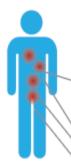


Heavy marijuana use is linked to downward social class mobility, anti-social behaviors, and relationship conflict.⁷ Less than 1% of all state prisoners are in jail for simple possession.17





Physical Health Impacts

LUNGS: Smoke from marijuana contains 4-5x the toxins, irritants & carcinogens as tobacco smoke; 20 times more ammonia. 9

Increases likelihood of HEART ATTACK
IMMUNE SYSTEM is weakened
Negatively impacts REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM 6
DEATH RATE 4x higher than non-users. 13

Butane Hash Oil (BHO)

- Increases THC potency to 90+%¹¹
- Causes severe "high."
- As dangerous to make and consume as meth.
- Easily causes explosions and fires in neighborhoods where it is cooked.
- AKA dabs, wax, budder, shatter, and solid THC concentrate.



Marijuana is Big Money

(but <u>not</u> for the community)

- One plant can bring \$2,000 to \$4,000 annually to a grower/distributor.
- Black Markets still thrive after legalization.8
- Tax revenues from pot sales do NOT cover increased crime, health care or addiction services. Revenues are projected to be less than .003% of total CA state tax revenue.²
- Cost of law enforcement increases, not decreases with legalization.¹⁶
- CA already has 50,000 illegal cultivation sites that supply 60% of marijuana to the US.³

Is Marijuana really Medicine?

The Federal Food and Drug Administration confirms that whole plant marijuana and THC oils are NOT medicine.

- Components may have medicinal value, i.e. CBD (Cannabidiol)⁵
- To protect the public, the FDA testing and approval process determines drug safety, dosing efficacy, side effects, potency, duration, interactions, etc.
- Pot shop "baristas" who recommend this psychoactive drug make medical conditions worse (e.g. PTSD, pediatric seizures, glaucoma and even pain).

A Note on Marijuana Industry Liability

- Marijuana businesses can be sued for contamination, environmental damage, and harming unborn children.
- Marijuana users can be sued for causing car crashes.
- Marijuana as medicine can be medical malpractice.

Crime

- 50% of men and 30% of women arrested for any crime test positive for marijuana.⁴
 - 70% of inmates are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol.¹
 - Guns and other weapons are common at both large and home cultivation sites.

Edibles / Vaping

- THC liquid concentrate is used in "Vaping" devices (aka e-cigarettes); creates a cancer-causing aerosol with no smell.
- Candy, brownies, soda, gummies, etc. containing THC can be very potent; cookies with 1000mg of THC each are available.
- Vaping and Edibles are favorite ways for youth to ingest marijuana (THC).
- Neither THC liquid nor solid concentrates (BHO) are overseen by any regulatory body – no quality controls, no limits on potency, or limits on contaminates (pesticides, herbicides).

Marijuana is NOT Earth-Friendly ¹⁰

- 1 plant uses 6 gallons of water per day.
- Streams diverted to grow sites kill plants & animals downstream.
- Poisons and illegal fertilizers contaminate streams and forests. ¹⁵
- Carbofuron is illegal but commonly used at grow sites - ¹/₈t can kill a 300 lb. bear.¹5

"First, Do No Harm" Marijuana is harmful

Deem.

14 OPPOSE MARIJUANA USE

American Medical Association
American Cancer Society
American Epilepsy Society
American Academy of Pediatrics
American M.S. Society
National Eye Institute
American Lung Association
and others



