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Thread: [Need help with the grammar in this assignment](#)

Recycle Bin. - December 18, 2017, 9:47 am

Hello Hackforums.

I was wondering if any of you would be so kind to look at my abstract and correct the grammatical faults it may have?

English is not my strongest side, so it would be awesome if any of you could take a look at it. it is not that long of a read, only 188 words.

Cheers to you whom will take a look at it.

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Abstract

This study examines the significance of the 1930s debate on the legalization of cannabis. Cannabis has been an important crop for several thousand years, and with its many attributes, the plant has been indispensable in most cultures. In the beginning of the 20th century, the plant was banned, due to numerous scare campaigns against the otherwise harmless plant.

Even 80 years later, the scare campaigns are rooted in the population, and the view on cannabis is hard to change. Through an analysis of the 1930s debate about the legalization of cannabis, it was revealed how big an influence the scare campaigns had on the ban on cannabis. By examining various factors in the documentary, The Culture high, such as argumentation and mechanisms, it is made clear that the documentary is doing everything to convince the recipient that cannabis should be legalized. The paper discusses which arguments from the 30s that are still relevant in the American debate on cannabis today. Based on the analysis of the debate and the documentary, the paper shows that the 1930s debate has had a major influence on the view on cannabis.

lil purpp - December 18, 2017, 10:06 am

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Recycle Bin. - December 18, 2017, 10:08 am

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Thank you very much for taking the time to look at the paper mate! ?

Atom™ - December 18, 2017, 10:14 am

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