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?lien - August 30, 2014, 10:34 am

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1n9i9c7om - August 30, 2014, 10:44 am

Good luck to everyone who applies, this is a great chance to get the new award for free. :)

Redwall - August 30, 2014, 10:47 am

1. No I don't believe Marijuana should be legalized.
2. Smoking causes cancer and weed is illegal.

well then - August 30, 2014, 10:47 am

If I had gotten warning for a stupid reason am I still not eligible for this contest?

Satan? - August 30, 2014, 10:50 am

Now what if I have scam reports that are invalid.

?nxy - August 30, 2014, 10:50 am

1. Yes
2. I think it's harmless and causes unnecessary problems being illegal.

Bro? - August 30, 2014, 10:53 am

1. Yes

2. It could be used for many purposes, including helping people with seizures and etc.

Edit: Lol group poll. Guess this contest is useless to me since 'sin hates meh

Autonomous - August 30, 2014, 10:55 am

Do you think marijuana should be legalized?
Yes.

Why do I think Marijuana should be legalized?
I think it's a good idea because it does more good for the human body than bad.
It is also a possible cure for cancer.

spidum - August 30, 2014, 10:58 am

Do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

Yes

Why do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

The real question is why is marijuana not legal?

It's a natural plant that grows in the dirt.

It has been used by hundreds of cultures for thousands of years with no problem. Its benefits have been well understood for centuries and those who choose to use it understand its potential negatives as well.

Do you know what's not natural?

80 year old guys with hard-ons. That's not natural.

But we got pills for that. And ads that tell you the tens of side effects of them.

But thats OK?

We're dedicating all our medical resources to keeping the old guys erect,
but we're putting people in jail for something that grows in the dirt?

The current state of this situation is a disgrace and must be changed.

Vince - August 30, 2014, 11:00 am

Do I believe it should be legalized? Yes. Truth be told, it should never have been made illegal. I do not smoke it by any means, but the benefits of marijuana can not be overlooked because of the years of shame that were placed upon it. What truly started the shame toward it was because of a man by the name of Harry J. Anslinger. In 1930, the government formed the Federal Bureau of

Narcotics, and placed Anslinger as the head of that division. It's main concerns were to deal with opiates and cocaine at the time (we are talking about the 1930's, when those drugs were huge back then because of the Alcohol Prohibition). He immediately realized that opiates and cocaine wouldn't be enough to help build his agency, so he latched on to marijuana and started to work on making it illegal at the federal level. His main themes that helped support his push to make it illegal was racism and violence to help draw attention to it from the nation. It worked, as we can all tell now, as it is mainly illegal in most states. Modern society is now realizing that it is a big mistake and are now starting to take the needed steps legalize it throughout the nation. I personally think it should be legalized because of the medical benefits, and have you really seen any crimes committed because of a person being on marijuana? The nation is starting to get behind it, so I will as well.

Thanks for holding the contest, I may not win, but it's nice to see the group helping out the community now.

Meow - August 30, 2014, 11:02 am

Good luck to everyone! I have warning level so I wont apply! ?

Renowned - August 30, 2014, 11:03 am

Good luck to all applicants, it's a super sexy award. :P

Baws - August 30, 2014, 11:04 am

- 1) hell yeah
- 2) the nug's so beautiful...how can u not...smoke weed 420blazeitfagit

Aurora - August 30, 2014, 11:05 am

Good luck to everyone entering this contest.

dr.owl - August 30, 2014, 11:07 am

1. No
2. If it is legal, everyone will start using it, they will start using it to think better, do better... and at last there will be a time when people can do nothing without it.

Sholay - - August 30, 2014, 11:07 am

- 1.) I believe that marijuana should be legalized.
- 2.) It has many health benefits and would decrease the amount of people we have in our prisons.

?Alexander - August 30, 2014, 11:09 am

Just wanted to say good luck to everyone. That the best may win ?

Aurora - August 30, 2014, 11:20 am

(Aug 30, 2014 10:53 AM)Bro? Wrote: [CITE](#) 1. Yes

2. It could be used for many purposes, including helping people with seizures and etc.

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You do realize other members of the group cast their votes as well right? Give it a shot. You may never know. Don't give up like that. ?

iloominati - August 30, 2014, 11:23 am

Do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

Yes for medial treatments, no for the rest of the population

Why do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

I think it should be legalized for people who have a medical need for it. The reason I don't think it needs to be legalized for the rest of the people is because alcohol has damaged the world in a lot of ways and has caused so many issues. I've seen folks who need to escape from reality and get high and fill their homes with second hand smoke so their children can inhale it, and get so stoned that they can't deal with their children's problems, I've seen where drug use leads. For a lot of people it leads to being all around the house even with children in them, not working and not taking care of their kids and not dealing with things. I'm not saying everyone is like that. But if marijuana was readily available 24/7 for free, how many kids do you think would suffer while their parents went off and got too stoned to deal with reality?

flux. - August 30, 2014, 11:24 am

Good luck to everyone who is entering, I'm not going to enter as I really have no knowledge of the topic.

1n9i9c7om - August 30, 2014, 11:31 am

(Aug 30, 2014 10:53 AM)Bro? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Edit: Lol group poll. Guess this contest is useless to me since 'sin hates meh

Dafuq? The group doesn't consist of one person, lol.

Tonight - August 30, 2014, 11:41 am

// Do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

I do believe that marijuana should be completely legalized for recreational use. It's relatively harmless if consumed right and has caused very few accidents as oppose to alcohol. I predict it'll be legal by 2020 anyway and we're on the right track with Colorado and Washington's legalization. More importantly, I think we should begin decriminalization now and work our way to complete legalization.

// State your case: [For] or Against

I wrote a tremendously long essay in support a few years ago, but I have no idea where I put it so I'll freeball this. First off, it has medicinal uses and is a lot safer to consume (i.e. vape with no carcinogens) than most of these prescription medications that everybody gets addicted to after surgeries or whatever. After living with my father through all of his treatments I'm completely against what these pills doctors give you do, but that's an entirely different topic. Moving on, taxation. Do you realize how heavily the US could tax marijuana and people would still buy it? We have a seventeen trillion dollar debt right now. When do we intend on paying that back? Thirdly, the war on drugs is a joke. Why are we spending billions on raiding these small grow ops for marijuana when people are literally cooking meth in their garages (at least where I'm from). We should be getting real drugs off the street. There's plenty more reasons but let's be honest, who's going to thoroughly read though all of these responses. I love you, bye.

Dean Winchester? - August 30, 2014, 11:56 am

Legalize?

Yes.

Why?

To be completely honest I never saw how it was made illegal to begin with.

There are also a lot of medical benefits (It even helps against cancer), and it is a good painkiller.

Weed > Alcohol

Weed > Tobacco

Politicians never seem to have any good arguments as to why they don't legalize it.

Maybe there's a reason for that :P

?lien - August 30, 2014, 12:23 pm

Three things I feel need to be stated:

1. You can make your submission however you want and as in-depth as you want as long as you answer the two questions but I would advise your answers be more thorough than a large number of the ones I've seen so far. It is highly unlikely that you will be a finalist if it appears that you've put only a few minutes worth of effort into your post.

2. Yes, the group as a whole determines the outcome of this contest. All Phoenix members are a part of helping to decide the finalists as well as vote on which finalist wins. If we have 10+ very good entries for the contest then we will select at least 10 finalists to be in the poll that determines the winner. The group poll to decide the winner is not public so nobody in the group will know who another group member voted for unless they tell them.

3. The scam reports requirement is for open and unresolved scam reports only. If you have scam reports but they have been resolved and closed then you are eligible.

4. If you are not quite at 20 rep or 200 posts but are fairly close and meet all other requirements then go ahead and enter this contest with a submission. We're not going to keep someone from winning if they meet all requirements but are at 18 rep or 190 posts (or something similar).

There's been some good entries so far and I'm sure many more to come. I'd suggest anyone who's entered by making a very short submission that took a minute or two that they go back and revise their entry to be of a better quality. Anyone can revise their post and submission up until the contest stops taking new submissions late Friday evening.

B?STILLE - August 30, 2014, 12:25 pm

1. Yes

2. TN.

I live in the Bible Belt, so this region of the country will probably be the last to pass it. It should be passed because of the way it stimulates the economy.

Aurora - August 30, 2014, 12:27 pm

(Aug 30, 2014 12:25 PM)Jonah Hill Wrote: [CITE](#) 1. Yes

2. TN.

I live in the Bible Belt, so this region of the country will probably be the last to pass it. It should be passed because of the way it stimulates the economy.

I'm going to straight out tell you that this post won't make it to the finals. Take a look at Alien's post above you.

Actually, I'll leave this here just for you. Less scrolling. ?

(Aug 30, 2014 12:23 PM)?lien Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) There's been some good entries so far and I'm sure many more to come. I'd suggest anyone who's entered by making a very short submission that took a minute or two that they go back and revise their entry to be of a better quality. Anyone can revise their post and submission up until the contest stops taking new submissions late Friday evening.

Robust - August 30, 2014, 12:28 pm

Marijuana - Legalise It

I am not a smoker, I don't really have any interest in partaking in any of that, nor do I feel like I want to participate in smoking, whether the drug is marijuana or tobacco, illegal or legal.

Marijuana is already legal as medicine in many countries and states. I'll majorly cover America and UK though. Take a look at the Wikipedia for where it is legal and not.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legality_of_cannabis_by_country

It is legal in 20 states as medicine, and decriminalised in 14 states. That is definitely progression. Also, it can be seen by the chart that the law is often poorly enforced, and whilst illegal many people tend to smoke it anyway. As for the UK

Quote:Cannabis is a Class B drug (moderate risk) in the UK. Police enforcement actions vary from county to county but possession of less than 3 grams is unlikely to result in any more than a mere confiscation and a written warning for the first two cannabis possession offences.

