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Ask Peter a Question

CHICAGO, October 9, 2011—Imagine this. You are driving from Montana or Oregon. You arrive in Illinois. You are stopped by the police for a traffic violation. A search of your vehicle reveals your stash of marijuana. You whip out your prescription for the weed or the Medical Marijuana I.D. card issued by your state.

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The handcuffs go on, you go to jail. You now have to find a local lawyer to sort out the mess. You must take your chances before a judge, and depending on the county, a hot shot prosecutor who will make your life more miserable.

Sixteen states have legalized something called medical marijuana, a substance that does not legally exist.

Marijuana is a Schedule 1 controlled substance under federal law and is illegal to cultivate, prescribe, dispense, sell, possess, or use. The FDA does not recognize "medical" marijuana, otherwise it would be cultivated, processed, and sold solely through the pharmaceutical industry.

It would be known as pharmaceutical marijuana. Its trade would be strictly regulated.

There is no such thing as medical marijuana. It is a fraud, a canard, and a con. It is part of the

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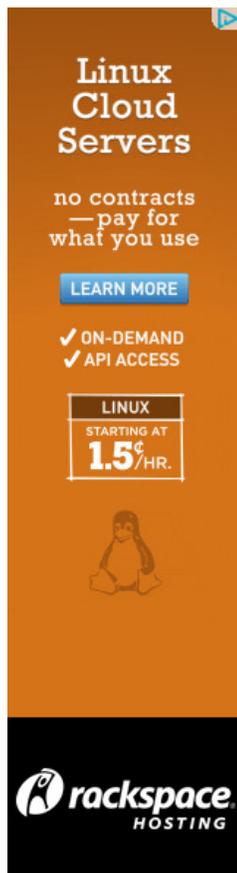
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conditioning narrative, also known as soft or pity propaganda, to eventually legalize pot. The efforts to legalize cannabis have been ongoing since the 1960s. The proponents of legalization latched on to the so called medical benefits argument and pushed those hard.

Instead of recreational use, they pity pushed medicinal use to get it legalized.

In states where it is legal there have been abuses of the law. That was the whole intent. As of two months ago, the federal government is cracking down.

If so called medical marijuana is legalized in all fifty states then full legalization will follow. This is the goal. At least that is what the advocates hope and think will happen.

Think about this. Supposedly cigarettes are not only a health hazard but a deadly hazard. They are allegedly a major cause of catastrophic diseases and death. If the medical community and the government agree whole heartedly that cigarettes are such a deadly health hazard why are they legal?

Why doesn't the government just ban cigarettes? Why is our government allowing an extremely hazardous product to remain on the market? Our government bans all types of hazardous products. Why not cigarettes?

Why is marijuana banned and cigarettes legal? There are two reasons. They are the same two reasons why marijuana will never be legalized. Money and horticulture.

Approximately 20% of the population smokes, just over 40 million adults. That is tens of millions of dollars a day in local, state, and federal taxes.

The government has a captured cash cow in cigarette smokers. People cannot just grow tobacco and manufacture their own cigarettes. Tobacco is a land, labor, and time intensive crop. After it is harvested it must be cured, aged, and dried in a specific manner.

It would take a good sized plot of land, a lot of work, and about a year and a half for you to produce a few cartons of cigarettes. You need more than one plot of land as tobacco depletes soil and the crop must be rotated, or you must invest in expensive fertilizer and nutrient mixes. You cannot easily or economically grow tobacco to make cigarettes for personal consumption.

Marijuana, on the other hand, can be cultivated anyplace. You can grow enough in pots to continually supply you and your friends. If you have enough space you can turn it into a cash crop. All you need are seeds or plantings, and in a short time you can fly higher than a kite. Anyone, anyplace can grow marijuana. And they do.

The government cannot control, regulate, or easily tax pot. This is why marijuana will never be legalized. There is no way to make it a commercially viable and profitable product and no way to effectively tax it.

Legalizing marijuana would continue the same multi-billion dollar underground economy the illegal product does. Something the government, and our society, is loathe to do. Instead of narcotics agents, governments- local, state, and federal- would have to hire revenue agents. There is no way they could hire enough.

