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Subject: Re: Marijuana legalization

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SEAL wrote on Wed, 27 July 2005 20:11-edit-

I forget who said this, but killing pain isn't the only medicinal use. I know someone who has AIDs and uses it to increas his appetite (AIDS reduces appteite significantly, to the point of making eating a chore). It also supresses vomitting for cancer patients.

There are two branches of thought on the matter. AIDS patients, and many cancer patients are also terminal. The argument would be that "well, they're dying anyway, so why not make them feel better even though it is causing irreparable harm to their inards", and that's fine.

However, in a strictly medical situation, the marijuana does more harm than good. Increasing appetite is easily done by introducing insulin into the body. It forces the body into a state of hunger because the insulin causes the "hunger" feeling using various hormones and glucogon. The insulin is devoured by the body and the operator mechanisms in the cells that make and breakdown the hormone are totally unaffected.

Surpressing vomitting is done quite simply by muscle relaxants and crappy tasting stuff like Pepto Bismol.

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