It's classed as a Class B drug, and that causes it to be illegal in the UK. As we can see on the map on Wikipedia however, it isn't really enforced that well, and I personally see people with it a lot. It's taken seriously though, there is a big difference between the two. A friend got thrown out of College as he was caught smoking it. Anyhow, I don't really think this is necessary. The US is obviously thinking further and more broadly than the UK is in regards to Cannabis.

Once again referring to the map, it is enforced with rather severe punishments in a lot of countries, many are not first world countries but that doesn't matter. It is illegal to even be in possession of it in lots of countries. It's obviously not an easy task to legalise it globally, but it's definitely a good possibility to happen soon all across the US.

Marijuana isn't really illegal due to being a "moderate risk" drug in my opinion. Think about it this way - what's the worst that can happen by smoking it? A little bit of lost memory, perhaps pain due to laughing too much. That can cause issue while driving or something, but same goes with alcohol, just as a case example (yeah I know you shouldn't be drink driving anyway). Honestly, it's illegal due to another reason, perhaps because the government profits more from busting big marijuana areas.

We know for a fact that there are medical purposes of marijuana, and supporter or not nobody can deny that marijuana does indeed have a purpose medically. It proves to be good as medicine, for cases like depression, and obviously a wide range of things.

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I'm not interested in smoking either, once again. But take a look for yourself, the difference is obvious.

While I say that, there should probably be an age restriction of course. 18 minimal, but anywhere up to 25 is suitable. If anyone wants to smoke it then it's their choice, and as long as it doesn't cause harm to someone else under influence then it isn't that bad of a thing.

Obviously I'd educate my kids (assuming I have any) on the dangers and why not to smoke it, but I wouldn't really force anything on them after they hit the legal age to make their own decisions, until then I wouldn't really appreciate them being drug addicts, or after but I wouldn't really have much of a say in their actions then. But my point is that if people want to smoke, they should be able to smoke something much less hazardous to their health than tobacco, which clearly is hazardous to health, causes cancer in various parts of the body, other diseases, and tons of other effects.

Educate people as it's already done with alcohol, tobacco etc, tell them the dangers, empathise the dangers, let people make their own choice. That's just my two cents. Merci.

b0ngt0ker420 - August 30, 2014, 12:45 pm

I love the contest your hosting Alien. This will be my favorite award of course.

I have a BS warning level for "BlackHat" activity. Soo stupid. This is HF and can't offer a service from a exploit I found with a temporary event. Incredibly stupid..

I'm just gonna purchase this myself later and let an extra 25% get donated.

Cyrus - August 30, 2014, 1:14 pm

I believe marijuana should be legalized.

Because the only reason it is illegal is because the government makes more money that way. Nothing more, nothing less.

One example: Drug busts. They make millions of dollars from single drug busts.

This part is irrelevant: The CIA was caught been involved in bringing the cocaine into the black projects in 1990's.

Enigmaze - August 30, 2014, 2:10 pm

Another great contest by Phoenix, thanks guys! Hopefully this one ends up more in my favor than the Ub3r upgrade one.

I got very excited when I saw the new award because I'm a strong believer that marijuana should be legalized and am very interested in the matter. I'd love to have this sexy award.

Do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

In my humble opinion, marijuana should definitely be legalized. Both medically and recreationally. Simply put, prohibition just doesn't work. It didn't work out for alcohol, it's not working for marijuana, and frankly it's not working for ANY drug.

State your case: why or why not?

First of all the medical aspect.

Marijuana can immensely help so much people. It's a pain reliever, it has antitumor effects, it helps out Alzheimer patients (I've seen this first hand with my grandfather), it can help treat epilepsy, diabetes, Tourette's, sleep disorders and many more conditions!

Why are we not legalizing this plant right now?

Like I said, prohibition doesn't work.

The violence and crimes associated with marijuana are caused by prohibition. Due to marijuana being illegal the market has to be underground and this is what causes all the problems.

Buyers and sellers can't solve their disputes by means like lawsuits, so instead they have to resort to violence.

We saw this same thing happen during the alcohol prohibition. Violence associated with alcohol

production and sales was very common during that period, but not before or after the prohibition.

If I remember correctly, marijuana is the largest cash crop in the USA and probably all over the world. For decades now governments have tried to stop the distribution of marijuana and have failed miserably.

Besides, the cost of enforcing the prohibition is just too high. Governments all over the world are spending buttloads of money on arrests for marijuana possession. We are wasting jail space and we are wasting valuable time of the law enforcement and courts.

Imagine cutting all these costs and instead making a profit from marijuana because of taxes. This would greatly benefit governments all around the world.

It's also a scientific fact that marijuana isn't a lethal drug. A marijuana overdose is simply nearly impossible, the worst that can happen is you fall asleep and wake up a bit groggy.

Legal drugs like alcohol and tobacco are more addictive than marijuana, their side effects are more harming and overall they're more toxic.

More so, if marijuana was to be legalized, vaporizers and edibles would be more accessible, making it even safer to use.

My biggest argument pro legalization is still this one though:

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Lastly, I'd like to talk about why marijuana became illegal.

It all started with big corporations wanting hemp banned because it could destroy their enterprises. Hemp was used for creating oil, paper, plastics and clothing and was very common. Obviously they couldn't ban hemp itself.

Conveniently though that same plant was used as a drug by black people and Hispanics. So what they did was give it some slang name nobody had ever heard of (marihuana) and start campaigns against it.

I'm guessing we've all heard about the Reefer Madness film where they tell us marijuana is a violent narcotic, leads to incurable insanity, has soul-destroying effects and whatnot.

Today we obviously know this isn't true but back then the general population accepted this as true and these misconceptions have been around ever since.

Another 'fact' about marijuana that's still widely believed is that it kills brain cells.

This idea got spread because of 1 experiment where monkeys were apparently administered 30 joints/day. The results were that there was actual brain damage to the monkeys and these results were picked up by a lot of newspapers and that's how the idea spread.

However, after years of requests on how the experiment was performed, the researchers told us that the monkeys were administered about 60 joints within 5 minutes through a gasmask. Basically this means that the brain cells weren't killed off by the marijuana, the monkeys were simply suffocated. What actually happened was their brain cells dying because of lack of oxygen.

Numerous experiments after this one show us that this indeed isn't true and some even show us the opposite, marijuana could stimulate brain cell growth. Somehow these experiments don't get as much attention as the first one...

Good luck to everyone entering the contest! ?

?lien - August 30, 2014, 3:00 pm

(Aug 30, 2014 12:45 PM)b0ngt0ker420 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I love the contest your hosting Alien. This will be my favorite award of course.

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I'm just gonna purchase this myself later and let an extra 25% get donated.

Sounds like you have a good plan. Future giveaways will still happen so no worries.

Wired? - August 30, 2014, 3:01 pm

Should it be legalized?: Yes. I believe Marijuana should be legalized for various reasons.

State your case: I do not support the legalization because I want to use it, I am fully against drugs. However, keeping Marijuana illegal is just causing a whole bunch of problems and wasting valuable resources.

Police are never going to be able to fully stop this issue, in fact, they have barely made a dent. For every one large supplier they stop, 10 more arise. Instead of wasting valuable resources on a never-ending war, the police should focus on bigger issues. Marijuana isn't even that much of a health hazard, and yet, if you are caught with a large amount, you can go to prison for years with murderers and rapists, just for possession of an almost harmless drug.

In my opinion, if this was legalized, it would actually lower the amount of smokers. People like to rebel against the law, that's just a known fact. Since Marijuana is illegal, a lot of people do it not just for the feeling, but also because they like the risk factor involved with doing it, since it's illegal. If it was legal, I think less people would be smoking it, because since it would be legal, they wouldn't feel rebellious anymore. For example, a few countries have no age restrictions on alcohol, and alcohol abuse in those countries is far less than alcohol abuse in places where there are age limits. I believe that the same thing applies to the legalization of Marijuana.

Another reason is that it's safer than cigarettes. According to some researches that I read, smoking a cigarette is more dangerous than smoking Marijuana. How does it make sense to make a safer drug illegal? If that logic applies for cigarettes, why isn't Cocaine legal? (Fully against those cocaine, just using it as a comparison.)

Marijuana is overall safer than cigarettes, police are fighting an endless war against it, and if it was legal, you could see a lot less people using it. These points are why I believe Marijuana should be legal.

Thank you for reading my entry, and good luck to everyone else entering.

Eternal. - August 30, 2014, 3:03 pm

Good luck to all contestants. I am interested in reading all of your answers on why you think marijuana should be legalized. This is a pretty awesome award, I hope to see a lot of participation.

Mikavw - August 30, 2014, 4:06 pm

Do you think marijuana should be legalized?

Yes, I do believe marijuana should be legalized.

State your case: why or why not?

I think marijuana should be legalized because:

1:

For years, marijuana has been successfully used to help people with serious health issues, particularly with cancer patients.

Cancer patients should not have to travel to states where it is legal just to get treatment that can make their lives better and allow them to feel better.

Because of the stigma attached to marijuana, many sick patients are afraid to get marijuana.

Additionally, legalizing marijuana will allow sick patients to have it without having to jump through hoops just to get it for medicinal purposes.

Marijuana has proven to have health benefits for more than just cancer patients.

These are some of the health benefits of cannabis:

1: It can stop HIV from spreading through your body and slow the progression of Alzheimer's and cancer.

2: It can relieve Muscle Tension and even Spasm

3: It can help out with loss of appetite (which can happen during treatment of diseases such as Cancer and HIV).

4: It can also ease the symptoms of Nausea and Insomnia.

5: It can prevent or help with opiate addiction.

6: It combats depression, anxiety, ADHD, epilepsy and Tourette's

And the list goes on and on.

2:

While alcohol and prescription drugs are responsible for almost 200,000 deaths each year, marijuana is safe to use and will not kill you.

Before marijuana could even begin to be harmful, an individual would have to consume more than it's even possible to consume.

3:

Additional Revenue:

Whether it's for cities, states or countries, revenue is always important.

Marijuana is the largest crop in the nation and legalizing marijuana can bring more jobs into an area or a country.

