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Subject: Re: weed

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People will smoke weed in Britain whether it is legal or not - it's incredibly easy to get hold of.

Making it legal however would:

1. Most likely reduce the cost to users, who are currently getting ripped off
2. Take billions of pounds away from criminals, people who also deal in other illegal activities
3. Generate billions of pounds of tax revenue that would more than cover any costs of regulating the drug, providing support to people who want to stop using it and any costs caused by health problems.
4. Improve the quality and remove any harmful additives that might be present in illegal weed
5. Allow for regulation - perhaps forcing users to register and only have access to a certain amount, perhaps even being "prescribed" it to ensure that smokers are acting responsibly with it and can't just walk in to a shop and buy as much as they want.
6. Aid sufferers of diseases like MS who have to endure immense pain that can be effectively reduced by smoking weed - currently people who try to help these people are getting arrested for dealing (despite distributing it for free in various forms such as chocolate or gel)
7. Alternative safer ways to take weed would become available, alternatives to smoking such as weed foodstuffs, gels etc for people who want to relax but don't want to kill their lungs.

It should be (as smoking/drinking) against the law to smoke anywhere in public apart from specially licensed cafe's, meaning that people would continue to smoke in the privacy of their own home.

The only downside I can see to this is that potentially a few people who would not normally take drugs might be tempted due to it being legal - I don't see that can really be that many people though considering how widespread it's current usage is.

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