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Thread: [Pot Legalization No Cure for Black Market](#)

Cuthbert - October 29, 2022, 10:57 am

Once you tax and regulate something this just gives criminals more opportunities to undercut that tax, and sell at greater strengths than the regulated stuff. These states are now finding out the hard way.

"California has yet to see its black-market disappear, however. In fact, illegal growing and selling of pot have increased so rapidly in the past six years that earlier this month, Sacramento vastly expanded the state's war on pot by taking a decades-old seasonal commission designed to curb illegal growing and turning it into a full-time, multi-agency task force with the job of snuffing out a booming black market. Nor is California alone in watching its black market explode after legalization. In Oregon, where recreational pot became legal in 2015, officials now estimate that thousands of illicit marijuana farms operate in the southern part of the state, where gun battles among rivals have become common. Despite legalization in 2016, more than two-thirds of pot transactions in Massachusetts take place in the black market, state officials estimate. Mexican cartels and other foreign gangs, meantime, have reportedly moved into the business in Colorado—another of the 19 states that has created a legal market for recreational pot."

<https://www.city-journal.org/legalization-no-cure-for-black-market-in-pot>

SIM-587985 - October 29, 2022, 1:56 pm

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Cuthbert - October 29, 2022, 2:06 pm

(Oct 29, 2022 01:56 PM)Wardyn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) At least the state is making something off of it now. It's making nothing but human misery. The tax revenue from marijuana is dwarfed by the social costs to public health and crime it creates. Even if it weren't, is having tonnes of mental illness, and crazy potheads shooting your schools and areas up morally worth the profit? America will become a third-world country if it carries on with pot legalisation.

LeetSpeed - October 29, 2022, 3:47 pm

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Bluffer - October 29, 2022, 5:34 pm

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Canada-legal-vs-illegal-4Q2020-min.png

This is only an estimate and the income remains very healthy for Canada's black market suppliers. Crimes caused by marijuana-induced mental illness will compensate for that slight expected dip.

(Oct 29, 2022 05:54 PM)Nintendo 64 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Using logic on him won't work trust me. He post stuff about shitting on weed all the time.

There's nothing logical about trying to justify the introduction of a poison strongly correlated with severe mental illness.

(Oct 29, 2022 05:56 PM)LeetSpeed Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I agree and the illicit number has down even more in 2022.

You act like non-illicit use of cannabis is a good thing. It's not. "There has been an increase in acute adverse effects of cannabis that require medical attention."

<https://espace.library.uq.edu.au/view/UQ:a494332>

The black markets are still thriving just about everywhere it's been legalised. Re-read the article in the original post.