



Medical use of marijuana

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An important part of this class is to discuss controversial and often difficult issues that impact society.

The issue of medical marijuana has many supporters and opponents. This issue goes to the core of individual choice, public policy, federal vs state decision-making, health care costs, law enforcement costs, etc...

Take a look at the website procon.org to help you understand the differing arguments surrounding this issue, then respond.

What do you think?

1. **Should marijuana be a medical option?**
2. **What are the most important considerations that society and government should consider when making laws to control or legalize marijuana's use?**
3. **What is the source for your arguments? (i.e. economic, tradition, social norms, religious, etc.)**

Comments

Mykala Herben

11/17/2011 07:52:35

It should be legal. If it became legal we would be able to quit over crowding prisons and arrest true criminals like rapists and murders! Not to mention tax money \$\$\$\$! There should be age limits and places it can be sold? Like you should have a license to sell weed? Just like a doctor has a degree to prescribe medication.

Alexander McFarland

11/17/2011 07:53:56

I do believe that Marijuana should be legalized. However there would have to be some restrictions to it. I think there would absolutely have to be an age limit, as well as driving restrictions.

lauren lane

11/17/2011 07:58:51

I think that marijuana should be allowed. This issue reminds me a lot of prohibition. Prohibition made a larger issue out of a small issue. It was unnecessary and people went behind the government's backs to get what they wanted. Once the government decided to make it legal, it wasn't much of a problem anymore. I believe we would find a similar story if we made marijuana legal. For one thing, we would be able to get rid of a lot of gang problems. People wouldn't have to break the law in order to get something that they

need.

🗨 **Rebecca Cox**

11/17/2011 07:58:52

I don't really care. As long as it has restrictions and actually helps people than I guess it's fine. If it is going to become legal than they need to make sure that it is prescribed not something that anyone can get a hold of.

🗨 **Kamryn Watt**

11/17/2011 07:59:17

It should not be a medical option. I'm sure they could figure something else out that could serve the same purpose as medical marijuana. It gives people an excuse to have it. Really I think people would abuse it more than use it for the right reasons. Plus it's addictive, and most people aren't going to just be able to get off of it. It could have a damaging affect on youth.

🗨 **Sage Fritschle**

11/17/2011 07:59:33

I think it should be legalized because I think everyone deserves a choice. I honestly don't care whether someone does it or not. I just want them to be able to have the freedom to choose so if they have a medical condition that proves them worthy. Although, it should have restrictions on how and when it can be used.

🗨 **AsianPersuazion (Blake Rosenberger)**

11/17/2011 08:01:22

Yes

The federal government laws that our country is built on and has grown on since the beginning of our country. As stated in a joint article, "Medical Marijuana Is Here to Stay," by Kevin Keenan, JD, Steph Sherer, and Daniel Abrahamson, MD published on July 25, 2006 by the San Diego Union-Tribune: "Our nation is built on the principle that states do not have to march in lock-step with all federal policy decisions." This I think is the greatest argument that is for legalizing marijuana in states.

🗨 **Tyler Barton**

11/17/2011 08:02:38

I am quite indifferent on the given subject. If said Marijuana was legalized, it would be a lot easier to get high; however it might help various people with their personal medical conflicts. Whatever helps saves lives, i suppose, is worth a number of illegal parties...

🗨 **Cady Clark**

11/17/2011 08:03:35

Yep marijuana should be legalized. Everyone would be way more calm. And the gov would prob make money off of it too, like with taxing weed. Cause youd be suprised like a lot of people smoke weed. And you can still be smart! And I really do think world peace could totally start cause if its legal like everyone would want to do it and people would be all one page and not all have stick up there butts. Also the whole medical situation, duh it should be medical some people really need weed to be like healthy. I guess if the gov were to make this legal then they should obviously put an age limit on it. But other then that i dont think there is much else really to be all that concerned about. just make it legal.

🗨 **Taylor Braaten**

11/17/2011 08:03:51

Absolutely, there are many medical uses of marijuana. Marijuana

does inhibit your ability to act or react, and it should have an age restriction, and a driving restriction. I believe the only reason it isn't legal is because of tradition. They have been raised to believe that marijuana is this disgusting, horrible thing, but it is less dangerous than many of prescription drugs used today and is definitely less harmful than cigarettes and alcohol.

