


- XIV - Portugal - allowed Cannabis Use ^{Preventative to violence.}
- XIV - Violence & Sexual Assault - Alcohol - 8 times ^{more abusive}
- XVII - Fed's have Cultural Battle going
- XVIII - List of Penalties for smoking pot - 20,000,000 arrested since 1965
- 4 - Weil - Dmg Taking a basic human activity. 2 pounds of cannabis (female) in the grave of an ancient shaman.
- 5. USA 45% tried herb - Netherlands 20% "For bidden Fruit" -
- USA ↑ highest consumption ↑ high penalties
- 6. 15 million - 6% are once a month users
- 6 USA - Money spent 113 Billion Pot 130 in alc. Marijuana largest retail cash crop.
- 22 Even WHO says overdose is not possible.
- 23 - New C users tend to feel different effects than experienced users.
- 25 Musers are successful academically
- 31 Violence and Alcohol 2/3 of assaults at the hand of an intimate
- 33 Alc. - The 3rd leading cause of death (Tobacco / Diet)
- 34 C - Not associated with Lung Cancer, Higher Levels of Mortality, or Injury ^{KAISER PERMANENTE - NO CASES OF POT ONLY LUNG CANCER - it is protective}
- 35 Proven lower risk of Injury
- 33 With alcohol - Pot - "mild and subtle" Nat. Alc. - Maybe Fatal Acad. of Sciences.
- 36 Cannabis Consumer far more acceptable to Discrimination in the Workplace - most other drugs seen only for hours.
- 36 - Reduces "gag reflex"
- 37 - Potentially Protect Brain - ward off Alzheimers ^{Fortune 35 - they are "Neuroprotective Antioxidants"} And the US Dept of HHS owns the patent to that ????

- 37 Help the Disease - MS - slows down the neurodegenerative process for mom - in MS & other diseases
- 37 Sativex. wow.
- 37 "Cannabis can slow the neurodegenerative process for mom" - in MS & other diseases
- 39 Tumor Killing Compounds Tumor ADDITIONAL ADVANCE PRAISE FOR Marijuana Is Safer 
- A Bronchodilator
- "I have always maintained that the legalization of marijuana would lead to an overall drop in substance abuse in this country. In particular, the option of legal marijuana use, as an alternative to the death and violence associated with alcohol use, would be a welcome societal change. ... Kudos to Fox, Armentano, and Tvert for their remarkably insightful and important book."
- 41 - US forced removal from W. H. O. report - ^{w/itc mid 80s} low danger ^{potential} to prosecute
- "I took great pride in my performance on and off the field, and often questioned why our culture embraces alcohol while simultaneously stigmatizing those who choose to consume a less harmful alternative, marijuana. This outstanding book makes it clear that it is inconsistent, both legally and socially, for our laws to punish adults who make the 'safer' choice."
- 48 Excluded from Harrison Act - Not a habit forming drug. ^{Pot} Marijuana Is Safer is both informative and timely. ... As a physician and public health educator, I highly recommend this book."
- 51 In "Gore File" - A man put his hand into his brain. ⁱⁿ eristable sanity and Death. ^{with} Death.
- "In a society too often paralyzed by fear when it comes to finding smart solutions to our failed drug war, *Marijuana Is Safer* offers a pragmatic way forward. The authors offer a new and common sense approach to marijuana policy—one that is motivated not by incarceration or punishment, but by reducing the overall harm to our society."
- RICK STANAS, travel guidebook writer and TV and radio host
- "Fox, Armentano, and Tvert offer a provocative new argument: that marijuana is actually safer to use than alcohol, so it's doubly dumb to ban the
- 53 - The AMA - Dr Woodward Destroyed all the false arguments. Told of Future medical uses!!

drug that's actually safer. Abstemious folks like myself may be surprised to hear that, but you'll find some solid evidence in this book."

—DAVID BOAZ, Executive Vice President of the Cato Institute, and author of *Libertarianism: A Primer* and *The Politics of Freedom*

"Readers who are new to the topic will find the pithy summaries of this complex literature easy to follow. Experts will welcome the up-to-the-minute references to the latest work on a vast range of topics. . . . Everyone will finish the text convinced that current policies need a thorough and immediate re-examination."

—MITCH EARLEYWINE, PhD, author of *Understanding Marijuana* and editor of *Pot Politics*

"[This] is the most extensive and up-to-date book I've ever read regarding adults' relationship with the cannabis plant. . . . As challenging as its conclusion may be to the political majority, this collection of thought-provoking facts cannot be ignored."

