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Subject: Re: Marijuana legalization

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Quote:You said the problems of legalization will be minimal, and quoted:

"No trustworthy study has ever shown that marijuana use damages the reproductive system, or causes chromosome breakage."

But what if an untrustworthy study was actually correct? If marijuana didn't do anything, and there really wasn't any evidence to suggest it did, it would be legal.

Tobacco and alcohol companies don't want it to be legal because it would give them more competition. Those companies, especially tobacco companies, have HUGE influences in Washington. THIS is the primary reason it isn't legal--it has little to do with the actual facts pertaining to marijuana. If you want to go around trusting "untrustworthy" studies, be my guest.

Quote: I don't believe the medical associations are foolproof in their information, nor do they know the outcome of what will happen if marijuana is legalised, they support it, and problems wind up occurring.

True. Nothing is foolproof. However, they know a lot more than you or me or anyone else on this forum when it comes to medical information. They are, after all, the AMA.

Quote:The other bit about places where legal marijuana has less hard drug use doesn't make sense...this would mean that because marijuana was illegal, people used hard drugs more....which are EVEN MORE ILLEGAL THAN MARIJUANA. The occupants of these places can't be bright people...

It makes plenty of sense. People who used harder drugs now have a safer, legal alternative, so they use marijuana instead of drugs that do much more harm. Whether or not these people are "bright" doesn't take away from the fact that hard drug use went down, and that's a very good thing.

Quote:Why should this be the strongest case supporters have for legalizing it? I mean, you could legalize speeding as well. It doesn't harm anyone if you know what you are doing, and police stop them when they could be out catching the criminals that are more dangerous. Think of all the resources that could be diverted elsewhere if speeding were to be made legal! I mean, it works fine on the autobahn, so why not here? You could also (as I mentioned before) legalize petty crime! Sure people are harmed by it, but "everyone" does it, and people will never stop doing it, so think of how much money the legal system would save by not prosecuting these people!

Warranto: READ.

Quote:But I did notice that MANY said something along the lines of "Well, Crime X blah blah blah, so why don't we legalize that too!?"

Yet every example given is a DANGEROUS, HARMFUL-TO-OTHERS crime.

Speeding is harmful to others. Petty crime is harmful to others. I generally regard you as an intelligent person, but you continue to bring up the same, flawed argument.