🗨 **Mykala Herben**

11/17/2011 08:04:15

The basis for my argument would be economic. We wouldn't have to spend money on people in jail, who really haven't committed a violent crime? I would rather have a serial killer in jail! Then some dude who sells bud on the corner. We could be putting a kid through college for how much money it takes to keep someone behind bars.

🗨 **Paul Gunderson**

11/17/2011 08:05:31

I think marijuana should be a highly controlled, tightly distributed drug. The drug does have some health benefits, but only those with very serious diseases who actually need it should have access to it. Also, maybe something like a Credit Score could be created, except a Marijuana Score to see how trustworthy the people taking it would be. Governments should consider the health dangers, impaired ability, and addictiveness of the drug when they are making laws for it. My basis for my argument comes from social norms, health benefits/dangers, and past trends in drug use.

🗨 **Shayne Miller**

11/17/2011 08:06:35

I think marijuana should be an option not only for medical use, but for personal/recreational use as well. I definitely think it should be put under restrictions like drinking and smoking are under - like a certain legal age and no driving or mechanical operation under the influence, etc. Whatever. But I really don't see a large or dangerous enough reason to keep it illegal. So many people are using marijuana, so why not make money off of it? Super-tax it and stop spending thousands on keeping them in jail. I think the basis for my argument would be mostly economic. I just think America would make a pretty big profit from just letting all the potheads go to town. And on a personal note, America would be so happy.

🗨 **Monica Chavez**

11/17/2011 08:06:58

I think it shouldn't be legalized because since marijuana is already known to be destructive, why would you let some people that "need it" have it? Some prescription drugs are already abused so this one, with its well known reputation, why would it not become one of those too? And besides, people have lived perfectly fine with other medical drugs before they even brought up the idea of marijuana, so why does it have to be used now?

🗨 **Marina Phillips**

11/17/2011 08:08:10

I think Marijuana should be legalized because the effects help with pain, nausea, etc. besides, everyone's already using it whether it's legal or not so legalize it and tax it! Money, money, money, exactly what this society needs! If it were legalized the considerations should be not to give out so much to where people who aren't in pain, fake pain just to use it knowing they're using it legally and won't get into trouble.. which I believe most all people will be thinking that. Another good money option with legalizing Marijuana, is the FOOD! They would be so many cravings so many people at grocery stores! We'd be a fat and happy society. :) I think the basis for my

argument is mainly economic.

🗨 **Adam Stack**

11/17/2011 08:08:22

I believe Marijuana should be legal. It can help relieve symptoms caused by cancer and AIDS. But we also have to look at the fact that doctors can't get constant repeatable scientific data. I still believe Marijuana should be legal and we should let the person wanting to take the risk with the Marijuana be able to take that risk.

🗨 **Alexys Cuevas**

11/17/2011 08:08:48

I think it should be a medical option only if it's really needed. I think marijuana. Marijuana should be a last resort instead of just using it for medicines. The government should consider how it will be easy for people who don't really need it. My basis of my argument is just my perspective of what I think marijuana.

🗨 **Eric Taylor**

11/17/2011 08:10:52

Of course it should be legalized. As it is with any other substance, it is all about portion control. It is up to the user to how much they use it, or what for. You can get high from cough syrup, painmeds, and virtually everything.

Such as alcohol and cigarettes, there would be stipulations such as age, health, or simply activity. The laws would have to set the same laws of driving under the influence, and recreational purposes.

Although it does not comply with my religion, I personally wouldn't take advantage of the medical marijuana being legal, but it is up to the taker, or should I say toker. ;) there are other legalized substances such as cough, congestion, and cold medicines (Triple C's) that get you just as high. I mean you try and read Moby Dick on those things! And, you can buy those pills at Target even.

Personally because of religious practices I wouldn't smoke the marijuana, but, each to his own, right? I say let them go for it. There are many other horrible and stronger drugs that are currently legal and taken daily.

So my medicinal marijuana friends, take on!!!!

🗨 **Jaxon Porter**

11/17/2011 08:11:46

Marijuana should totally be legalized. Not so much because of the fact people would get high, but because there are benefits along with legalizing it. Like the economy would take a boost from it. Just because it's legal doesn't mean that people are going to be smoking it. Not everyone smokes cigarettes even though it is legal. It would lessen the illegal drug run as well. My basis is Economy I'd say.

