Subject: Re: Marijuana

Posted by warranto on Mon, 05 Feb 2007 15:32:53 GMT

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Quote: I'm not for unrestricted access, which is what we have now, at all. I'd be in favor of the government providing addicts with safe and regulated doses of drugs and encouraging them to join programs to help manage their addictions. An alcoholic doesn't have to worry about overdosing on Everclear when he thought he was drinking Bud Light. A heroin addict does. Why? Because the government mandates that the alcohol content be listed right on the bottle. The manufacturer also has a vested interest in delivering a consistent product. There's no such control in the illegal market -- products may not be cut the same from batch to batch, or may be unknowingly cut less this time because they went through two people instead of the normal four. A professional lab also produces more consistent yields with less toxic contamination than your average clandestine lab in someone's basement. The chemists usually have better training and purer chemicals as well. Remember that heroin was available "over the counter" at most general stores in the 1800s and there wasn't an epidemic of heroin users dropping dead then. Why? It was regulated.

Or, just prevent the possibility by not using it at all. Why should the simple idea of it being regulated mean that it SHOULD be allowed?

Quote: I believe he was referring to the death caused by the unregulated substances addicts have to turn to.

He was referring to the fact that people forcefully oppose the use of drugs by use of the phrase "war on drugs" among other things.

Quote:Drugs started out illegal? What? It's very similar to the prohibition of alcohol in every respect. Huge crime rings, unregulated products killing users, etc.

I clarified that in a subsequent post.

Quote: Yeah, because the right to put a substance in your body is sure a lot to ask for.

It is when the people asking for it are acting like children. "It's my right! Therefor it should be allowed!"

Try to come up with an actual argument rather than crying that all the time. I have yet to see any sort of reason for drugs to be allowed other than crying "rights violation" or by comparing it to something else. Nothing to explain the drug use itself.