linings of their policies. This is in spite of the inherent use of coercion in any collectively implemented plans. The platform of legalising all drugs is a useful and self-consistent reference point in the debate.

I think the difficulty arises when someone wants to ban a particular drug but they only focus on the supply side, namely drug dealers. We must address all of the root problems including the aspect of demand. If the market is strong enough, up-and-coming drug dealers will indeed simply take the place of those who are caught and sent to jail.

An extreme comparison would be how removing terrible Saddam Hussein inadvertently ended up creating a whirlwind of other internal violent disputes and controversies. Except the drugs war is on a dispersed and international scale.

I think we first need to disentangle drugs from other crimes. To solve the problem of drugs we must remember not to conflate it with other misdeeds. For instance a very small number of thieves might commit separate crimes like assault as well. This may be down to them having a general criminal mindset. A person might perhaps get consecutive sentences for each crime category. But obviously not everyone who engages in petty thief is a big criminal.

Likewise selling drugs should be treated as a standalone issue. There's no point giving big jail sentences to a few defendants as if all drug dealers were part of a major drug cartel. Aiding and abetting violence is a different crime!

From a public relations perspective, I think it would be beneficial if the drugs war tried harder to lose the residual nanny state undertones. The sole purpose of the drugs war is to help drug addicts. It's not exactly to protect innocent teenagers who decide to experiment with a drug. Even if you just took a dangerous drug once, technically you are still a drug taker!

Drugs may cause antisocial behaviour but that is really a distraction. Someone can still drive dangerously without having consumed any alcohol. A person could commit a violent crime devoid of any drug. Effective drug policies should therefore only consider the effects of the drugs on the addicts themselves. Other societal problems are secondary to the task at hand. They instead fall under the purview of social welfare or other police initiatives.

Parts of the drugs war do scientifically seem a bit ad hoc. Unlimited alcohol and cigarettes are available. The buyers of drugs are spared criminal responsibility yet it's reversed for prostitution where it's the buyers who are criminalised. I'm not necessarily saying that it should be different.

I just think more effort is needed to help people who suffer from these addictions. There's little point in apportioning excessive blame towards drug dealers. As I said before if you want to legalise all drugs, I understand your argument. Don't criminalise anyone in that case. But if someone else views the problem like a "war" and drugs as some sort of explosive weaponry, then to some degree both buyers and sellers would bear responsibility for this "arms trafficking".

I'm not in any way at all trying to stigmatise people who are addicted to drugs. I just think policies need to be consistent in order to be sustainable. Otherwise it will eventually fail.

I find the topic of legalising specific drugs like cannabis to be quite interesting. I'm not an expert! There could be holistic advantages with a particular drug depending of course on the risk of adverse side-effects. With the concept of rehabilitation though I found the following quote informative:

“All psychoactive drugs modulate the existing neurochemistry of the brain: either by mimicking specific neurotransmitters or by causing the neurotransmitters themselves to be more or less active... Hence, whatever one has seen or felt after ingesting LSD is likely to have been felt by someone somewhere without it.”



Making Sense Podcast #1 — Drugs and the Meaning of Life | Sam Harris

In this episode of the Making Sense podcast, Sam Harris talks about psychedelic drugs and meditation.

SH samharris.org

So rehabilitation could also be about finding safer natural alternatives to drugs like the meditation example in the link.

is opting to give drug dealers these very long jail sentences.

“Coerced abstinence is a drug rehabilitation strategy which uses frequent monitoring and immediate punishment to reduce drug use among participants... Because the program ascribes neither to the disease model of addiction (which requires drug treatment) nor to a moral-model (which mandates long and hard sentencing), it may simply be too ideologically neutral to be a successful part of a political platform.”
- Wikipedia



bongsway

DP Veteran

2 minutes ago

#13

Common Sense 1 said: 🗨️

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Wow, I never realized how hung up the right is about being controlled. It must be hell to be a republican you fear being controlled so much you don't feel safe unless you carry a concealed weapon. Chill out, smoke a joint, you'll feel much better and happier.

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