More jobs equal more revenue, which is needed to help our sagging economy.

Just think of the taxes that can be charged on the sale of marijuana.

This type of large revenue can be extremely helpful in paying for many government programs.

Legalizing marijuana will keep revenue in your own country where it can help your residents.

4:

It would save on Court Costs:

Every day thousands or more individuals are arrested for using or possessing marijuana, which results in filled courts and excessive court costs.

Legalizing marijuana will eliminate the court costs and allow the courts to concentrate on serious legal cases.

5:

Fewer Full Jails and Prisons

With so many arrests and incarcerations due to marijuana arrests, our jails and prisons are filled. Feeding and providing for these prisoners costs taxpayers a lot of money.

Additionally, more money is always needed to build new and larger jails and prisons to house these prisoners.

Something extra I'd like to add:

Thank you so much for hosting this giveaway!

And good luck to everyone whose entering this amazing contest!

Do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

No

Why do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

I believe that marijuana should continue to be illegal. People that say that it is not bad for you and that it does not cause you any problems do not know what they are completely saying. Most of the things that old people say about it are actually true and some people are just too stubborn to believe it. People say that weed can not kill you when both of my uncles are in hospitals suffering from schizophrenia and bipolar. Have you ever heard someone say that weed is a gateway drug? And then you thought to yourself that they are a idiot for thinking that it is a gateway drug and that you will never do anything more than weed? Weed is a gateway drug and when you begin smoking and getting a smokers reputation you will be introduced to more and more heavy drugs. Now on to the actually legalization part of it, I think that if it is legalized it more people will think that's not harmful and that there is nothing wrong with it. This will lead to more people using it and more problems. More people would use it when it is legal and it would even more. Of course people will still do it when it is illegal but even more will when it is legal.

lucky. - August 30, 2014, 4:46 pm

Do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

Absolutely.

Why so?

Regarding medical legalization, with proven and well studied cases of marijuana having benefits to cancer, cataracts, and more it can be a great use in the medical field, as it is currently in some areas. As for legalizing recreational use, I also support. Because things such as alcohol and tobacco are legal (Not saying they shouldn't be by the way), which tobacco has been proven to significantly increase risk of lung cancer/gum cancer, and alcohol being a poison, I figure what is the seriousness of legalizing marijuana? Marijuana does alter the mind, as any other drug does, but it is far less dangerous than currently legalized substances and can provide medicinal benefits. I would like to note that I do understand there are negative effects from smoking marijuana; smoke is never a good thing to have in your lungs for one, and for those under 25 (Brain is said to be fully developed at that age) it can stunt the brain's development.

-Here is a little edit since I realized I completely skipped over the economy. The U.S. used to kick ass with cotton, that was their thing back then. During these times the U.S. was economically alright, however now it is down in trillions of debt owed to other countries. Marijuana, having many uses, definitely has the potential to bring the country out of debt.

Hemp can be used for an immense amount of products, some being oil, fuel, fiber, wax, and cloth. Yeah, many uses, but why pick marijuana when there are already trees being used for many of these products? Well it adopted the name weed for a reason -- it grows much faster than trees and therefore can provide more, and at a cheap cost to raise and produce (Being a weed). Agriculture, though smaller now, can still be used to make money off of, marijuana could easily be the next cash crop just as tobacco was/is.

Not going to lie, I'm down with getting high from the THC in marijuana, recreational use would be great, but even aside from that the benefits for the country economically is something the government needs to review over.

That is my 2 cents on the topic. ?

Hakuna Matata - August 30, 2014, 4:58 pm

I have several opinions about marijuana.

I don't smoke it, however I'm a big cigarette smoker which I do believe is worse than marijuana in some ways.

So, since cigarettes are available for adults - they should do the same with marijuana.

But then again, do we really want to get more people to smoke? Some say that marijuana doesn't have any bad sides, yet I certainly believe that it does.

Smoke is never healthy. It doesn't matter if it's smoke from tobacco, marijuana or even a fucking tree. It's unhealthy to get smoke in your lungs.

Also I do believe it causes an addiction. Everyone who says it doesn't - bullshit. I have several friends who gets sweaty and shaky if they don't smoke it atleast once a day.

So, in the end I'm splitted.

So I guess I'll say, legalize it for medical reasons.

Aurora - August 30, 2014, 5:02 pm

I like the entries so far. Only one so far has grasp my attention. Keep these entries coming. Looking forward to reading all of yours on the last day.

The GRim - August 30, 2014, 7:49 pm

Awesome contest mate. Keep up the good work :).

Yumi - August 30, 2014, 9:03 pm

I love these in depth entries! Keep posting guys, I've seen some awesome entries so far!

Target™ - August 30, 2014, 9:05 pm

1) Yes, i do.

2) Well, i live in a place that it is legal first off. Secondly, i think it is legal because it brings no harm. It should be kept in-doors, not public and just like drinking laws. It's nothing harmful to people, it won't kill someone.

Nate - August 31, 2014, 1:00 am

Yes I believe Mary Jane should be legal. It will help stop lots of useless money going to Drug Wars, and Marijuana is not a very Dangerous drug. USA can tax the shit out of it, and make quite a big amount from it. I think it is a great addition to have Marijuana.

+Cloud - August 31, 2014, 1:17 am

Do you think marijuana should be legalized?

Yes i do.

Why do I think Marijuana should be legalized?

I just dont understand why you can go buy a box of beers and get wasted/gocrazy then forget it all

like it was no sweat, weed is so unharmlful and yet people think its the worst drug of them all. Also it should be legalized for medicinal use as well 0-.- i hate seeing those reports on the news when people are getting arrested for giving away medicinal weed.

Vibe - August 31, 2014, 5:12 am

I think marijuana should be legal, It was made illegal because no one could patent the plant, meaning big pharm companies would loss money off of their other drugs. Marijuana is safer then most legal drugs, and is a huge market for the gangs and cartels. If it were legalized people would grow it them selfs, or go though a regulated shop where they'd check id, preventing younger kids from being able to buy it. The shops would cause the illegal market for weed to crash, decreasing the amount of money the gangs and such are getting. The only people who loss off Legalizing it are, Drug Dealers, and Big Pharm companies, everyone else only benefits form the abundance of jobs and tax money being brought into america.

Nivarka - August 31, 2014, 5:18 am

I am not entering this contest. I am purely thanking the members of Phoenix for doing this for the community.

Jaatinen - August 31, 2014, 5:43 am

Do you think marijuana should be legalized?

Yes.

Why do I think Marijuana should be legalized?

In my humble opinion about marijuana is that it's less dangerous than alcohol. It has been legalized in many countries (in some USA's states too!) already as you know. It is used as a cure for medical reasons, it makes people relaxed, removes pain and no one has died for marijuana. You can't even overdose it :)

Also if I've read correctly, it can cure cancer also.

Unauthenticated - August 31, 2014, 11:39 am

Do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

Yes.

State your case: Why or why not?

Well it's obvious that this is similar to alcohol situation with Al Capone, there's a huge black market behind this beatiful plant, I studied economy and I can have a strong investigation in Mexico about Legalizing Marijuana, people will argue I'm an addict or just lost because of this "drug", I believe it will be legalized soon, the wars and the corruption taken in Mexico is beyond everyone's knowledge, you just have to be into it to realize how bad it is, people will say "Yea Mexico is unsafe ~ Mexico paradise of drugs ~ etc..", it's kind of funny how people in my town will kill someone on your desire for less than \$50 USD.

Believe it or not they just want to have a good smoke and forget all this corruption and bloody war that we're living in here, if government is killing US with corruption and moronic laws that prevent people using a gorgeous plant to have fun, in my poor

opinion, it'll be legalized soon.

It has a lot of health benefits if it's consumed properly and not abused like any other thing in this world,

also I'd like to be clear that I edit this everytime I get high sorry about that ?

I will also point that Mexico is importing a lot of drugs to USA and that a lot of cartel druglords are already in USA sitting in their house, having fun and being untouched.

"Drugs consume is terrible, but the illegal traffic of drugs is worse." said by José Mujica.

There's a huge hidden market behind this plant and it should be legalized as soon as possible, everywhere, it's up to anyone to drink alcohol, it should be up to anyone to get high and laugh with weed.

Also most of the legal drugs are more dangerous than this plant and almost anyone that haven't tried it

will have a bad opinion about it because they lack of experience and knowledge to have an opinion about this "drug".

Also it'll make the economy grow... Believe or not?

If people is killing people to have a smoke, people will work for a smoke, that's not a question in here, if you're dehumanized to do something illegal, you'll do anything for it if it's legal.

Quote:The illegallity of cannabis is outrageous,
an impediment to full utilization of a "drug"
which helps produce the serenity and insight,
sensitivity and fellowship so desperately
needed in this increasingly mad and dangerous world.

~Carl Sagan

I have a lot to write about this, but I'll just post the critical point of view of myself, a Mexican.

Eclectic - August 31, 2014, 12:01 pm

Yes, I believe it should be legalized.

Because for fuck sake its harmless, tobacco and alcohol cause more damage. I mean just look at all the people/companies that oppose the motion to legalize it. You'll notice 1 thing. They are primarily tobacco and Alcohol companies, why wouldn't they, it would totally fuck up their business.

Thanks for this contest. ?

SIM-2015410 - August 31, 2014, 6:53 pm

I am not going to add any of the huge images to my post, I don't think it needs it ?.

I think it should be legalised but heavily taxed. I think that if it is illegal it doesn't stop people, it just drives it underground. It may discourage, but a heavy tax will also discourage. If a tax is in place, that will help compensate for any negative effects caused. I believe that if it was legal, it could also be used for medicinal purposes, an opportunity not present when the drug is illegal.

When it comes down to it, weed has negative effects. But it is better for the people to make choices to govern their lives, not have the government make the choices for them. Alcohol is not illegal, and it is just as bad in most ways, so I don't see any reason why marijuana is illegal. It could be a large business to strengthen the economy and provide a lot more government revenue through the tax.

