
Subject: Re: Drugs ARE NOT bad
Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 22 Nov 2007 14:52:15 GMT
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Quote:Terrorism is a direct attack on the rights of others. Doing drugs itself is NOT impeding on someone else's rights. What don't you understand about that? How can you ban an act because it could potentially lead to something else? Should we ban automobiles because it could potentially lead to manslaughter?

You obviously missed the reference. You are saying that because it can not be enforced effectively, it should not be illegal. If you are going to make that claim, then you must also make that claim for EVERY law that can not be enforced effectively.

It is innate in the use of drugs to change the chemical makeup of the brain (no matter how temporary the effects). Marijuana, in particular, (and from what I have seen of "friends" who got high, and have openly admitted to me) makes people ignorant and blissfully unaware of things that are happening. This changed state is what causes the potential to do harm. With automobiles, if the person is in such a state that he is blissfully unaware (not suggesting drug use, just ANY instance of this), then yes... he should not be allowed to drive during that instance.

The potential for danger when doing something with such a change in brain chemistry is far too dangerous. Driving automobiles is innately bad? No. Smoking pot is innately bad? No. Driving while you have an abnormal brain chemistry (I'm being grossly over-general here) bad? Yes. Getting high and causing that abnormal brain chemistry bad? Yes.

Quote:It shouldn't be. I drink in public on most Saturdays (during football season), and I cause absolutely no harm to those around me. In fact, most patrons have open alcohol. Little to no harm done. Hmm... imagine that.

If the bar's owner wants to allow smoking weed in his place of business, he has every right to allow it. If the patron doesn't like it, oh well. The patron can leave. It's not his business to run.

Just because it is done, doesn't make it legal, sorry this does nothing to even dent my argument.

Too bad smoking pot is illegal, huh? I guess that business can't do as he pleases, or he would be doing it already.

Quote:Sure, warranto, because saying "good job" sarcastically MUST mean that I think you're stupid. Or it could mean that I disagree with you...

As I said, then don't use sarcasm if you don't understand its implications.

Quote:Our police force is a responsive authority. It's not a preventative. Just because something COULD happen doesn't mean it will. Again, shall we ban automobiles because of the potential danger?

Not really much to comment on, it doesn't even address my argument.

Quote:Yes, let's put words in my mouth, so you can use those words to make me sound like I'm contradicting myself. Well played... if only I didn't realize what I said.

You are right here. I mixed up the link you posted and the link xptek posted. It's him who argued about the police being over-burdened because of the requirement to enforce this law. It's his argument you defeated for me.

Quote:It's called personal responsibility. Don't punish those of us that take responsibility for our actions while sober or intoxicated. I have yet to drive drunk (and I have no plan to). I have yet to steal for drug money (partly because I've never done any illicit drugs).

If only things were that simple. People try time and time again to get out of personal responsibility. This is why the court system is back up, this is why people are not caught when a crime occurs, and this is why people are trying to fully legalize abortion. They have no sense of personal responsibility. You may have it, but the majority of the world has shown they lack any sort of semblance of personal responsibility.

Quote:Terrorism is something ingrained in the hearts of our enemies, and fighting it seems about pointless, but it's an attack on a nation. Drugs are different. It's not worth fighting a losing battle for. It's a recreational activity that shouldn't be criminalized because there's a potential danger outside of just to the user.

Oh, I certainly think protecting people from their own stupidity is definitely a worthy cause. Even Mill, who pretty much invented the modern view of Liberty thought that stupidity isn't something that should be sought.
