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Subject: Re: weed

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Javacx wrote on Thu, 12 July 2007 15:56BlueThen wrote on Wed, 11 July 2007 14:22You guys practically know nothing about weed or other drugs. Just google them and you'll see some of the effects.

If you think weed is good for you, then you're honestly a dumb-ass.

Good for you? Probably not. But bad for you? Continuing studies are showing that THC (not weed per se) doesn't do anything adverse to you physically. In fact as it stands, the only people who seem to be adversely affected by THC are those without the psychological fortitude to stop. It is experimentally shown not to be chemically addictive, but in many cases it is extremely psychologically addictive. The irony is that because the line of psycho-addiction is so blurry, most stoners have no idea they are in fact dependent on it. I would imagine that a decent percentage of users on this board have some kind of psychological addiction to THC and are completely oblivious to it. Pound for pound, THC requires virtually hundreds of times the dosage as opposed to say alcohol before a lethal dose is a reality.

That said, marijuana and THC are two completely different things. Stoners and non-smokers alike make the misconception frequently enough that because studies show that THC isn't necessarily bad for you, that marijuana must also be harmless. That simply isn't the case. They think that smoking the plant is harmless when in fact it is extremely harmful. Filtration supposedly helps but I personally doubt it. The irony is that if stoners simply ate the plant, it would be as harmless as consuming just the THC by itself. I would further imagine that chemical addiction is a real possibility when you smoke the stuff; not because of the THC, but because of the hundreds of other chemicals which are oxidizing and staying in your lungs while you hold your breath.

As for legislation, I stand by what I said before. I'm proven to be competent and able to handle both small arms, large arms, and automatic firearms by the government. But I'm not allowed to own a machinegun for some reason. I personally think if I don't intend to hurt anyone with it then I should be able to own one because I want one. I don't NEED it by any means, but on that note stoners don't necessarily NEED weed. They're not necessarily hurting anyone when they use it, and if they are competent then they won't necessarily hurt themselves. But here's the problem. If I am allowed to own a machine gun, then all you guys need to do is complete a standard firearms safety course and complete your basic training with the army and you'll be as qualified as me. But that doesn't stop someone from abusing the now-widely accessible legal system. In fact, it just gives potential criminals a means to an ends. On the same note, while most of you here will not be a danger smoking pot, there just needs to be one of you to go for a drive while high to put your mother, father, or siblings in mortal danger. And it would've been utterly legal and mindnumbingly easy for you to get the pot in the first place. Alcohol has the exact same problem. I hardly see why, in the spirit of 'feeling good', I should support putting another abusive substance into the pool of legality. There are millions of ways to feel good on this planet that don't involve intoxication; get out of your parent's basement and go for a walk.

Please can you make more posts in this forum.

I understand your point about stupid people gaining access to it and it's a compelling argument - my view however is that the benefits of legalising it outway the disadvantages and punishment for using whilst driving should be just as strict as are applied to alcohol (I am aware that wasn't your point, merely adding a comment)

Problem is I enjoy the action of smoking as much as the high itself

I am pretty confident that I can say I am not dependant or addicted on it though, when I can afford it I smoke some probably 5 days a week - but equally I can go without it and regularly do for weeks at a time, I stopped smoking it for about 9 months straight simply because I was living with my girlfriend who didn't smoke and I virtually always smoke with friends.

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