Aside from the pro and con moral, legal, constitutional, medical and social arguments, it is all about the money. It always is. There is no way for any commercial enterprise to make vast profits if anyone can grow their own cannabis. There is no way governments can tap into the money stream.

Even if the government decided to create pharmaceutical marijuana, regulate it through the FDA, restrict its sales through the pharmaceutical industry and its dispensation through doctors and

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pharmacists, there is no way to stop people from growing their own, using it and selling it.

Why go to Walgreens or CVS when you can just produce your own?

To all you tokers, smokers, 420ers, and stoners out there: Give it up. There is no way marijuana will be legalized anytime soon. So, just fire up a chubby, and keep dreaming your dreams of a high society.

Until the man comes crashing through the door.

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pfroehlich2004 2 days ago

Hey Bella, how is it that all those hundreds of marijuana dispensaries in California manage to stay in business? All their customers could legally grow their own, and yet they choose to get their weed from a retail store which charges state sales tax. Your argument simply doesn't hold water.

On a side note, there's something very disturbing about your cavalier attitude towards crashing through Americans' doors. You would do well to recall that the role of the police is to SERVE and PROTECT, not to harass and oppress.

Fairuse and 23 more liked this



sisterlauren 1 day ago

I have two reasons I buy instead of grow, better quality and federal law.

If I grow so much as one plant, I can be busted by the feds, lose my nice house and assets and go to prison for life.

I'd much rather go buy good pot in a shop than risk all that I have on getting busted growing stuff that is highly so-so. I won't grow until it is legal. I know if they ever arrested me, it would kill me. I would not survive jail.

3 people liked this.



AnnOnaMice 2 days ago

Not to mention their greatly inflated, black market-based prices, while it is in fact legal to grow your own for medicine there.

The folks on the other side of the "legalize" argument will NEVER admit they are indeed as stupid as stupid does... keep in mind that there was a national alcohol prohibition party up until the early 1960's.

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pupsncats 22 hours ago

Those buying weed from a store are probably too stoned to grow it themselves. Or too lazy.

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Clint Willard 2 days ago

See, here's a problem. People who always want to point to money as a logical argument about legalization. What's next that we can't have that everyone wants to put a price on and control? Why can't something just be left alone? Why does it or anything, especially natural, HAVE to be controlled? Obviously there are things on this planet of which man can not control except by force. So drawing guns and jailing people is our resolve to do so, making what is perceived as a problem, which is actually just a preference and comfort issue, into a world wide human injustice with countless innocent casualties. Yeah, this author is an ignorant person favoring control over freedom and peace. Control this MF! FDG!

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pupsncats 22 hours ago

Man has always wanted control over others since the dawn of human history. The creation of government was not only a way to unify people but a way to control them. The creation of our government was, for the first time in human history, based on the idea that humans have inherent rights given them by God, not man, and those rights can never be abridged. Unfortunately, each generation has forgotten this truth and allowed their elected officials (many corrupt and greedy from the get go) to restrict these rights and place as many obstacles as they can dream up against the individual to exercise them. History proves that power corrupts. Man cannot just leave other men alone because some men always want to control others.

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Aptitude 1 day ago

No this guy is right
but what he has exposed is the
travesty that is called freedom of Amerika.
He argues like a republican.
If it is not corporate money it is not legal !!
Hate everything in the government but cops
that protect the Wall Street dough.

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Aptitude 1 day ago

At a conservative price MaryJane is twice the price of GOLD
\$300.00/ oz x 16 = \$ 4800.00
It is also a very stable commodity
with little price volatility or down side risk
except from the stupid pigs.

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Shane29111 1 day ago

Sorry aptitude but your wrong. Last I heard gold was trading around 1200\$ an ounce. Way more than an ounce of the best nug. I'm not saying this guy is right but if we start stating facts that are simply not true. Then we lose our credibility. Just like this peters done with this article. Facts are our biggest alli and the reason we will win arguments against people like this every time.

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And professional
Riverboat gambler

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 **Marc Myers** 1 day ago

The price of gold is around \$1100 an ounce. \$300 pot is 27% of the price of gold.