Thanks for this contest Phoenix, I love your group! You upgraded my friend Sinister in your last contest, so you are in my good books ?. I would really love to win the weed award :)

Gladly - September 1, 2014, 7:54 am

1.) Yes, it should be legalized.

2.) I believe the advantages of legalization outweigh the disadvantages. Legalization would mean decreased crime rates. It also has a giant potential for tax revenue for the government. One of the biggest plus sides is it has a huge medicinal potential, helping chemotherapy patients, those with PTSD, Epilepsy, and many other conditions. Lastly, it has been proven to be successful in states it has been legalized. Just look at Colorado, and California (purely medical), they're doing just fine with legalization and clearly the government will make lots of money taxing it. There's no real downside to legalization.

Thanks for reading.

Timbit - September 1, 2014, 2:03 pm

I think it should be legalized. Why? Josh Gordon - 1 Year suspension from NFL for weed. Ray Rice - 2 games suspension for domestic violence on video

98329101-41201 - September 1, 2014, 2:23 pm

1. Do you believe Marijuana should be legalized?

-With all respect to everyone and their reasons, I'm completely for legalization.

2. state your case: Why or Why Not?

-Well my reasons vary from many aspects I'll explain this spoiler.

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

My personal standing on the legalization of Marijuana

I come from a family deeply rooted in many varieties of different medical fields and this has always been a very simple answer for us, Marijuana should of been legalized a long time ago, while it's true

the massive medical benefits could potentially dent hospitals and many other health based businesses, it's better to think more about the people themselves rather than these big companies that play their organizations like it's a game of Monopoly and human lives are simply nothing more than game pieces to be dealt and spent.

We live in a society today more than ever that tries to constantly value and inspect the worth of human life and how much benefit and self gain we get from their continued existence, it's a sad truth that cost many innocent good people their lives because you must meet preset requirements on every single thing in their twisted game and many people simply cannot, we market medicine in so many varieties and we cut every single corner possible to force people to hand out more money instead of addressing this matter as a sick living human being (Same as me or you) that's in dire need of medication and help and we turn a blind eye to them when the coin stops talking.

I've been raised by my parents to see the best in everyone and it's sad when I see giant corporations marketing diluted medications at prices that are easily clearing 300% profit of actual manufacturing cost and they proudly walk around boasting that we're making a difference and helping people when they're really just helping themselves, with the legalization of Marijuana we could eliminate a lot of this and many would argue it's bad because we're hurting companies, but these companies have lost their ways of helping people and have instead become consumed by greed and the bottomless search for the almighty coin, it's like a Government, they serve the people, not the other way around and to the companies that would lose out on money if this became legal, I would happily support this until the end because a money is just paper and metal and it can never compare to an actual human life.

The Economic Stimulation with Legalization

It's been shown with the testing of legalization in the state of Colorado that the legalization of medical and recreational marijuana use greatly stimulated the economy too such an extreme that has barely ever been seen or recorded in history, within the month of January 2014 the city of Colorado brought in over \$2,000,000 in taxes from the sale of recreational marijuana, it's been argued that the US was in a potential and rapidly declining state of recession which endangered the jobs of millions of Americans and potential Government funding and maintenance fees to public facilities like Parks, Schools, State Monuments, and Government assigned buildings like DMV's and Social Security Offices, the rapid decline of economic health was a very scary sight and many Americans were afraid to spend, but in the depressing times when recreational marijuana was legalized the economy saw an amazing jaw dropping stimulation of sales that greatly boosted the economy of Colorado with the sales tax it took in the month of January.

It's sad that in the US many public facilities are taken for granted and only thrive upon the economic success of the country, something like the potential legalization of recreational marijuana easily has the ability to rapidly increase the economic health and stimulate the economy, it's a shame when schools and other public facilities are given funding cuts and with the potential money we could gain from this legalization it could help us prevent that and even make the the areas we shouldn't be giving budget cuts to a bigger slice of funding to improve overall education.

It's funny to hear that Marijuana can help fund any form of educational progress because of the bad name it's been give and its terrible reputation, but with the legalization we could easily help rebuild our school systems and save thousands of jobs and resources that should never be threatened to begin with.

[IMG]<http://blog.sfgate.com/smellthetruth/files/2013/03/revenuechart1.png>[IMG]

Here's a link showing the amazing impact the legalization of Marijuana has had on Colorado.

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_25314108/colorado-saw-2-million-recreational-marijuana-taxes-january

The Cost Effectiveness of keeping it Illegal

The cost effectiveness of keeping it illegal is a very laughable title, the cost effectiveness of keeping it illegal is less than 1%, the US waste more than 99.4% of funding on trying preventive measures to stop the production, selling, and use of marijuana and their productivity in this affair is less than .06%, at this point it's a waste of potential funding for so many other services that need it and thousands of US citizens are jailed for rather extensive amounts of time for having very miniscule amounts of cannabis.

30 grams or less (Class A Misdemeanor)

- Maximum of 1 year Jail time
- \$2,000 Fine
- Suspended drivers license if convicted for up to 90 days.

31 grams or more (Class D Felony)

- Prison sentence of 1 year and 1 day minimum up to 5 years
- Maximum fine of up to \$5,000

Those are very steep penalties for possessing marijuana and it's a shame that tax payer money is wasted arresting these individuals and filling up jails when we should be worrying about more serious threats to society.

The cost effectiveness of making it legal can help to make a dent in the federal deficit, the criminalization of marijuana has failed on almost every occasion and almost half the entire funding for the fight goes to attempting to prohibit it with propaganda and other anti-marijuana based ads that waste millions of tax payers money and the federal government has even gone so far as to classify marijuana as a Schedule 1 substance which is the most serious of its category, placing it more dangerous than the category that cocaine is classified under.

It's estimated that more than 500,000 citizens are arrested each year for marijuana related charges, over 40% of all drug prosecutions across the country are related to marijuana charges which fills our jails with people of "serious" charges while people with other lower category substances that are more dangerous face less penalties.

The Dangers of Marijuana Legalization

Yes while it's true that people deemed "drug addicts" will likely increase in number, the real dangers of marijuana legalization are very few and low, the drug doesn't pose a real threat in violent crimes nor does it raise the annual death count and it's rather cheap and inexpensive which can urge users to just get a job instead of stealing and selling whatever they can to get their hands on their substance of choice, drugs like cocaine for example can be very expensive and it's been known to help stimulate violent attacks and even fuel gang related violence and activity in marketing and distributing while marijuana related distributing has very few reports of death or violence which shows that the drug has a more docile presence on users and sellers rather than people that sell high valued substances which can lead to strings of violence.

Here's a lovely chart that demonstrates all the dangers of marijuana along with the penalties and wasteful funding that goes into keeping it illegal.

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Let's take a look at the reported and recorded deaths of marijuana attributed deaths in 2010 and yes that even qualifies marijuana that has been laced with potentially deadly substances.

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You can clearly see from the chart that marijuana has no recorded deaths of use while legal substances like tobacco, alcohol, prescription, and non-prescription based drugs are standing at a very high death toll and they're all legal!

I honestly believe that marijuana should be legalized, but just like alcohol and tobacco, it needs to have certain penalties rules to protect citizens from users and protect users from themselves and children, it still needs to be classified as a drug, but a drug no more different than tobacco and alcohol and the regulations need to be fair to protect all citizens.

Health Benefits of Marijuana

The amazing health benefits of Marijuana are almost too great to list, but let's go over a few shall we.

- It can be used to treat people with glaucoma, a terrible medical complication which increases pressure in the eye and can potentially damage the optic nerve and cause vision loss.
- It's been shown to improve and control epileptic seizures and violent episodes by binding brain cells responsible for controlling excitability and regulating relaxation.
- It's been shown to have the ability to slow down and even halt cancer and can decrease the effectiveness of a gene called Id-1 and make the cells less aggressive, some researchers even theorize that marijuana has the potential to kill cancerous cells.
- THC has the ability to slow the progression of rapidly deteriorating diseases like Alzheimer by using the active chemical THC which slows the formation of amyloid plaques by block the enzyme that makes, the amyloid plaques are what kills brain cells and causes Alzheimer.
- It can improve the motor skills of patients with Parkinson's disease and help soothe the tremors and pain and regulate healthier periods of sleep for them.

It has many medical and health related benefits, here's an article that I sourced some of these facts from and it has many other facts listed that you should definitely check out.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/health-benefits-of-medical-marijuana-2014-4>

Fun Facts!

Marijuana has proven to be one of the most versatile plants on our little planet showcasing many amazing qualities from recycled parts of the plant either unfit for recreational use or deemed plant matter/waste, it's an amazing crop that can thrive if left alone and it's a lot more resilient to many problems plants face and even has the ability to pass its amazing immunity over to other plants which can lower harmful pesticide use on our crops.

Here's a chart showcasing some of the many amazing things we can do with marijuana, not just the part that you smoke, but the entire plant itself and even the seeds.

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Closing Statements

Yes it's true that people can abuse drugs of any kind, but I truthfully believe that Marijuana has been given a bad name and covered up with the faces of drug addicts and junkies and cartel members, if your child was suffering from serious crippling medical complications, how far would you go to try and help him?

Personally I believe any parent would try whatever they could, many do and even go as far as to plunge themselves into tremendous debt to help their children and many face serious criminal punishment that can ruin their lives, things posted on records, classified as a potential drug dealer or drug user, it can destroy lives and they do it for the sake of helping, it's like punishing a child that's been starving for 3 days for stealing a piece of bread and sentencing him to 10 years for theft, it's wrong and inhumane, it's better that it becomes legal and opens doorways to better places instead of being stabbed and pinned at the bottom of the barrel like it has for so long, at the end of the day we're all human and that will never change, we all love our families and children and we want the best for them, yes it's easy to be biased and think this and that because you've seen a few bad examples, but consider this, if your child was suffering, how far would you go to help him, what if he had a serious medical condition that threatened his vision with permanent blindness, you'd probably stop at nothing short of impossible lengths to help him, it's time that we think less about the bad and focus more on the good.