—ROB VAN DAM, former World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Heavyweight Champion and host of robvandam.com and RVD TV

"As the nation undergoes a shift in its thinking about drug policy, *Marijuana Is Safer* offers a timely and forceful challenge to marijuana criminalization. Anyone with an interest in drug policy, whatever their perspective, should read this important work."

—ALEX KREIT, Director of the Center for Law and Social Justice, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

"In this thoroughly documented account, Fox, Armentano, and Tvert have performed a public service. They have pulled the sheet off the lie that gave us marijuana prohibition. In truth, it turns out 'The Devil Weed' is safer than alcohol. [This book] could be a game changer."

—MIKE GRAY, author of *Drug Crazy: How We Got Into This Mess & How We Can get Out*

"Culture and law feel, at times, impossible to change; and then suddenly we find ourselves in a whole new place. America smokes a lot of pot, America drinks a lot of booze, and pot has not always been outlawed—it stands to reason that law and culture will change again. This book seems to herald that change is now upon us."

39 Cannabinoids can help prevent the onset of diabetes
— Limit the spread of multi drug resistant bacteria.

Jennifer Michael Hecht, PhD, author of *The Happiness Myth*

56 - Schedule 1 listing was temporary - Since the Controlled Substances Act also called for the Federal Commission - Schacht Commission - Rebutted every negative claim. Their Report

"Marihuana: A Signal of Misunderstanding"

Quote "In a word, Cannabis does not lead to physical dependence"

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So Why Are We Driving People to Drink?

57 - NO Gateway National Commission
It inhibits aggression - pacify the user
60 - No longer Schedule 1

59 - Now - habit has changed
63 - Wow - Illegality causes gateway - Same as I am study - got both

Prohibition is the Gateway to Hard Drugs.
67 Donald Tashkin M.D. - Pot Not associated with Lung Cancer
even a suggestion of some protective effect on lungs

13 - Nations top Public Policy Priority - in time of war and recession - legalizing marijuana

69 - At legal Blood Alc levels - 0.05 - Still 3 Times the AutoCrashes that you get from pot.
70 - No long term negative impact on intelligence.

72-73 - Not increase aggressiveness or antisocial beh.
NO Lasting harm.

78 Cultural Battle - In 42 years continued popularity
79 L.E. decided they love to arrest marijuana users.
20 Million busted since Nixon 1965

80 All the Penalties / C.W. / Robbers & rapists not punished in all these ways. list organs, babies

86 TV Shows - ONDCP rewrote anti-drug plot lines.
Script changes negotiated
Data - "Booming" effect of TV ads.
twice as likely to have sex.

88 Media Complicity in Cannabis Prohibition from Beginning to end (Media - Megaphone for govt)

Many examples - Olympic A/C - Anheuser Busch

89 - Follow the money - Intentionally Push A/C.

91 - Beer Lobby - One of top 5 richest in every election cycle

Media Campaign Bill Banned the use of those funds

To curb underage drinking.

Cal. Beer Distributors gave \$100,000 to fight an initiative that would have lowered pot penalties.

97 - People 18-24 - 1700 alcohol related deaths this year

98 - 100,000 18-24 yr olds victim of sexual assault date rape

90% of campus rapes involve alcohol.

100 - \$200 Billion - annual cost of alcohol

102 Health Care Costs - Attributed to Alcohol - 45 Times
The costs attributable to marijuana.

104 Degree of Aggressive Response - Proportional to A/C consumed.
A/C - Homicides - Sexual Assaults

106 - male Female Partner Violence - 8 to 11 Times more likely on days when male has violence.

Domestic Violence counselors could recommend Pot to drinkers
Traditional Arguments

1) Penalties cause more harm than the herb
11 States Decriminalized - ticket - No Prison

112 - "cure" worse than the disease.
Tax & Regulate will Produce Revenue for govt.

The 1.4 Billion Calif. figure doesn't include new auxiliary industries.

2) A 850,000 Americans per year
a) waste of law enforcement resources
b) " of destruction of lives.

Over 20 mil since 1965

114 Destruction (all the ways) of people

3) Limits L.E. Capacity to go after other crimes
34,000 state 1,000 federal inmates in prison for pot.

115 They could be out stopping crime -

- my example of the Canton Twp Case - Police unreading H.S. Drug Search
115 The LLEP Argument - Target L.E. (Requires SAFERMIH doctrine Florida State Study)

1% increase in drug arrests leads to .18% increase in serious crimes.
Just for 115 - Doesn't really extend argument out as

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far as we do in Michigan. That Drug War focus has made police less effective (less interested) in solving other crimes.