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 **Kevin** 2 days ago

It's always amusing when someone trots out a barrel of hogwash and then genuflects at the altar of Federal law or the FDA. Even moreso when both happen. Tell me Peter, did you double genuflect or just do a two knee genuflection?

The claim that a medicine isn't a medicine unless it has FDA approval is just plain silly. Every substance approved by the FDA as medicine had exactly the same medicinal utility on the day before approval as it did on the day after. I wonder, in 2003 would Mr. Bella have declared that there was no such thing as a medical device that is a necrotic flesh eating insect larvae, or a blood sucking worm, simply because the FDA had not yet approved maggots and leeches as medical devices? Yes Virginia, if the doctor thinks you need maggot therapy your health insurance will pay for it, presuming you're lucky enough to have medical insurance. There are FDA approved medical grade maggot and leech production facilities. Feel free to Google "medical maggots" if you think I'm kidding.

It's absurd to claim that FDA approval is the government's imprimatur of guaranteed safety. From approval until 6/30/2005 Viagra and Vioxx directly caused 2,254 and 4,540 deaths respectively. That's 6,794 more FDA approved deaths than have been directly caused by cannabis in the recorded history of Man.

Interestingly it was a drug called Thalidomide which caused widespread, horridly crippling side effects which precipitated the regulatory system currently in place. Search Google Images for "thalidomide babies" if you've never heard of this drug. Evidently the Thalidomide babies were also very short lived. When Dick Nixon was POTUS it was not infrequent to encounter a person so stricken. Today thalidomide is FDA approved and available by prescription, but not for morning sickness which was its purpose in the 1950s. Today it's a very promising cancer treatment, one which sat on the shelves unused, banned because it caused these horrid side effects when taken by pregnant women.

I've never opened my eyes in the morning, realized that I was sick, and thought to myself, "Well I'd better call a retired cop to find out how to get better." I've never even thought that I should get a second opinion from a retired cop after consulting a licensed physician. The decision of what is, and what isn't medicine are not appropriately made by Know Nothing prohibitionist laymen, nor by hack politicians promoting a self serving political agenda.

Mr. Bella, please leave the medical decisions to medical professionals, and quit standing in the way of that happening. Your short sighted, illogical and unsupported conclusions are helping to perpetuate an environment of irrationality that is causing sick people to suffer more than necessary, and that's simply despicable and morally bankrupt.

 sisterlauren and 11 more liked this Like Reply

 **jaylew714** 1 day ago

I knew a Thalidomide victim...his name was Matt Eisele the son of now deceased astronaut Don Eisele...Matt had flippers for arms and suffered from severe Downs type syndrome. He was a delightful little boy who I believe passed away many years ago from of all things Leukemia. I am not sure that Thalidomide was ever FDA approved....but it was used overseas where Matt was born...in Tripoli I believe....but NO matter...our FDA is not the all knowing all seeing all protector agency that it thinks it is. My mother died in August 1970 from breast cancer....in July 1970 as a 15 year old boy I drove her to a doctor appointment and the doctor refused to refill my mothers liquid Demerol elixir because he was concerned that she might "become addicted" to it. She died three weeks later. I have despised this country's drug policies ever since. Although the hospice movement has improved the end of life aspect of dying...there is still this sick twisted narco-phobic presence in this country that literally makes me puke. This nation is afraid of actually ameliorating any ones pain...it can only focus on inflicting it in one fashion or another....and that "ain't a drug thang".....that pain crosses many aspects of existence. Food Stamps for life for example....that is a curse..it is NOT a blessing.

 emptymag and 2 more liked this Like Reply

 **Duncan20903** 1 day ago

Thalidomide caused the birth defects either before the creation of the FDA or before the FDA process of prescription drug approval was implemented. As I said in my post above it was the primary catalyst for today's FDA approval process. It's rather silly since pregnant women are excluded as guinea pigs for the 3rd party approval in testing for FDA review and approval.

The FDA does not perform the testing, it reviews testing done by companies interested in marketing medicinal pills, powders and potions.