Marijuana has lived in the shadows as a bad drug with nothing good about it for too long, it's time for a positive change that can benefit all of humanity, it's time to remind hospitals and big pharmaceutical companies that it's okay to make money, but no piece of metal or paper is worth more than a single human life.

That's my argument, hope you enjoyed the read!

B?????araka - September 1, 2014, 3:24 pm

I want to try this i hope i win!

I think MaryJ should be legal NuFF.

Im from California

?lien - September 1, 2014, 5:32 pm

Keep the entries coming. Myself and other Phoenix members may or may not be very active while the contest is going on. Well, for myself, likely fairly inactive here as far as posting goes. I will go through all entries to help determine the finalists come Friday.

Remember, entries are accepted until Friday evening so there's plenty of time to post your entry!

M?gic - September 1, 2014, 8:21 pm

Pretty boner that warning level is a factor, it's a pretty bullshit system; however, I also don't need \$50 lol.

Dragnite - September 1, 2014, 9:03 pm

1. Yes, I do believe that it should be legalized.

2. I believe it should be legalized due to the fact that if a cop wants they can ruin your life over a petty drug charge where as if you commit an actual crime such as murder you get a lesser charge, not to mention that we're already on the road to legalization so why should we be so anal about it anyway? It has more proper/logical/helpful uses than it does bad so I really fail to see the point as to why people are so scared/butthurt over it.

Where I live the maximum penalty for murder is 20 years with a standard non-parole period of 15 years, or 19 years for the murder of a child under the age of 18, and a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole if the victim is a police officer or public official. Attempted murder carries a maximum penalty of life or 17 years imprisonment which means that carrying a petty drug which honestly shouldn't be an issue as it does more good than it does bad can lead to your life being completely ruined.

Remember this video?

The DEA doesn't even know, they think everything is bad but they will not admit that marijuana is one of the safest drugs out there, I mean if the Chief Administrator of the DEA is going to be so daft as to sit there and just dodge the question you can clearly see that she knows the truth and just doesn't want to/can't admit the truth but she goes on to say "these drugs are illegal because they are dangerous, they are addictive, they do hurt a persons health." which by studies conducted we all know is complete bullshit and that at this point they're just fucking around and making a huge joke out of something so simple.

Let's do a comparison to alcohol shall we?

1. Many people die from alcohol use. Nobody dies from marijuana use.
2. People die from alcohol overdoses. There has never been a fatal marijuana overdose.
3. The health-related costs associated with alcohol use far exceed those for marijuana use.
4. Alcohol use damages the brain. Marijuana use does not.

I could go on and on but I'll just leave some great reference links:

<http://archive.saferchoice.org/content/view/24/53/>

<http://www.drugpolicy.org/drug-facts/10-facts-about-marijuana>

http://www.drugscience.org/dl/dl_comparison.html - This is a good one.

<http://medicalmarijuana.procon.org/view.answers.php?questionID=000230>

<http://healthland.time.com/2010/10/29/marijuana-as-a-gateway-drug-the-myth-that-will-not-die/>

In short I believe it should be legalized but I'm not exactly great at arguing/making a good argument but hopefully this is good enough, thank you for your time, good luck to all who enter and have a good day.

Dex? - September 1, 2014, 9:04 pm

1. Obviously
2. <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4192271> , <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4347319> , <http://prntscr.com/4iut81>

labroca - September 1, 2014, 9:07 pm

Hello Phoenix Group,

I'm going to keep this short, so here we go.

1. Please checkout the threads I've made about legalization and how they should have set boundaries by the state.
2. Of course, in some scenarios being legalized will solve many of our problems.

xuNsh1ne - September 2, 2014, 9:22 am

1. Yes, it should be legalized.
2. Weed is less harmful than alcohol and alcohol is legal.

Quote:2. Smoking causes cancer and weed is illegal.

So... You don't have to smoke weed... You can also eat it - so it doesn't cause cancer and "weed is illegal" is not the best argument.

"Should it be legalized?" "Nope... it's illegal"

Yumi - September 2, 2014, 11:45 am

Hi, just letting everyone know if you REALLY want the award, it would be best if your entry was in-depth and detailed. It's not likely that we will consider short entries. ^^ Sorry!

Bugatti - September 2, 2014, 1:05 pm

Good luck to everyone who applied ?

Sajuuk - September 2, 2014, 3:19 pm

I don't believe anyone needs to use graphics of any kind in order to make their application any better than anyone else's. So, that being said, I won't use any fancy graphics (even though they are pretty kick ass). I also won't type a wall of text which wastes your time in the end.

Marijuana should be legalized, yes. When that happens, it should be taxed. There you go. You legalize marijuana, tax it, raise money from the taxes collected, and you use it to balance the stupid fucking budget. Legalizing the substance will also allow the police and DEA to freely use marijuana without having to confiscate it from arrested criminals and use it for themselves. (Credits to the great man who spoke some of those phrases which I derived from.)

Raz Riverblade - September 2, 2014, 3:24 pm

I Believe that Cannabis should be legalized. Please excuse the bad English. This is written from my own perspective and applies to my region in specific although i am sure it also applies partially to the

rest of the world.

Although I do believe that the legalization of cannabis should come together with a way to educate people about it.:

How to Use Cannabis Responsibly and Safely

What is responsible, adult use?

Responsible cannabis consumers come from all walks of life and are good, contributing members of society. We are able to use cannabis without problems in social settings or at home for relaxation, medical or spiritual purposes, sensory and creativity enhancement among other personal reasons. When integrated into a healthy, balanced and responsible lifestyle, cannabis is a positive and highly beneficial part of our lives. Like anything else, however, too much of a good thing can be misused or abused.

Since our goal is to attain the equal rights we deserve, it is important to dispel the negative myths and stereotypes associated with pot use. If consumers want cannabis legal, we must show that it can be used with a minimum of harmful effects and that it has a positive influence, overall.

The Cannabis Consumers Campaign is dedicated to dispelling the false and destructive myths about marijuana and replacing them with an accurate picture of people like you, who show that it can be used responsibly and safely.

Adults need to be mindful about their use in order to maintain a good relationship with it and stay out of trouble.

Consider the following:

Responsible use tips / avoiding misuse and abuse:

1. Be aware of your set and setting, and whether or not it is appropriate to use cannabis there.
2. Know how cannabis affects you, and know your limits. If it makes you tired or distracted, don't use it if you need to be alert and focused.
3. Do not use the excuse that you are "too high" to get things done, or blame pot for not achieving your goals, or for a lack of self-control. If you are, assess how you are using it.

If it gets in the way of fulfilling obligations and responsibilities to yourself and your loved ones, don't use it until after you have completed these tasks (or don't use it at all. It's not difficult to stop, as cannabis is not physically addictive like alcohol and tobacco.)

Cannabis is a great reward at the end of the day for a job well done, when it's time to relax. Some prefer to use it only on weekends or on special occasions.

4. Don't use before work or school, unless you have a valid medical reason to do so. Employers have the right to expect their employees not to be high, stoned or drunk on the job, so it is fair to be expected to conform to reasonable workplace standards.

What you do on your own time is another matter. College students need to concentrate and study at school and while doing coursework. It's best to hold off until your work is done.

5. Don't drive or operate vehicles while impaired. Wait at least 15 minutes after smoking before

getting behind the wheel. Perform a sobriety test on yourself by standing on one leg to test your balance to determine if you are impaired or not. Don't drink and smoke pot before driving; alcohol impairs skills and judgment; smoking cannabis does not sober you up.

6. Respect others: Do not smoke in designated non-smoking areas.

7. Be aware that cannabis can have a synergistic effect with other drugs, so take care and be informed about possible contraindication if you are taking other any other drugs.

8. Listen to and consider the advice and constructive criticism of others. If you are exhibiting behaviors that make others uncomfortable, you may need to reassess your usage.

9. Educate yourself about your rights, health risks, laws, and consequences of using. With the exception of medical use in some states, cannabis is still illegal and penalties can be harsh.

10. Use by minors is generally inappropriate and should be discouraged unless there is a valid medical reason. If an adult is found by authorities to have given cannabis to minors, it can lead to other serious ramifications.

THC is more controllable

THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) is a psychoactive substance, which means that the psychological state of an individual can be altered when smoking a 'joint', 'Spliff', 'Tjaap "or whatever you want to call it. The amount of THC that can be operated by producers (both natural and chemically). Research recent years proved that the concentration of THC per gram of weed which was sold is artificially increased. This happens because most likely to 'the best' and or 'strongest' to continue to grow weed, but these 'artificial reinforcement' can also have a negative effect on health.

Between 2003 and 2007, the average THC concentration increased by 17.3%, but this number is not very reliable. Because as most know, there are extreme coffee shops and there are also many different types of weed sold by dealers. By legalizing marijuana, the government can carry out more checks on the amount of THC that is grown and fines, if the THC content are too high. But here it is an ethical problem, because what could be a 'too high percentage of THC?

Excise tax on marijuana

Once marijuana is legalized cannabis user will undoubtedly be disadvantaged. The government will then have the option to tax a weed. Excise That means that a load can be Levied in addition to the "normal" price of weed As with cigarettes, this will mean that weed thereby becomes more expensive. Of course that does mean that this tax money can be used to provide things that the government deems necessary. This is A very big plus if you ask me, when it comes to legalizing marijuana.

[img]<http://www.economonitor.com/dolanecon/files/2014/07/P140706-2.png>[/img]

less crime

Instead of the vague regulations that are out there regarding the use, breeding and the selling of weed by tolerating the government can start saving. Lot after the legalization Namely to ensure that farmers are no longer involved in 'illegal' activities and vendors need to be controlled by the police. Not constantly monitored Growers can be checked on their use and faster "caught", if they indeed perform alongside the cultivation of marijuana, illegal practices such as having to do with

hard drugs or violent crime. Dealers can be detected quickly, the police can focus on the 'real' crime and there is clarity rather than a vague tolerance.