Letter to Steve Fox, Bruce Kirkby, Ethan Neidman

4) It is racially discriminatory and discriminates against young adults.

Race - Strong Stats
Age - 74% of Busts are ^{people} under 30
25% are 18 or younger

117 - Fundamentally alienates millions of citizens
Creates disrespect for govt, police, rule of law

5) Making it illegal makes it easier for kids to buy pot.
Easier to purchase pot than beer or cigarettes

117 Easier to purchase pot than beer or cigarettes
Drug dealers don't "card"

118 - Dutch use less than 1/2 the US - they have cannabis but not for "bitten fruit"

And people who don't want - don't like the feeling (not because of ill equality)

6) Regulation would make pot safer
119 - Prohibition makes it a gateway to produce a dangerous criminal market.

119 - Few Cannabis consumers go on to use other drugs.
Don't Protect Kids - Real Gateway provided

- Steers kids into markets that have hard drugs.

120 Drugs kept separate - Dutch - Less than 2% have ever used cocaine USA - 16%

Mex. Drug Gangs - get majority of income BUT - Rational arguments have not worked.

121 Whole New Point - we are not adding a vice -> providing safer alternative

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123/124 Basic Arguments that answer the question "Why should we add another vice?"

Sing le Concern "Why should we add another intoxicating substance?"

often Trumps all the rational arguments
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1/5 to 1/3 of Americans consider pot more harmful.

But 1/3 say it is equally bad

So Majority may still think pot is worse than booze.

Must demonstrate M is less harmful than Alc.

126 - Our Point We are NOT seeking to add a vice. We are seeking to add a safer recreational substitute.

129 Write Steve Fox My Research DW Has prevented police from effectively combatting crime.

answer

Journalist Addressed Health with ISI in questionnaire about illicit drugs!

30 - We are driving American to drink, forcing us all to live in a world far less safe, with violence more likely.

131 - Cannabis use may have a positive impact on Society "tends to foster a more peaceful and enjoyable environment than does alcohol."

134 - Framing the comparison with alcohol forces officials - makes it harder for politicians to defend their desire to punish marijuana users.

With this stance we don't have to be defensive about the idea that Tax & Regulate may lead to increased use. Repeat NOT introducing new vice but making safely available a safer alternative for adult recreation.

This will tip the balance. This book is dedicated to those who have spoken up in support of more rational marijuana laws, and to those who will.

137 Support for legalization goes up as the perception of harmful effects goes down. 75% support for legalization AMONG those whose alcohol as more dangerous than marijuana.

137 - MPP Recruited Mason Tvert / the thought of SAFER

138 - SAFER began on Campus Did a Campus Chris C ballot initiative.

Chris C - get this passed.

True SAFER concept - Denver - 54% passed for legalization

Then Did LLEP for Denver - 57% win Marijuana is fun \$ 143

146 Tipping Point concept - Each time we make the pairing brings us closer.

If they see this light they will have to look inward and reconcile why they continue to support laws that steer adults toward a substance that is far more dangerous than cannabis.

151 - Teens think it's safer to binge drink than to use cannabis. Each of Indian Health Commission

160 Distribution Initiative - Regulation of Cannabis in Cal.

161 2004 Cal Legislature codified cannabis sale. 2008 - Call Attorney general issues guidelines.

* Get These Documents to draw up distribution initiative language.

160 - The Operation of Dispensaries (next few pages)
162 - Cal. Police say it has not caused major prob
164 - Have Dispensaries licensed to sell paraph^{er}alia
- ? even Glassware/Books etc - profit

ME From that goes to get medicine for low income
168 - The Children Gateway Granholm.

1) No system could give children greater access than
the ones we have
2) If some did get through to them it would be
a safe regulated product ^{Recent data on Drug Testing}

Now - Markets mixed - Dealers have a financial incentive
to introduce children to other products.

169 Reasons young people give for NOT using Cannabis -
(last imp) was "availability" (10%) Most imp was
not wanting to be high or psych or physical damage.
Use by teens dropped sharply in Calif.

169 Federal govt. Study - Decree has not
changed use rates or attitudes among young people.

172 Alc. poisoning, violence/rape, liver disease -
Society will be safer if a safer alternative
is available.

173 - Leaders - A movement cannot be successful
without leaders to guide it.

175 - Chris - place a referendum question on your
school ballot ^{A² Campus - necessity law!}
Doesn't it have referendum procedure.

178 Why Safer March - "Launching a Municipal
ballot initiative" "typically entails a level
of funding or professional support that is
unavailable to most community activists"
- Safer March - Funding & Expertise

180 SCHAUER
Organize St. Patrick's Day March?