Today Thalidomide is indeed an FDA approved medicine, and available by prescription. It is excluded from use by pregnant women and women of child bearing age have to jump through some serious hoops in order to get a script. It's very beneficial in shrinking cancerous tumors with the unfortunate effect of also having the same effect on a fetus. If you Google "Thalidomide" it's easy to verify my assertions. The point I'm making is that this country is willing to "throw out the baby with the bathwater" and ban things which used one way can cause great harm but used another can be highly beneficial. It took decades to convince the powers that be to allow Thalidomide prescriptions again, even for men. There just aren't very many men who get pregnant and the ones who do so can't have it happen "by accident."

In 1997 my beloved mother had a stroke which led to her passing away. She was never going to recover and we were advised and agreed that the better thing was to allow her to pass away. To this day I have nothing but black anger and hatred for the sadomoralists who wouldn't allow a quick and peaceful end through euthanasia. As a result we were forced to let her starve to death. The really sick thing is that such people consider themselves "moral" for forcing almost 80 year old women to starve to death. Morally bankrupt and despicable are the more accurate descriptives for such people. We treat our pets more humanely at the end of their lives than we do human beings. It's simply sick and depraved. Such people need to be taken out to the woodshed and taught a stiff lesson in humanity.

I'm going to ignore your gratuitous statement about food stamps.

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 **54yearold** 1 day ago

You really hit the nail on the head. I'm sorry that you must live with that anger and hatred for such a bitter and sad end for your mother. I too had a friend whose whole body was ravaged by cancer and whose only way to die was through essentially starving to death while she was all doped up on morphine. Her children and husband had to watch her die like that. What a different ending it would have been if she could have used medical marijuana for her suffering while she was dying and when it was too much to continue if she could have said goodbye to her family and friends and then quietly either had drugs administered or taken something that would have led to her painless and immediate passing. I agree too that people who interfere in the private business of an individual's choices should be taught a lesson in humanity...

 Duncan20903 and 2 more liked this [Like](#) [Reply](#)

 **sisterlauren** 1 day ago

He can't leave it alone, it is such a great place to practice torture. He is a sadist. They all are. Every single person who would make pot illegal is a sadist who gets off on torturing people. They are sick.

Perhaps we should ask these very same cops why they don't investigate or prosecute rape. I think it is because they LOVE rape and torture, to them it is a sport. They don't want their rape victims to have any pot because it is such a good pain killer and helps people avoid rape.

If these cops were trees, I think we can see their value to our society in their horribly bitter fruit. Rape is their goal, pot is just venue.

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 **pupsncats** 22 hours ago

He is correct in that when something that is considered immoral, such as abortion or sodomy, and is therefore, illegal, those who want to legalize it know they can't expect it to happen with one argument. They know people have to be incrementally persuaded that it is unjust is some way to have it remain illegal.

Those pushing for the legalization of pot have learned from the pro-abortion and pro-sodomy groups that using an emotional appeal for its legalization is a more effective means of realizing their goal. In modern society, emotion trumps facts, logic, and reality.

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 **Rich Bettencourt** 2 days ago

ignorant speculation and gross fallacy... you shouldn't be allowed to communicate.

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 **JWPicht** ★ 2 days ago

Would you care to explain the ignorance or the fallacy? Or the hostility?

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AnnOnaMice 2 days ago

One tad of fallacy would be that there's no chance that marijuana will be legalized soon... plenty of polls put advocates of outright legalization at 60% or better. It will happen via voter referendum, sooner, and not later. I think that actually counts as ignorance, too...

"Even if the government decided to create pharmaceutical marijuana, regulate it through the FDA, restrict its sales through the pharmaceutical industry and its dispensation through doctors and pharmacists, there is no way to stop people from growing their own, using it and selling it."

Actually in the Netherlands, and soon in Germany, pharmacies actually sell pharmaceutical-quality marijuana. It costs a little more, but it's produced according to medical specifications, and it does sell. Of course, you can get your regulated, taxed (controlled, in other words) marijuana for intoxication at coffeeshops... but Netherlands cops and politicians are way smarter than their US counterparts, obviously.

