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Subject: Re: Marijuana

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Some folks get illegal and immoral mixed up, and start to think that something's legal standing is directly associated to how right or wrong it is.

j\_ball pretty much nailed it on the head- murder, drunk driving, robbing banks, all those things are both illegal and immoral. They violate the rights of other people besides the person committing the act, therefore they are wrong. Laws exist to protect the common folk from other people who would take away or violate their rights.

Laws do NOT exist to tell people what they can and cannot do with their own bodies. Having a beer or smoking a joint does nothing to violate the rights of anyone besides the person consuming the substance, provided they do it where the use of that substance is welcome.

Legislated morality is one of the biggest problems facing our nation (and the whole world, for that matter); you can see its effects in everything from videogames to that stupid proposal for a marriage amendment. The government has NO right to tell its citizens what they may or may not do with regards to their private lives; government exists only to protect the people from other people, not from themselves.

All that said, I don't support the legalization of hard drugs, such as heroin or cocaine- the reason for that is simple: there isn't a person around who can control those addictions. Whenever someone becomes addicted to hard drugs it typically leads to them becoming more violent. They will do anything for their next fix after a point, up to and including destroying their families, stealing, and committing murder.

That isn't the case with weed. There are certainly cases of people who let their habit get way out of control, but you may find cases of people who did that with alcohol as well. Pot, IMHO, is a waste of a person's money, body, and time, but it's not my place or anyone else's to tell someone they can't use it if they really want to. Weed, unlike hard drugs, just doesn't do enough damage on its own to push a person over the edge into being a threat to the people around them.

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