🗨 **Tia Lewis**

11/17/2011 08:11:54

Marijuana should be legalized for medical use only. The people who are using it for medical treatment do it to help with pain and if it helps then why shouldn't they be able to use it. Some say that it will cause problems like lung cancer and such but then why is smoking a cigarette legal if they have health risks too? I don't think everyone should be able to use it like people under 21 because it can cause development problems and since 21 and under you're still developing so it could screw the development process up. This is based more on the social norm.

🗨 Heidi Patel

11/17/2011 08:12:01

It should be a medical option because it can save lives. Just think about it, by making something legal if you can save tons and tons of lives then why not just make it legal. It should only be available to people who need it for their treatment with a doctor's permission. The basis for my argument is medical. It should be highly controlled and only distributed if the person needs it really badly to save their life.

🗨 Lauren

11/17/2011 08:12:31

mine was based on economic and crime.

🗨 Christian Andersen

11/17/2011 08:13:00

Alright here's the deal, medical marijuana should totally be legal. There should be some restrictions like you can't grow your own. You can't drive while under the influence of drugs. Mary Jane has some sweet benefits, medically even. It prevents nausea, pain, and helps people have an appetite when they're going through some serious AIDS munchy withdrawals. Did you know it's not physically addictive. So yeah, take that in your pipe and smoke it, literally.

🗨 Alexander McFarland

11/17/2011 08:13:04

Once again, I do believe that marijuana should be legalized. Also, I do think it should be available as a medical option as well. If you're terminal or if you're going through severe pain, marijuana should be accessible for you. As far as restrictions go, I think there should be an age limit, and I think there should be rules while driving under the influence of marijuana. The basis of my argument would involve economics. We could make a sufficient income by taxing the purchase of marijuana.

🗨 Keaton Christensen

11/17/2011 08:13:34

I think Marijuana should be legalized because they're clearly some benefits from it. As far as the effects, I think that it should be studied more because both sides are saying the same thing. "it damages the immune system" or "and it benefits the immune system" are some examples. I think mostly that people are just generally scared and don't want to change. If it was legalized it would really have to be controlled and use only under certain conditions because as soon as it was legalized there are going to be people trying to get a hold of it.

🗨 Shawn Hirschi

11/17/2011 08:15:32

I personally believe that even the thought of legalizing marijuana is both outrageous and egregious! This pathetic excuse for an herb, though tantalizing and stimulative has potentially lethal, and stagnating side effects. Marijuana has been known to lead to an increased heart rate, and a decrease in blood pressure. There are safer effective treatments that should be used instead.

🗨 Christian Andersen

11/17/2011 08:16:31

Marijuana does NOT save lives. When given to cancer patients, it treats symptoms from kimo not the cancer itself.

🗨️ Jaxon Porter

11/17/2011 08:16:33

I second that^

🗨️ Tyson Boyer

11/17/2011 08:16:53

Marijuana should not be legalized. They say it works if using it for medical purposes, but in truth there are not very many studies and the drug can be very unpredictable. There are other legal drugs that can be used in it's place. If we legalize it then what's the next thing we'll do. It starts getting worse and worse, and eventually we don't have any rules anymore.

🗨️ Kimberly White

11/17/2011 08:17:11

I think that marijuana is a dangerous drug and that there are not as dangerous medicines out there that give the same relief from pain.

🗨️ Melissa Hunt

11/17/2011 08:20:03

I think Marijuana should be legal. Yes it is a drug and it could harm your body over time, But people who are addicted to it are going to do it anyways illegal or not. It would boost our economy and it would decrease the number of people in prison.

"I suffer with Spondylitis ,and spinal stenosis, Cannabis is the ONLY medicine that relieves my nerve pain. There is a difference between dependence and addiction and that needs to be taught to doctors as well as the general public. Yes I depend on pain medication to be able to walk and use my hands. However I have never and would never pawn my valuables, prostitute myself or steal to obtain the medication. The sick do not deserve to be prosecuted and persecuted."

I agree with this statment. I think if someone is in pain they should be able to have the access to relieve that pain. Doctors should supervise their patients and make sure they dont abuse it.

🗨️ Austin Manuele

11/17/2011 08:23:49

I do not think it should be legal. Although that it may have some health benefits it does not mean it comes without a price. By using it there may me some other health problems that come from using it. Why would we want to use it to fight one problem if it causes others? Also it can be addicting and have an affect on everyone. It could cause someone to get in an accident and hurt and possible kill someone that was choosing not to use that. That would not be fair to anyone.

