
Subject: Re: Marijuana legalization
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I read it, and it offers some interesting points.

The only benefits are medical, which has never been in dispute.

The guy isn't as smart as perhaps he could be. He "needs" Marijuana in order to create great works.

Marijuana causes short term memory loss (while intoxicated). Wow, getting high and not being able to remember what I did. That sounds promising. Perhaps people will start "legally" getting high just prior to committing a crime. Now have a valid legal defense.

It also claims that smoking marijuana has the potential to cause both bronchitis and cancer of the lungs, throat, and neck. Yet another non-medical "benefit" that you were talking about? Oh yes, it may also affect your lungs immune system, and cause your body to change how your heart functions. These benefits really start piling up!.

It also mentions a point you brought up, so I thought I'd mention it again.

Quote:Authorities spend, no, waste millions of dollars going after people who smoke a recreational drug while rapists, murderers, fraudsters, and hard drug dealers roam the streets.

Why should this be the strongest case supporters have for legalizing it? I mean, you could legalize speeding as well. It doesn't harm anyone if you know what you are doing, and police stop them when they could be out catching the criminals that are more dangerous. Think of all the resources that could be diverted elsewhere if speeding were to be made legal! I mean, it works fine on the autobahn, so why not here? You could also (as I mentioned before) legalize petty crime! Sure people are harmed by it, but "everyone" does it, and people will never stop doing it, so think of how much money the legal system would save by not prosecuting these people!

Edit: before I forget, the link also brings up the fact that the dutch partially legalized it, and less people do the hard drugs. Again I say that this is irrelevant. Of course people will stop with the hard drugs, because a different drug was made legal. If you switched Marijuana with speed, LSD or Ecstasy, the same thing would probably hold true. Less use of coke and Heroin, and more use of the product that was made legal.
