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Subject: Re: Marijuana legalization

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Medicinal qualities? Quoi? The only "medicinal quality" is the painkiller, which, in reality, isn't really. If it was, then the marijuana would not be considered safe at all due to it would have to interact with your synapses in the nerves and cause them to misfire-- very similar to what ASA and other painkillers do. Not only that, the misuse of marijuana, like tyonal or aspirine, would cause your liver to plotz when it's trying to clean up the nerve agent. In reality, MJ just tells your brain to stop thinking about the pain. That in itself is a very dangerous quality of the drug. It causes your brain to misinterpret signals with in your own body.

That's not even to say what you're doing to your lungs. You're smoking something. There is a physical interaction between the alveoli in the lungs and the substance that is being inhaled.

Let me draw up a very valid and similar comparison. When you burn, say, a twig, there are certain chemicals released as a result of the combustion. Twigs, like the leaves of pot, are made up of pretty much the same stuff minus of course the mind altering drug laced within. All plants are made up of the same basic stuff,  $C_6H_{12}O_6$ ,  $CO_2$  (aq),  $O_2$  (aq), and various other chemicals.

When you smoke pot, you're directly and completely inhaling the result of combusting glucose. And considering the very small amount of actual combustion happening, you get very dangerous results. When you combust glucose, you get  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$ . But you also get incomplete combustion, and quite a lot of it. Which means your body is directly and intentionally inhaling litres of  $CO$  (g), which is highly toxic.

Similarly, many of the chemicals that are in both tobacco (not cigarettes) are also in pot leaves. When these combust, they also go directly into your lungs. This includes VERY dangerous things to combust and breathe in, like starch.

You know, there are real health risks that make doctors reluctant to give out medicinal marijuana. I guarantee you those are at the top of the list.

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