🗨️ Shaelynn DuBrava

11/17/2011 08:24:20

yes.

i think marijuana should be legalized. it has many health benefits, it helps with depression, illness and other mental and physical problems.

i don't see it as a bad thing, it has more benefits then not. i honestly don't care if someone uses it or not, but they should have the freedom, rights, to use it.

🗨️ Jaxon Porter

11/17/2011 08:29:40

People keep saying its dangerous. Its no more dangerous than any over the counter medication. People abuse Cold Cough Congestion, and you can buy that like candy. Its less dangerous than half of the drugs that are already legal. Plus during prohibition, no less people drank during it than when it was legal. Just because its legal doesnt mean everyones going to be high all the time.

🗨️ **Shelby Stoker**

11/17/2011 08:37:10

I feel that marijuana should not be a legalized. I think that they should take into consideration what it would do to someone if they were to take it. The patient can come to abuse the substance and then they aren't using it for they right reason. If you were to prescribe it to a child, when they become older, there is a stronger possibility that they will use drugs just for personal pleasure. The medical use of marijuana can cause people to become addicted. We will still be paying for things like rehab for an addicted person to become clean. The source of my argument is lifestyle

🗨️ **Ashley Vogel**

11/17/2011 11:26:14

I beleive that marijuana should be a medical option. If it really helps people, than sure. let them do it. Because whether we make it an option or not, people are still going to use it illegally. if we made it a medical option, then we would have less people in jail for trying to get it. yup. not exactly sure what i'm talking about, but yeah. this works. it's whatever.

🗨️ **Austin Miller**

11/17/2011 11:26:19

I think that medical marijuana should be able to be used. It is someones choice to use it or not. I think that there should be restrictions on how much you can get and when you can get it. I think it should not be able to get all the time when ever someone just wants to get high. If you need medical marijuana for a medical reason. Then i think you should be able to get it. The source of my argument is lifestyle.

🗨️ **Cody Nebeker**

11/17/2011 11:31:41

I think it should be legalized. If you want to get high, you are going to get high wethere its legal or not. if its legal, the economy would boost from the government taxing it and regulating it and we would drastically devrease the number of people in our jails. 'nuff said..

🗨️ **Emily Clark**

11/17/2011 11:32:07

I see the arguments for both sides.

Marijuana has a lot of health benefits that would medically be beneficial. I also think if Marijuana was legalized, less people would smoke it illegally because it is not as rebellious as having it legally.

However, there are other drugs that can do the same thing that Marajuana would be used for. The argument is whether you want to use a chemical or natural base drug. Personally, I don't care about taking a chemical drug to relieve my pain. Plus it is guarenteed that it will be abused more and a lot more dangerous than helpful in most cases.

🗨️ **Danry Hargest**

11/17/2011 11:32:17

Low-key I really don't care if marijuana is legalized or not. If I had to choose I would legalize it, people are going to do what they want so let them do it. It would also save a lot of money because it would take people out of the jail system. The money used could go to a worthy cause instead of people worrying about what other people are doing with their lives.

🗨️ **Taylor Colmenero**

11/17/2011 11:34:35

Honestly I don't really care if it's legal or not. People are gonna do what they want anyways and if it aids their physical problems then it should be legal. There obviously would need to be restrictions like age & driving restrictions. The government could monitor it and tax it too.

🗨️ **Sandy Parra**

11/17/2011 11:35:17

Marijuana should be legalized because it would be so much better. There would be no more drug wars & people going to jail. No matter what people are still gonna do it. So they should just make it legal. I personally don't think it's bad.

🗨️ **Allie McDonald**

11/17/2011 11:35:50

I think that marijuana should not be legalized for medical use. Allowing the use of such harmful drugs will hurt more than help. Imagine that you have a disease that would enable you to be prescribed marijuana; a highly addictive drug that will forever be a crutch in your life. We are hardly fixing the problem and creating another. Marijuana use is already a problem as it stands illegally. To be legal would only enable the problem to expand. Marijuana should be illegal, all around. The source of my argument is straight up common sense. It won't work, folks. It just won't.