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jkubin ★ 1 day ago

Nor should you. However, we -- at the Communities - allow this open forum. Other than making un-intelligible comments that say nothing other than you know a few "big" words, you are adding nothing to the conversation.

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Shane29111 7 hours ago

And I suppose you -- at the communities-- are adding something useful to the conversation?

"ignorant speculation and gross fallacy... you shouldn't be allowed to communicate."

Sounds to me like rich summed up this article pretty nicely and gave it about as much attention as it deserved. I'd call that adding something useful to the conversation. I'm not sure why you think your the one to decide that. If you really control this forum. Then why don't you delete this. And let me know if you require assistance with the big words.

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revraygreen 2 days ago

cigarettes are population CONTROL of the poor by the Government.....cannabis extends your life, tobacco shortens it.

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sisterlauren 1 day ago

Rev, what is the plan to help Rev Roger Christie?

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JWPicht ★ 2 days ago

You're clearly opposed to the legalization of marijuana. Why? You've offered some plausible reasons why marijuana won't be legalized by the feds, but no reason why it shouldn't be. Given the devastation wrought by the "war on drugs" - economic, legal, political and human - it's much easier for me to think of why marijuana should be legalized than why it should not be.

 Wil and 9 more liked this [Like](#) [Reply](#)



sisterlauren 1 day ago

It is the 'devil' weed. The prohibition is based on religion.

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Larewfamily 2 days ago

The real reason it won't be legalized mr ex cop is honestly because 60-90% of all criminal cases are marijuana related. If the government legalized marijuana they would have nothing to do and they know the us people are going to support a judge getting paid 300k a year to sit around all day doing nothing. It would cost to many government officials their jobs!!! Bottom line!!! Not to mention the pay offs they get in the for of campaign contributions.

Wil and 7 more liked this Like Reply



Guest 2 days ago

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Anonymous 2 days ago

Dare I mention roses, which are sold for ridiculously high prices in stores and on the street -- a commercially viable product -- that is legal to grow on your own. Apparently if this guy's article were true, there would be no market for exorbitantly priced roses either.

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JWPicht ★ 2 days ago

If roses were taxed like tobacco products, there would be a smaller market for them. The price of roses per gram is much lower than the price of pot or tobacco, and the demand elasticity of roses is much greater. It's also worth noting that roses grow slowly and take longer to produce good blossoms than cannabis takes to produce leaves, and roses require more care. There are a lot of reasons that roses don't work as a counter to Bella's argument.

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IMLegal 2 days ago

JW, you don't smoke the cannabis leaves...you smoke the flowers. It's normally a three month cycle indoors under ideal conditions.

IMLegal

1 person liked this. Like Reply



Christopher Logan Clark 21 hours ago

Roses require more care to produce good blossoms? Is that a joke?

As to the writer of this article, people can do a lot of things on their own but they don't have time, and most people would prefer to have professionals do a job for them. That is the same case with medical marijuana or even a legalized industry

Like Reply



JWPicht ★ 18 hours ago

Sort of a joke. As a gardner who knows how fussy and expensive roses can be to grow in these parts and who's seen big beautiful cannabis plants growing in people's compost heaps, I know it would be a lot easier to grow my true love an ounce of good weed than a dozen long-stemmed roses.

The argument over whether you can grow your own pot easily or not isn't all that serious, in my opinion, but in fact if pot were expensive because of taxes, regulation or illegality (as it is), people would have pretty good incentives to grow it. You buy things that you can't produce for yourself more cheaply. I buy bread rather than bake it, even though I'm an excellent baker and know how to convert flour, yeast and water into baguettes. My time is just too valuable, and the pleasure I take in baking bread too small, to justify baking my own bread.

I don't agree with Bella's main premise (I think pot should be legal), but I think he's got it right that money is an issue here. Local governments make a lot of money on the war on drugs, the feds can't be thrilled about a substitute for tobacco and booze that is easily grown in compost heaps and in national forests, hence can't be easily taxed at the same rate as other intoxicants.