[img]http://www.nationalmemo.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/0116marijuana_crime_arrests.png[/img]

On the above image it is clearly seen that the more weed is used the less violent crimes are committed.

More tourism

A province of Limburg and as a city like Amsterdam, annually attract thousands of visitors who come here with only one reason and that is dope. In Limburg every year more than 2.2 million people to pick from Belgium, France and Germany. Sticky By legalizing marijuana will be more tourists to the Netherlands, there are more bought and therefore put more tax money in the till.

An example for other countries

By legalizing marijuana Netherlands can show what positive effects this may have on the market, the economy, security and on the attractiveness of a country for tourists. Countries Netherlands will make crazy, but eventually recognize that legalizing marijuana is indeed a solution of multiple problems. European countries are thus forced to look also in the field of cannabis use and the facts - sales within their own borders. The solution for this can then be demonstrated by research, which will be made after the legalization of marijuana. Place in Netherlands

medical Benefits

By legalizing marijuana reliable research can be done into the effects of cannabis on mental and physical condition of people. Also, people with arthritis and other musculoskeletal complaints such as back and neck pain or can easily get prescribed marijuana as a medicine, so they have less pain. By legalizing marijuana medical value by the government can finally recognize and used for the good of medical science, and therefore the people.

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Good for the hospitality industry

Young people are more likely to start a coffee shop and less dealing illegal weed. As a result, the crime rate will drop, reduces costs and also be more cafes opened. The tourist attraction will therefore be bigger again. Existing trade bodies that sell weed can also be positioned as "more" than just a coffee shop which is held by regulators. Constant watch Of course, there will remain a compulsory identification, in order to prevent people under 18 to buy marijuana. Personally, I think that this age might be too high, since the effects of alcohol and cigarettes are scientifically far more damaging than anyone so far been demonstrated in the effects of marijuana.

Good for the agrarian culture and alternative fuel

If weed once legalized hemp plant can finally be used for more than just going to smoke the 'tops' that grow on the plant. Some hemp plants are in fact good to use for making clothing, furniture, rope and other materials. Certain marijuana plants for hundreds of years to make rope, which belonged to the strongest species in shipping. Marijuana can also be used as an alternative bio-fuel, which the emissions from cars could be reduced drastically. By legalizing weed is also a lot easier to get to all these things do research.

Addictive?

The natural concentration of THC in marijuana can cause addiction and not take care of large

psychological problems. There is at least not yet been no research which has been able to show that this is indeed the case. Artificially increase the THC content of marijuana plants may be slightly or to contribute here. THC also ensures that when marijuana is smoked, the heart rate increases, blood pressure is lowered and someone may be drowsy. If the THC content increases, this could provide the same effects, but with an "extreme" effect. It has never happened that a person is deceased or had to be smoking weed. Listed in critical condition In theory you can have as many smoke weed if you want and there is nothing to hold on as long as the marijuana is smoked pure without artificial additives and no addition to consume. (Alcohol or tobacco)

[img]<http://geocurrents.info/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/drug-dependency-chart.png>[/img]

Thanks for reading this long post, i had a hard time writing this because of a not so gentle case of sinusitis clogging my head up. I hope my English won't be to embarrassing here or in my other posts as long as this endures. i used some auto correct and some Google to help me out. May the best win this contest

edit: i'm currently in the process of correcting all the mistakes, headache is over :)

crossera - September 2, 2014, 3:27 pm

Making something legal, doesn't make it right.

The biggest arguments I always hear, is that it will lower crime, boost the economy, and help with medical purposes. that's the biggest load of BS I have ever heard. First regarding crime. Just because you legalize something won't lower crime. All you are doing is not calling it a crime anymore. We might as well legalize breaking and entering and grand theft auto, this way everyone will have a car and we'll have less crime. It's absurd. Second, the economy will not get a boost. Imagine how many lazy people there will be. They won't be able to work, because they're completely stoned. Pot heads barely have the energy to get off the couch to do anything. And third, medicinal purposes, so instead of finding the chemical or whatever it is in marijuana that helps people get better, why not just extract that or synthesize it and give that to people who need it... not smoke pot. What saddens me is how much time is wasted on debating this topic. It's no where near as important and so many other things. You want to lower crime, stop doing drugs. There will be no more drug dealers if you educate people to not use but stay away. You want to help the economy, don't throw your money away on drugs. Buy good things for your body, like healthy foods. Which then leads to medicinal purposes, eat well, live well, stay healthy, use money to make better medicine. This whole argument is to justify the unhealthy, addictive, lazy pot smokers so that they don't get arrested or feel guilty that they are stupid enough to smoke marijuana. Alcohol and tobacco should be illegal too. No. It should not be legalized. :D

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

This is what i think even though this is not written by me

Stolen indeed . Yet there is no requirement not to be stolen , right ? :D

Dood - September 2, 2014, 4:00 pm

Do I believe that marijuana should be legalized?: No.

Why?: While marijuana usage itself has not been scientifically proven to harm humans, smoke has definitely been proven to cause harm and increase the chance of lung cancer in humans, particularly children. The legalization of marijuana would cause a wave of smoking all over the United States, creating a toxic atmosphere that would harm people through secondhand smoking.

These people include children and infants. Furthermore, the common usage of marijuana would definitely lead to an increase of curiosity towards other drugs that have most definitely been proven harmful such as cocaine and cigarettes. The legalization of marijuana would be the beginning of the end.

Layzir - September 2, 2014, 4:09 pm

I don't qualify for this, yet I'm gonna fill it out anyway to stress why I think it should be legal.

Should it be legal? In my opinion yes!

Why you ask? Lets see, marijuana helps with many things. Weather its medicinal or not. It could also help with the debt in the US, for example if you put marijuana in a store in which has food and drinks the person purchasing the marijuana will most likely be buying their snacks or drinks for later. It can increase revenue.

Bosto - September 2, 2014, 4:27 pm

Do I believe that marijuana should be legalized?: I believe it should but to a certain standpoint.

Why? For example if someone has an illness and is proven to make the patient gain weight or help them survive, they should be able to use marijuana. Now most people want to legalize marijuana to simply smoke it for no medical reason at all. This is where I draw the line because many children would be affected by secondhand marijuana smoke if they are around it at a young age. It's a tough debate but I believe it should be legal to a certain limit. Not everyone should be able to get marijuana freely as they choose and smoke it where they please.

?lien - September 2, 2014, 4:59 pm

(Sep 2, 2014 11:45 AM)Nehssa Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hi, just letting everyone know if you REALLY want the award, it would be best if your entry was in-depth and detailed. It's not likely that we will consider short entries. ^^ Sorry!

Agreed. Let me also remind everyone that you are free to edit your post/entry to make it better up through the contest end date of Friday, September 5th.

(Sep 2, 2014 03:19 PM)Sajuuk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't believe anyone needs to use graphics of any kind in order to make their application any better than anyone else's. So, that being said, I won't use any fancy graphics (even though they are pretty kick ass). I also won't type a wall of text which wastes your time in the end.

You are 100% correct that using graphic resources is not needed to be a finalist or win so your choice to not use any is completely fine. There is also no need for a wall of text but detailed, purposeful and properly formatted submissions containing lots of text but separated into paragraphs properly can help you win. The key word there being "purposeful" as loads of text for the sake of making your post long and nothing more will not help. This is easily detectable, however.

Aurora - September 2, 2014, 5:08 pm

I like the entries that have been coming in so far. Only comment I have for some of them is "improve your entries". Like Alien and Nehssa said, some entries aren't looking "too bright". No worries though, there is plenty of time for all of you to edit your post and make your entry better.

Dex? - September 2, 2014, 5:28 pm

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Your opinion is wrong, sorry.

Quote:In addition, the drug use documented found that substance use typically begins with the most socially acceptable drugs, such as alcohol and cigarettes, then proceeds to marijuana use and finally to other illegal, harder drugs. Moreover, the study showed that students who used alcohol exhibited a significantly greater likelihood — up to 16 times — of licit and illicit substance use.

Silent ? - September 2, 2014, 5:30 pm

1. Yes I do think it should be but only for 21 and over.

2. I think this because it would stop the cartels from getting so much money and the US would make so much tax from it, plus its not really harmful.

?lien - September 2, 2014, 5:43 pm

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I agree. I do think your current threads and posts/replies therein do speak for themselves and that information can be accepted as your entry. That is fair under these circumstances though I do think a brief summary of your stance and beliefs in your submission post is better than just giving links. You do not have to, however.

Dex? - September 2, 2014, 5:46 pm

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Alright.

I'll make a real post tomorrow or later tonight, possibly.

I have a lot of work to do right now. ?

Lil Bibby - September 2, 2014, 6:07 pm

Should it be Legalized?

Yes

Why should it be legalized?

I believe it should be legalized because there have been many studies shown that it has no harmful effects on the body if used correctly. By this I mean if someone where to smoke using a Blunt or a wrap made outve tobacco they would still be getting the tobacco health effects but not to the fullest, where as someone who where to say vaporize it or eat from an edible there would be no harmful, fatal, or even little effects from the marijuana itself.

Secondly it should be legalized is it would help the economy so much, everyone knows how they

have legalized it in Seattle and this is a quote from [KomoNews](#) "Initial estimates said the state could bring in more than \$400 million a year from the marijuana market. But Kleiman said if the state sees \$100 million in revenue during the first fiscal year marijuana is sold, it would be a good start."

If this were to actually happen then tons of the money that were initially supporting drug dealers and gangs now support the city and help fix schools, streets, and anything else needed for Seattle. Just imagine how better all the school systems and the communities that are having trouble would be if this was implemented to every state.

Lastly instead of having all the people being arrested and charged from marijuana consumption or selling, there will be more room to have the real criminals like rapists or murders in cell and the police won't have to worry about simple marijuana usage. There wouldn't be a need for so many prisons there for less money needed to support them and more money going to the state for whatever.