🗨️ **Taylor Lamb**

11/17/2011 11:35:55

I do believe medical marijuana should be legal but only for very serious medical problems. If some one is going through a very painful illness and pain meds just aren't enough then they should be allowed to have marijuana prescribed to them. But then i guess there are also those people who just get high for "fun"? I guess letting it be legal to them would keep them out of jail and on the streets waste their own money instead of the us tax dollars.

🗨️ **Gabe Falanai**

11/17/2011 11:38:13

I honestly don't think so. From what I've read, it sounds like the use of medical marijuana is just for the treatment of symptoms, not the diseases themselves. And if the Government does legalize it, they would have to keep in mind that it would be a whole lot easier for children to get them, not to mention that anything smoked, has harmful effects on the lungs, whether it be tobacco or marijuana. This is more of a personal opinion rather than a factual representation of an "against" argument.

🗨️ **Mitzi Ayala**

11/17/2011 11:39:19

um.. well I don't really care for this but I guess if people really do need it go for it and that's your own deal and just be responsible for what you do and if people use it for the wrong things then that's just all up to them cause I don't really care what people's choices are

and maybe its legalized all those kids that think their badA for smoking won't have anything to feel cool about... so if you want to smoke go for it, it's your life not mine.

🗨️ **Keilani Fullmer**

11/17/2011 11:39:26

I believe that Marijuana should be legalized and regulated. It is obvious (due to history time and time again) that no matter the substance or its legalization factor (whether or not it is legalized) has no place in whether or not people use it. Every substance on the planet can be misused and abused by minors and adults.

Marijuana (I believe) isn't a drug or substance to fear as much as others. It is not highly addictive and does not cause cancer (unless smoked). People who do use Marijuana typically sit around amazed at all the pretty colors swirling around them, so they aren't harming anyone like a possible abusive alcoholic.

If it was legalized, the crime rate around the substance would reduce heavily. If it was taxed (like tobacco) the funds can be used for our government. It could have an age limit like all other drugs (exception would be doctor's prescription for minors) and be regulated by federal and state governments.

Things the government should consider when facing these drug options should be: a) what are the harmful effects of this drug in any form? b) How does this drug effect adults/minors and should these effects place the need for an age restriction? c) How should the drug be taxed if legalized? d) What kind of dosages (medicinal) should be prescribed for pain relief? and many others that would take up the entire google site.

My arguments come from economics, personal belief, and history (for drug abuse cases, because anything can be abused). As I've said before, anything can be abused, even a sugar pill given to someone who thought it was crack, to prejudice against a substance without knowing fully the substance's capability is ignorant in itself. And with that, I think it should be legalized.

🗨️ **Logan Stott**

11/17/2011 11:40:29

1. Should Marijuana be a medical option?

Absolutely. Anyone who tells you otherwise obviously doesn't understand the full array of health benefits that the drug provides. Marijuana can be used to cure, or help treat many diseases, including dampened hunger and insomnia. It's also used as a comfort drug, meaning that many patients suffering from terminal illnesses find it very helpful in the recovery process.

2. What are the most important considerations that society and government should consider when making laws to control or legalize Marijuana's use?

The potential benefits of the drug, the large amount of the population that already purchases and use the drug illegally with little-to-no mental or physical consequence, and the amount of potential currency and tax revenue that could be gained from legalizing or loosening the restrictions on prescribing Marijuana.

3. What is the source for your arguments? (i.e. economic, tradition, social norms, religious, etc.)

All of these are large arguments toward legalizing the drug, and therefore all have equal sway in my opinions of the drug and why it should be legalized.

🗨️ **Jace Buxton**

11/17/2011 11:40:42

I do not believe that medical marijuana should be legalized. There

are plenty of other safer, legal, drugs that can be taken to treat the same symptoms that marijuana does. Research also suggests that smoking it can lead to a weakened immune system and although it is not physically addictive, it is psychologically addictive and it is considered a gateway drug and may lead others to more powerful and harmful substances; I think that is the most important thing society and government need to look at when considering whether or not it should be legal. The source for my argument is social norm/religion.