Yes, I know, people can brew beer and make wine pretty easily, but most of it is dreck compared to what your local microbrewery can crank out, and for all his purchases of fancy equipment and fine yeast, all my uncle could ever ferment was vinegar. "Easy" is too casually applied here, and it doesn't apply at all to bourbon or scotch.

So I think Bella's tax explanation for federal opposition to legalizing pot might have some merit, but it's the sort of thing that would take an economic study to decide. I don't think it's a good reason to ban pot, but it's probably a good reason for someone to want to ban pot.

Like



PatientPatient 2 days ago

You realize your argument only (just barely) makes sense if you believe marijuana was invented in 1960, right? Besides ignoring thousands of years of documented medicinal use, you also have to ignore Canada, Germany, Israel, the Netherlands & the other countries that control cannabis as a medical drug.

What potheads was Parke-Davis making cannabis extracts for from the late 1800s until 1937? What were the names of the pothead American Medical Association doctors who testified before congress in 1937--you know, the ones who argued that cannabis still had important medical uses?

Is Marinol (pharmaceutical THC legally available in every state) a scam too? It's a Class III drug (like codeine).



pfoehlich2004 and 5 more liked this

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sisterlauren 1 day ago

There is a really good book on the subject, Marijuana - The First Twelve Thousand Years

If you google it you can read it for free on line. I'd post a link, but I don't think they like that here so I won't.

1 person liked this.

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brandon 2 days ago

one of the most awful things ive ever read. based completely on fiction and not fact. no medical purposes? are you an idiot? btw, its only been illegal since 1937 and that was a tax. cannabis prohibition is heavily rooted in racism, and the pharmaceutical industry. it is incredibly unconstitutional. how can the federal government tell me what i can and cannot do with my own body as long as it hurts nobody else? awful, just god awful.



sisterlauren and 5 more liked this

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muggles 2 days ago

Legalizing marijuana would continue the same multi-billion dollar underground economy the illegal product does. Something the government, and our society, is loathe to do. Instead of narcotics agents, governments- local, state, and federal- would have to hire revenue agents. There is no way they could hire enough??? That's completely ridiculous. If you legalized cannabis the black market would disappear and the need for narcotics agents would be nonexistent.



Fairuse and 5 more liked this

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Duncan20903 1 day ago

I always enjoy when the Know Nothing prohibitionists advance their "if things were different, they'd be exactly the same" argument.

Why do you think they call it "muggles"?

1 person liked this.

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Shane29111 1 day ago

Hey here's a quick example of why marijuana is really kept illegal. (among many just like this but too numerous to list all of them here.) Did you know that chemically extracted THC (NOT SYNTHETIC! it won't work.) Kills the herpes virus. Since THC is completely harmless to the human body one would only need to develop a way to administer the drug.

(Something like a nicotine patch perhaps.) A few million dollars and a few years of research an POOF! we have a cure for herpes. NOT A TREATMENT A CURE!!!! Now why would the pharmaceutical industry go and cure herpes when they make billions off the suffering of this social disease through prescriptions. And hey there medication even comes with a hot chick and a puppy. Haven't you seen the commercials? So my friend's that is one reason among many why "article's" like this are published. Very powerful people's fortune's rest on it staying illegal. On a quick note mr. Bella might want to look up L.E.A.P. law enforcement against prohibition. If for nothing else than to hear what some of his fellow retired officers have to say and with any luck... Educate him a little.

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If marijuana was legalized there would be no point in dealers pushing it. It would no longer be a "gateway" drug. Kids would use it less because low lives wouldn't be selling it to them. And of course it could always be grown at home but remember who you're talking about. Those who smoke pot aren't going to want to put forth the effort to grow it if you can just cruise down the road and get govt strength pot without any chance of them being out or having to go through three or four people and a full tank of gas just to get it. This is america. We like convenience and are willing to pay for it. Why do you think our country is full of fat people? People who smoke pot don't hurt anyone. You may have the occasional fool but they'd be a fool without being high. People who smoke are to easily thrown into the reckless partying cheech and chong stereotype. Just cause were high doesn't mean were retarded nor does it mean were lazy. Stoners could be just as productive as nonstoners. Quit looking down on us and lets try to see eye to eye. You just might find that were no different than anyone else.

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