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Analytical Essay

Essay 3

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Objective

The goal of Essay 3 is to write [an analysis](#) of the issues, ideas, evidence, and logic surrounding the debate on legalizing drugs.

Audience

The audience is your online classmates: think of how you want to share your ideas and beliefs with us — a group of people with a wide variety of backgrounds, beliefs, and viewpoints.

Reading

You already have read two pieces, pro and con, when you wrote Essays [1](#) and [2](#). Below are links to more readings on this issue that I have found on the internet. Read widely and carefully through as much of this literature as you can. Obviously, we can't read everything, but our goal should be to educate ourselves about the issue so that we can compose an informed argument in [Essay 4](#).

Much Madness is divinest Sense
To a discerning Eye -
Much Sense - the starkest Madness
'Tis the Majority
In this, as All, prevail -
Assent - and you are sane -
Demur - you're straightaway dangerous -
And handled by a chain -

Emily Dickinson, "Much Madness is divinest Sense"

Pro

Ted Jackson,
["Today, In Other
Drug Related..."](#)

[The Science of
Medical
Marijuana](#)

Con

Cal Thomas,
["War on Drugs:
Declare Defeat
and Get Out?"](#)

Dan Brookoff,
M.D., Ph.D.,
["Marijuana is not
medicine:
Somebody had
better tell your](#)

[doctor!](#) "

More Resources

[The COD Library's InfoTrac database search results](#) for full-text articles on "drug legalization."

To access the library databases, you must use your name and barcode from a valid COD library card.

[Medical Marijuana: Pro/Con](#) This site presents information, primarily in a pro/con format, relating to its core question, "Should marijuana be a medical option now?"

David Teasley, "[Drug Supply Control: 104th Congress](#)" A technical analysis of Congress's recent attempts to revise drug policy in the US

[The Drug Reform Coordination Network Online Library of Drug Policy](#)
A website covering the drug legalization issue with a strong slant toward legalization

[The Purdue Journal and Courier](#) Issue on Drug Legalization

A Large [Collection of Links to Drug Legalization](#) Sites on the Internet prepared by the Dept. of Criminal Justice at Eastern Washington University (scroll past the Death Penalty and other links to Drugs)

The University of Wisconsin Library's [Resource Page of Information on Drug Legalization](#)

If that's not enough, try surfing through some of the 9,345+ pages of material I found on [AltaVista](#) using the search phrase "drug legalization."

Instructions

As you read the materials above, collect notes about the differences each author brings to the debate. Note the differences in each author's purpose, scope, method, results, conclusions, and recommendations. Having read and collected your notes, write an [analytical essay](#) interpreting all the information you have collected and digested about this debate.

This essay should be 500+ words.

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