🗨️ **Adrian Lpez**

11/17/2011 11:40:43

this comment is not about medical marijuana just about marijuana or maybe it is i don't know...I think it should be legal as long they have an age limiet.. to be hounest marijuana doesnt kill u or do harm to u it not like cigerate which does harm u and can kill u...u think the guy might be dead he anit dead he is just sleeping he'll wake up in a couple of minitue hungry enough to eat your entired food you got it just one of the sytom hungry, happy sleep..but for medical marijuan should be legal as long as they have age limit and medical marijuana wouldn't be the same as just the marijuana or unles they just sell it like it was from the street...I dont know why it is illegal because marijuana is not a drug like so other drug from the street it doesn't have chemical in it like some of them like you got to put baccon and the watter stir it up i don't know the recipt im just saying. Marijuana just grow from the groound it just grows and grows..... and this was not by me

🗨️ **Aaron Wallis**

11/17/2011 11:42:00

Ok heres the deal marijuana should be legal, either way in the illegal drug trade it will be sold. If not legal it will be easier for children and people who abuse the drug to get a hold of it. What drug dealer is honestly gonna turn down a kid of any age with money in his hand? Marijuana does not kill brain cells and there has never been a reported overdose from marijuana ALONE. You cant get a physical addiction from marijuana. A medical option? Why not just sell it behind the counter at a gas station? Its a personal choice like cigarettes or alcohol which both can be bought at a gas station even though cigarettes are known for cancer and alcohol is known for alcohol poising and so on. Many adults are closet stoners as is and is looked at as a social norm from many people.

🗨️ **Courtney Cox(;**

11/17/2011 11:42:11

Im not really against or for legalizing marijuana, if peo0284ple wanna smoke a bowl then they will. If marijuana was legalized for medical reasons then I think its fine.. but if its not for medical reasons then its their own choice. Legalizing it will take away from having so many people locked up but in the end there will just be more addicts in the world, eventually weed doesnt get you as high as you would like so you try other substances to get your fix. If it were to be legalized then there would need to be some strict restricions for driving and the age you have to be to purchase it, there should aslo be a license given to sell it, just like a doctor needs a license to prescribe medicine.. People will abuse it no matter what. IF YOU WANNA BLAZE.. THEN BLAZE, if you dont.. then dont(;

🗨️ **Shayne Beckstrand**

11/17/2011 11:43:20

I'm going to start off by saying I don't care much about this subject. I'm really rather passive about it actually. However, as we discuss this topic many students seem to be stuck on the fact that it would be easier to get high or to have that drug readily available for them

to use/abuse. The topic is for medical use and I think that is where it should stay. If it is being used in small doses to those few people in need of it to help them get better then yes go for it. It would need to be strongly controlled for that specific treatment and not just be a prescription that someone can call their doc and have written up for them. My stance I would say comes from a social norm background by saying that we are doing fine out it is. If people want to abuse marijuana then they are going to and those same people will be in jail for it. They are there and that's their choice. Yes it may be our taxes going to keeping them in there but my life is fine. I don't care about the decisions they've made to get their life in such a crappy place. Legalizing marijuana wouldn't change that, all it would do(or should be able to do)is help those in hospitals or with challenging sicknesses in which the doctor would see it sufficient.

🗨 Allie Macier

11/17/2011 11:43:59

I think that yes, marijauna should be a medical option just like any other 'pain killer'. I think that society should consider the fact that marijauna is actually no more harming to the body than tobacco products, yet tobacco products have no benefits to being legal. And to remember that they aren't legalizing for recreational use, therefore a license would be required to purchase the medicinal marijuana. I argue this, because it is so ridiculous that people are worrying about the abuse of marijuana when it's apparent that legal or not substances will be abused. That doesn't necessarily mean that the abuse will increase by the legalization of MEDICAL marijuana. kthanks.

🗨 Tayah Hernandez

11/17/2011 11:44:13

I think that marijuana should be a medical option, but still make it hard to get. I thing there should probably be a few background checks to make sure the drug won't be abused, but then of course there is the argument that other drugs (nyquil, ambien, etc.)don't require a background check.

The government should consider the state that people are in. This sounds stupid but if a person needs medical marijuana for a treatment then they should consider the mental state of the user, will they be desperate enough to sell their prescription and then get more for themselves? Will they know limits?

As for the "It's for my glaucoma excuse"? BS. The effects that the marijuana has on eye pressure works for 3-4 hours, so for a person to be content and momentarily "cured" of their symptoms they would need to smoke it at least 6-8 times a day.

The argument of "less people being arrested for possession" kinda sucks.. cause they could say it's for glaucoma, and show the prescription (if they have it) but still end up selling it.