Good Luck to everyone that has entered this, hope I get into finals too.
- Lil Bibby

Deko - September 2, 2014, 6:14 pm

My Opinion:

I personally believe that Marijuana should be legalized even though I do not use it. My reasoning behind my decision is the fact that it has proven to assist in several types of cancer. The Government is making a monopoly from making the Marijuana illegal and I personally believe that it's insane to allow people to die.

As one of my favourite TV programmes quotes;

"There's far more money to be made in treating a disease than in curing it.
Why cure someone of cancer in a day if we can treat them for a lifetime and bill them every step along the way?"

That has to be one of the most accurate quotes anyone can make against this debate and I'm sure it has been said before and will continue to be said.

I would like to take the time to point out I have an open scam report that you can find here:
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4269076>.

I personally believe that it is an invalid scam report due to the user technically scamming me and uploading a shell to my server.

You can find my side and the full story here: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4264864>.

It has been a pleasure to post this.

Kindest Regards,

Deko.

ChocolateNuh - September 2, 2014, 6:31 pm

I would love to apply, but my trash rep due to 2 known scammers negging me.

Kenjataimu - September 2, 2014, 6:32 pm

Do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

Yes.

Why or Why Not?

Its simple really. It also relates to what the group Phoenix is all about.

Shouldn't people have the freedom to do as they wish?

Shouldn't we be aloud to make our own choices on such trivial matters?

This isn't about whether it is good for you or not. (Although many studies are saying that it harms your body much less than many other drugs)

This is about having the freedom to be human and live our own lives.

If people are able to find 5 minutes of happiness in that moment of being high, why should some sweaty old men get to dictate our choice?

Because that's what it is. A choice.

It is unjust that people are forced to 'break the law' and possibly deal with an unsafe crowd, because they can not get the substance in a safe environment.

It is unjust that innocent people are put into jail because they found something that eases their pain and allows them to forget about all the fucked up shit going on in this world.

It is unjust because it's MY body. MY decision.

That is why I think marijuana should be legalized.

Thank you.

Deko - September 2, 2014, 6:35 pm

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Assuming you only had negative reputation from two users, at minimum your reputation should be -6, your current reputation is -8. This means that more than two users have rated you negatively and even if those two users did not rate you negatively, you still would not reputation required to be considered a chance to win the award.

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Simply stating that other people's stances are wrong without a source really improves your own stance.

Once again, marijuana should not be legalized.

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I would like to point out something I said in my previous post:

(Sep 2, 2014 06:35 PM)Deko Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) even if those two users did not rate you negatively, you still would not reputation required to be considered a chance to win the award.

If you ask for reputation then you would be punished for it and also receive negative reputation. Also, if most users were to PM asking for a "rep for rep" situation, I am positive they would be banned as that is considered as asking for reputation.

Vitani's Mate - September 2, 2014, 7:30 pm

1: Yes.. It should be legalized..

I would be the happiest cunt on the earth.

2: Cannabis is so much more healthy than cigarettes..

Yet... They ban Cannabis but leave cigarettes legal which kills 1000s of people every year.. No deaths from Cannabis yet..

Yepps.. I fucking love the logic there cunts! ?

Dex? - September 2, 2014, 8:50 pm

(Sep 2, 2014 06:49 PM)Dood Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Simply stating that other people's stances are wrong without a source really improves your own stance.

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<http://news.ufl.edu/archive/2012/07/uf-study-shows-long-term-drug-abuse-starts-with-alcohol.html>

iFckShadow - September 2, 2014, 8:58 pm

1) Yes, should have never been illegal in the first place.

2) This sounds like a sob story but it's true, you can check my threads if you don't believe me. Well here we go. Not only is marijuana used for a fun time with friends or just riding solo and enjoying life, but there are also many medical benefits to it. My mom suffers from Autoimmune diseases, tumor growths, and inflammation. She is forced to take pain medicine and multiple other medicines that make her feel sick and nauseous most of the day, but if she doesn't she is doubled over in pain all day. This makes me feel sad and depressed for my mom because she used to be full of life; going on hikes, swimming, etc. Now it's hard for her to go upstairs. I've tried convincing my mom millions of times to just give it a shot and that all the narcotics she takes as pain medicine isn't good for her body. She agrees with me, yet still refuses to try marijuana even once until it is legal. I want marijuana to be legalized so my mom can finally stop taking all those horrible pills and ruining her

body and just having something... natural and healthy. Thanks for reading and good luck everyone.

VYKTOR - September 4, 2014, 6:09 am

V?K??R's entry for Legalize It Award Contest

Do you believe Marijuana should be legalized?

Yes, of course it should be legalized.

Why it should be legalized?

Most users applying before me have already mentioned the uses, benefits & need of this magic drug so I'm not gonna iterate it all again just to make my post look bigger. Here's what I think:

Everyone has the freedom to eat & consume what they wish. If a certain population knows that there is a drug out there in the market which can help them in some way to forget all of their troubles for a while then they would & they should buy it. I don't see any problem in that & neither should others.

Most people like us who consume marijuana are adults & we are called adults because people consider us mature. Mature people know what is right & what is wrong & people should trust the decisions we make. If I want to consume marijuana it is because I have a specific reason for it & even if I don't have any reason to do it then others shouldn't have any problem with it. Now when I am gonna say, this I may appear as a teenager but this is my life & I know what I am doing.

I am not killing myself but unlike other people I find my comfort zone in a different way.

The common mass has recreation parks, zoos & amusement parks for their fun so do I but no one can force me to have fun the way they want. I just wanna sit in a room along with friends & ease out. Am I asking a lot here?

I guess no then why does the Government have so much problem with Marijuana & if it would've been limited to the Government then I could've understood but many other people consider us lost souls calling us potheads & what not as if we've just thrown away our life by even touching Marijuana.

Marijuana is good & at least better than other addictive things like alcohol & cigarette & I'm not against any of them as I believe people should be allowed to do what they feel like doing unless it harms others. You can't cage today's generation by imposing so many rules & laws on them because they will always find a way to break free & that is not always a good ending. For the people against marijuana all I suggest is this, don't treat us in a negative way. We have our life & just because we are different from others doesn't mean we are wrong or bad.

The other thing which the Government must realize is by banning & applying harsh rules on marijuana they are not gonna prevent it's growth & use as much as they think. They will only flame the general urge to use it more & that wouldn't be good as it would increase criminal & illegal activities which of course could have been avoided. Steps that should be taken are legalizing it & eschewing the hassles. Let it be sold in a market like a product & those who wish to buy it can do it without worrying much or if not that then like some states & countries have already done just plainly legalize it.

It's not much we are asking as they don't realize that marijuana isn't something bad & what is not bad always prevails.?

A few last words:

I would like to thank Phoenix for holding this contest & several other awesome contests that are yet to come.?

A special thanks to Alien for he's one of the most wonderful guys I've met here on HF. His kind words in the last Phoenix Upgrade Contest were very inspiring & motivational.?

I wanted to reserve my entry for the last & I hope you enjoyed reading it.

There have been very good entries & I think it's going to be tough to get selected but hard work & good competition is what makes a contest more interesting.

Have a nice day/night everyone.?

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

I said I won't make my post long but I think I used the graphics too much. I'm sorry if you find it annoying. It's just that I couldn't resist using them in my post. I only get the chance to use these sexy graphics in contests by Phoenix so I try to make the most out of it.?

Autocorrect - September 4, 2014, 6:36 am

Should Marijuana Be Legalized?

By Autocorrect

Before I begin this post, I would first like to thank Alien, iKinky, Bugatti Beez, Eternal and Sinister; as well as the entire Phoenix Group.

This is a very generous competition, and it is so kind of you to give back to the community in such a way.

Keep up the awesome work, guys. ?

Do you believe marijuana should be legalized?

I do believe that marijuana should be legalized. I have never touched illicit substances in my entire life, but my reasoning is explained below.

While this response may be somewhat based from personal opinion and speculation, I will make sure to back it up with evidence.

Why should marijuana be legalized?

I have never smoked marijuana in my life. I also do not usually associate with those who do. However, I support its legalization, for sure.

Some are convinced that such a claim is untrue, but I personally have no reasoning to believe that marijuana causes problems in society.

Of course, there are those whom are under the impression that marijuana is a gateway drug. Of course, it may well be for some people.

However, as a means of recreational use, marijuana should certainly be legalized. Let's analyse why.

Despite the fact that I do not usually associate with users or dealers of marijuana, I believe that it's recreational use can, and will have positive effects in society.

When analyzing why a substance should be legalized, it is important to recognize the reasoning as to why it is currently not.

This way, we can form unbiased arguments to prove a point.

There are those who say that marijuana should remain illegal, as it is addictive to some, and a gateway to hard substances in later life, such as heroin, crack cocaine and crystal methamphetamine.

Of course, this happens. We cannot deny that. But, does pure recreational use really provide that gateway? Does it truly damage society? I think not.

The speculation of addiction is often used to counteract those who support legalization, but that is simply speculation, is it not? Let's look further into the concept of addiction.

For some, gaming can be an addictive way to pass the time, for others, it can literally be their only escape. Does gaming create problems in society?

Of course not, but we can't relate marijuana to gaming, can we? For that reason, let's dig further.

For some, drinking alcohol can become quite the addiction. For others, escape is literally their only ambition. Does drinking alcohol create problems in society?

Sometimes, but then again, we still cannot relate marijuana to drinking, can we?

This is why it is important to not only recognize the reasons as to why marijuana is illegal, but disprove those reasons as well. Let's do that.

Northwestern University Wrote: A recent Northwestern University study found that marijuana users have abnormal brain structure and poor memory and that chronic marijuana abuse may lead to brain changes resembling schizophrenia. The study also reported that the younger the person starts using marijuana, the worse the effects become.

Great, another completely legitimate study conducted by completely legitimate scientists. So we should believe it, right?

Wrong. Of course, marijuana use at a young age can create schizophrenic problems, and eventually result in brain performance abnormality.

This is why smoking cigarettes is illegal until a certain age, in most, if not all countries internationally.

