
Subject: Re: Splitting the record - about the virtual lock
Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 03:42:14 GMT
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darkdragon wrote on Mon, 31 August 2009 20:51 Wait alcohol isn't addictive and doesn't change people's personalities. What world do you live in?

Pot is lesser than even caffeine in danger and far lesser than alcohol. Alcohol kills more people each year than all illegal drugs combined. Hell Advil kills more people than most illegal drugs.

There is a reason I don't drink spot.

alcohol doesn't change everyone's personalities and isn't addictive to everyone. for example, i can have an occasional drink and not get addicted, not drive drunk, not steal to support my drinking habit. some people can't do that. as for alcohol killing more people than all illegal drugs combined, i would say that is a misleading statistic. you'd have to know the underlying cause of all deaths to be able to prove that. for example, do you count all deaths related to drunk driving as an alcohol death? do you count all people killed in drive by shootings due to drug gang activity as a "other" illegal drug death?

i would also suggest that another reason alcohol is legal(here) but other drugs are not is because of

#1 big business - many people from bar owners to waitresses to distillers would be out of business.

#2 taxes - government makes big cash off of alcohol(same to be said for cigarettes)

#3 the guys in charge don't want to stop drinking - can you imagine telling people like ted kennedy(when alive), tip oneill and joe biden that they can't drink anymore?

#4 the relative ease of regulating and taxing alcohol over other illegal drugs

just a few reasons why alcohol and cigarettes are legal while meth is not.