Basically, people who do it now will (more than likely) still do it when it's legal, and people who don't do it now might end up doing it later because it's legal. The main difference would be that we could tax it.

🗨 Treston Shaw

11/17/2011 11:44:35

I think marijuana should be legalized but only for the right reasons! doctors shouldnt just go handing out prescriptions! weed can be used for a lot of good things, but it can also lead to a lot of other duggs! if people wanna smoke a blunt then they will smoke a blunt! even if it is legal or not!

🗨 Dreanne Tamplin (Is Awesome :))

11/17/2011 11:47:06

I personally am a narrow-minded person, I can admit that. However, I think medicinal marijuana is a good idea.

I've talked to people who've used legal anti-depressants and said that they experienced increased suicidal feelings because of it. Those types of drugs are legal to use medically and they're quite harmful. I've never known anyone to overdose on marijuana or express suicidal tendencies because of their use of it. Normally if they do have thoughts of suicide, they had them before they started using marijuana.

Just like any other medical drug, it should be regulated. I don't think there should be an age limit because a child with cancer has as much pain and nausea as an adult with cancer (plus I'm sure they like weed brownies just as much :)).

The basis for my argument is personal and economic because I know that by taxing it, the US could pull in large amounts of money and it could help so many people in need.

I don't support marijuana as a recreational drug because it has a lazy/stupid side effect but I believe it can really help those in pain much more than the legal drugs they're taking.

<3 Dre

 **Hannah Wiscombe**

11/17/2011 11:47:42

I believe that medical marijuana should be legalized. I think if people want to smoke marijuana, they'll smoke it whether its legal or not so it won't really affect society any more than it already does, besides the fact that people could make money off of it legally. Also, marijuana isn't any more dangerous or addictive than many drugs that are already legal. People have the choice to abuse those drugs as much as they have the choice to abuse marijuana. If medical marijuana is legalized then it should be controlled just like any other drug. A prescription should be required with proper dosage and warnings listed. But in reality, it won't matter because people will still find ways to get around the system just like they would with any other drug. My arguments are based on economic reasons and the fact that ultimately, people have to decide for themselves what they are going to do and if they want something bad enough, other people won't have much of an influence on their choice.

 **Janessa LeRoy**

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I don't think marijuana should be legalized. Even though it can be used for medication and doctor's perscription, it is still way addictive. A lot of people get addicted to drugs by a doctor's perscription in the first place, so I think keeping it illegal will help with lowering drug addiction. I would hate it if I were in a car accident and used marijuana for for a pain reliever and end up being addicted to it.

 **Brenda Espino**

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Yes, i think marijuana should be legal but only for medical problems.They should have an age limit though. It can also help the economy.

 **Nathalie Medel**

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I do believe that marijuana should be a medical option. With that being said, I don't really care, but there are certain laws that

government and society must consider before taking this huge step. For example, legalizing it might lead to many kids overusing and many could get addicted. On the other hand, people wouldn't be paying as much taxes due to the decrease of convicted felons for possession of marijuana. The source of my argument is personal opinion.

🗨️ Kevin Reeves

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I think marijuana should be used as a medical option. A good amount of doctors have said that marijuana has helped patients that are in a lot of pain. The effects marijuana have on the human body can be found with a lot of prescription/non-prescription medicine in the first place. If there are people with a history or a "nack" of drug abuse, legal or not they are going to do it, so we should make it legal for medical use.

🗨️ Levi Call

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Yes.

If are pain and you want to use medical marijuana you should be allowed to make that choice without prosecution by the government.

I believe that if you are only in a small amount of pain, you should use something like Tylenol (or any other drug that is less dangerous than marijuana) before you go smoke a Prescribed "joint". I'm all about freedom of choice and the pursuit of happiness so if you are in pain and you want to get hi, go for it.

If you buy weed from a drug dealer off the street chances are, its loaded with chemicals. medical cannabis is not. the less chemicals added the less potent the marijuana becomes and the chance of addiction decreases.

Strict laws would have to be put in place governing portion control, age limits, and people who have actually been prescribed the medication.

The fact that medical Marijuana is currently illegal, is evidence that older generations are more opposed to it. Reading through the comments on this page (made by students in the most conservative state in the United States) show that the vast majority of today's youth are for the legalization of medical marijuana. Change comes with time, and now is the time.

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