Young people seem not to understand the consequences of abusing a substance.

In the process of legalization, there is no reason to allow all ages to smoke marijuana.

It should be recommended that it is to be legalized from a particular age, such as 21, when the brain is almost developed.

Recreationally smoking marijuana should be fun, under the assumption that such conduct is held on private property.

The thing about marijuana is that it does not send you on a 'trip', unless the weed is laced, or of bad

quality.

Remember to note that this report is completely unbiased, and from a clean user whom has never smoked a substance.

The high received from smoking marijuana is simply an enjoyable experience, and does not create societal problems whatsoever.

It should be noted that the use of hard drugs should be kept illegal. Of course they create problems within society.

When people become addictive to cocaine, for example, they need another hit. Else, they suffer withdrawal very, very quickly.

Marijuana does not have the effects of addiction, and does not entail the consequences of cocaine.

When the user needs another hit, and they cannot afford that hit, what do they do?

They steal. Food, cash, products... Anything they can sell, to afford that next trip.

Considering that marijuana is not addictive to most, if not all users, this outcome is very unlikely.

The high received from smoking does not create withdrawal problems whatsoever.

A good amount of weed does not usually cost any more than \$25-30, depending on the dealer.

As marijuana is not addictive, the societal problems caused by hard drugs are nonexistent.

A weed high is just a fun experience, and should be treated as such.

Marijuana's illegality makes foreign cultivation and smuggling to the United States extremely profitable, sending billions of dollars overseas in an underground economy while diverting funds from productive economic development. Therefore, marijuana legalization would drain a lot of funds from the illegal drug industry, causing business problems for dealers and suppliers. By eliminating the profit flow, you're eliminating the problem of illicit drug use within a nation.

More evidence supporting my case can be found within the following links.

[10 Reasons Marijuana Should Be Legal](#)

[This is Why Marijuana Should be Legal Everywhere](#)

[Why Marijuana Should Be Legal](#)

[A resounding 80% - 20% debate victory on the legalization of marijuana](#)

I truly hope that you have enjoyed reading this report, written and edited by Autocorrect.

Thank you very much for this contest, I very much appreciate it.

I have put a lot of time and effort into writing this, so thank you for any consideration. ?

?lien - September 4, 2014, 8:14 am

It appears we have some good new submissions! Keep them coming, everyone. Entries still accepted for just under 36 hours from now!

Marvelous - September 4, 2014, 11:19 pm

Do you believe marijuana should be legalized?
Yes.

Why do you believe marijuana should be legalized?
Reduce Prison Population.
It isn't as bad for you as alcohol.
It would bring in tons of tax money.
Weed is great for medical and recreational uses.
Weed is healthier and a lot less addicting than Smoking cigarettes.

Lingo - September 5, 2014, 12:43 am

1. Yes
2. It helps people medically, and safe enough to use recreationally. It also proposes national and international problems while it's illegal.

Manny - September 5, 2014, 12:48 am

1. Yes I believe marijuana should be legalized.
2. Why? Because, marijuana is completely harmless yes some people use it in a wrong way but still there are others out there that use it occasionally and don't abuse it. There is also cases where people have a serious medical condition and they smoke marijuana to calm it down. That's why I believe it should be legalized.

illuminati? - September 5, 2014, 12:11 pm

I personally believe that marijuana should be legalized.

I think it should be legalized, my reasoning is; It has been proven that it does less damage to your body than alcohol does, and honestly lets be realistic, how many deaths a year do you see that are caused by marijuana? I've never heard of someone dying from Pot, look at the deaths from alcohol/caused by alcohol, the deaths from/caused by alcohol surpass 100000 every single year.

Another reason would be, if we taxed marijuana, the number of people that would buy weed whenever they could, would help a lot of countries that are in debt. If we taxed it at 13%, we could have the United States & Canada both out of debt within 5-15 years. (lets be realistic, if pot was legalized, I personally think at minimum 35% of the population would be buying pot :D)

If marijuana was legalized, the cops wouldnt have to spend millions and millions of dollars (Tax Payers Money), to try to take out marijuana. When the cops spend the tax payers money to take out worse drugs such as; Cocaine, crack, Methamphetamine's, etc. They could be more productive on trying to reduce the extremely horrible drugs, and put the real criminals behind bars. (I personally don't see marijuana dealers as "Criminals," most of the people that I know that sell it, are just trying to keep up with bills.)

Also, Medically Marijuana helps a lot of people. A family member of mine was diagnosed with Cancer (Stage 4), and when they were going through Chemotherapy, they weren't eating or drinking, so they we're told to smoke pot or take the THC Pills which gave them the munchies and

the pasties so they would be inclined to eat/drink. Also it helps people with severe anxiety, so they are able to deal with the things that they normally can't do, for me personally I get bad anxiety around people :/, and when I smoked pot, my anxiety wasn't there, it helped me be able to be around big crowds and meet new people.

Talent . - September 5, 2014, 12:17 pm

Yes i do believe it should be legal. It makes people so much more chill, plus I smoke everyday anyways.

SIM-2015410 - September 5, 2014, 2:34 pm

This is ending in less than 6 hours, I'm really excited! Good luck everyone who entered. Thanks again Phoenix!

Sucker for pain - September 5, 2014, 2:39 pm

should Marijuana be Legalized? NOPE.

Why?1) It's extremely addictive for some people: If you don't want to take my word for it, listen to Dr. Drew Pinsky who has been working with addicts for decades.

It would be malpractice to say that cannabis isn't addictive. Anybody who's experienced it, actually been addicted to it, knows how profound that addiction is.... The difficult thing about marijuana addiction is some people, even though they're addicted can do fine with it for many many years before they start to have difficulty, but eventually the high starts wearing off, people start smoking a lot more to try to get that high back and that's when they descend into difficulties. ...I've been treating cannabis addiction for 20 years. When people are addicted to cannabis, cocaine and alcohol the drug they have the most difficult time giving up is the cannabis. It is extremely addictive...for some people. I think that's where people get confused. It's not very addictive for many people. It's a small subset of people with a genetic potential for addiction. But for them it is really tough. You only need talk to them, they'll tell you how tough it is.

Additionally, that "small subset" Dr. Drew is talking about isn't so small in a big country like America. "Of the 7.3 million persons aged 12 or older classified with illicit drug dependence or abuse in 2012, 4.3 million persons had marijuana dependence or abuse." It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that the more legal and available marijuana becomes, the higher those numbers are going to go.

2) This experiment hasn't worked out so well for Amsterdam: Humans being what they are, just about any stupid idea we can come up with has already been tried somewhere else. Amsterdam is the most famous place across the world that has effectively legalized pot. It has even turned into a tourist destination for potheads. Legalizing weed has been a huge success there, right? Actually, not so much...

Its citizens are now alarmed that their children are increasingly being exposed to it.

Amsterdam today became the first city in the Netherlands to ban students from smoking marijuana at school.

The city's mayor Eberhard van der Laan introduced the law after school chiefs complained about pupils turning up to classes high after rolling up outside the grounds.

Marijuana is widely available in Holland as, although it is technically illegal, police can't prosecute people for possession of small amounts.

But it has also had the unwanted side effect that Dutch children are frequently exposed to the drug

in public areas.

Additionally, contrary to the claims that legalizing it will reduce crime, in Amsterdam it's been found that crime is now centering around the coffeehouses where marijuana is sold.

Theres a ton more reasons, but it would take ages to write here.

Sir - September 5, 2014, 3:39 pm

When it comes to the topic of whether or not it should be legal I have concerns for both sides. I personally want it to become legal to possess as well as smoke openly.

The down side to keeping it ILLEGAL would be that countless people are arrested nationally for possession or trafficking of marijuana, keeping illegal would force taxpayers to cash out more money housing prisoners and it shakes the foundations of families and as a result can ruin the persons life forever. It's not secret that a huge percentage of the population smokes weed and with everyone knowing that weed cannot kill you from overdose it would seem to be common sense to just have it legalized.

The down side to LEGALIZING weed would be that the government would find a way to tax people more than ever before and knowing how the government works, over time we will eventually have packs of joints that can be purchased at gas stations and liquor stores all over the country. They would most likely use chemicals in the production of the marijuana cigarettes and once the first death occurs from their chemicals they would most likely blame it on marijuana instead of the added chemicals thus restarting a prohibition all over again. Drug dealers would have a harder time selling because the government would probably fix prices to put local dealers out of business for the most part. People would become lazy and unproductive more frequently.

The positive sides to weed remaining illegal would be that there would be a continued source or chemical free weed just as ever before. The only people who should really even have a concern for weed becoming legal are the dealers because that means less money in their pockets.

The positive sides to weed becoming legal is that people wouldn't be placed in jail over possession and trafficking of weed. In turn saving the rest of the working class a little bit of money from taxes. The prisons wouldn't have weed dealers and would have plenty of room for the people who actually deserve to be in there.

I would have plenty more to say about this but I'm about to take the time to play some League of Legends and smoke another blunt. Hope I win, thanks for the opportunity. <3

?lien - September 5, 2014, 8:20 pm

No more entries accepted as of 20 minutes ago. We are discussing who should be a finalist in our group and will vote on the winner soon. Again, the announcement of the winner with a screenshot of the poll results will be posted to this thread no later than 6pm EST Sunday, probably a few hours earlier than that.

Enigmaze - September 7, 2014, 9:14 am

Looking forward to see the results!

iloominati - September 7, 2014, 9:20 am

(Sep 7, 2014 09:14 AM)Enigmaze Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Looking forward to see the results!
Yep I can't wait to see who wins =]

?lien - September 7, 2014, 9:55 am

Contest is now completed! Congratulations to the winner, [Autocorrect!](#)

Special thanks to [The GRim](#) who is doing a 1:1 currency exchange for me to get the BTC I need to fund the award for our winner!

Check out his [Currency Exchange Service](#) for all your currency exchanging needs. I had used him before and his service is great!

Click the link above or use the following one: