

MARIJUANA HAS CHANGED

Potency has gone from 1/2 to 2% THC to 20 to 30% in smoked form, and up to 96% as Butane Hash Oil (BHO) extracts and oils which are used in edibles and vaping. Edibles are sold in quantities and potency that have proven lethal. Vaping, with no smoke or odor, is the new threat for inflicting mental and physical harms including addiction, particularly to adolescents. No longer a "soft" drug, the adverse impacts have risen in relation to the potency. The greatest harm is BRAIN DAMAGE.

MARIJUANA EDIBLES AND VAPING

Marijuana edibles are now sold under the guise of medicine, packaged to be of interest to children, in quantities and potencies that are potentially lethal. E-Cigarettes and vaping have now eclipsed conventional cigarettes, with no smoke or odor. They are widely used for cannabis with potency as high as 96% with the potential to adversely affect the brains of anyone under 25 years old, but particularly adolescents.



"If a child reaches age 21 prior to smoking, abusing alcohol or using drugs, they virtually never will."
(Califano, CASA)

Drugs And Addiction Have No Religious Or Party Preference.

(Bishop Ron Allen, International Faith Based Coalition)

Addiction to alcohol, drugs and tobacco is the root cause of more pain and suffering, social destruction, economic cost and death than all events in recent history. If America is to have a future, we must take action to protect the brains of our youth, and stop the devastation of our environment. We cannot succumb to the 8% of people who use marijuana to get high, or profit from those who do, at the expense of the 92% of people who don't. If we allow them to destroy our youth, and inflict irreparable harm on our natural resources, they have no future, nor do we as a nation.

Marijuana is a very dangerous drug that has the potential to destroy this nation. If you can help by making a small donation, it will help us sustain and grow our effort to achieve a safer, healthier, drug-free state and nation. We thank you in advance for doing so.

Donations can be mailed to:

TBAC, P.O. Box 459, Lincoln, Ca 95648; or on-line at www.tbac.us or for a tax-free donation visit our Prevention Partner at Parents Opposed to Pot www.poppot.us, a 501(c)3

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our children and planet. We pray for your love and protection for both, so that they may grow and flourish.

We Encourage You To Learn More About Marijuana

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MARIJUANA BATTLE FOR THE BRAIN

**THIS IS NOT A WAR ON DRUGS,
BUT A BATTLE TO PROTECT
THE BRAINS OF OUR YOUTH.**

*The human brain holds our humanity—
how we think, feel, and act. With our
minds we learn, create, compose, connect
and remember. We love, feel empathy,
sorrow and loss. We care for others and
give unconditionally. Our reward is
the essence of our humanity.
We are united in the defense of our most
vulnerable. The brightness of our shared
future depends on our promise and
commitment to protect and defend the
mental health of our youth.*

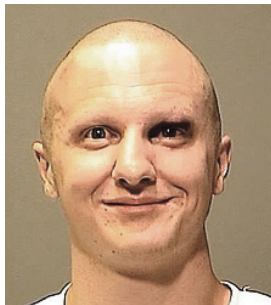
BRAIN DAMAGE RUINS LIVES:

BRAIN DAMAGE from fat soluble marijuana results in permanent structural and chemical changes causing impaired memory, motivation, maturation and cognition. Heavy adolescence use has resulted in loss of IQ by an average of 8 points by mid-adulthood. Quitting use as an adult is unlikely to reverse the damage. The brain isn't fully developed under age 25. The adolescent brain is much more vulnerable to harm. Brain damage during adolescence can have life-long consequences.

PSYCHOTIC EPISODES – Numerous people are experiencing psychotic episodes owing to the high THC content in marijuana. Voices tell them to do heinous acts of murder, and/or commit suicide. Marijuana has been a factor in most mass murders, including Tucson, Aurora, Boston Bombers, Chattanooga and more. Eddie Routh killed American Sniper Chris Kyle and friend after a morning smoking pot. A 23 year old mother in Ohio decapitated her 3 month old baby. Numerous people have committed suicide.



James Holmes killed 12 people and injured 70 others at a Century movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, on July 20, 2012.



Jared Loughner killed 6 people and injured 13 others in Tucson, Arizona, on January 8, 2011.

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ILLNESS. Marijuana is associated with psychosis, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and major mental illness. It can induce psychosis in vulnerable people. Because marijuana stays in the body longer than any other drug, it can cause testicular cancer, strokes, heart attacks and bronchitis in vulnerable individuals. Roughly 30% of people are considered vulnerable. Jails nationwide are full of mentally ill people who can't work, waiting for non-existent beds in mental institutions. Marijuana use is associated with lower graduation rates, higher unemployment and greater reliance on public assistance.

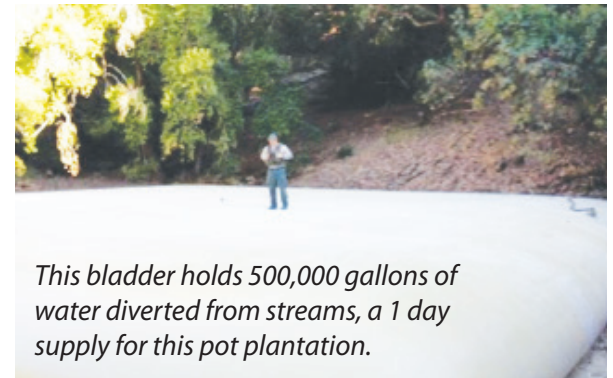
ADDICTION – Recent information (JAMA Psychiatry Oct 21, 2015) indicates addiction to marijuana has risen from 9% to 30.5% in current (past year) users. Addiction is a life-long condition that enslaves people, escalates crime, diminishes academic achievement and productivity and ruins entire families. Most of the 122 Americans who die every day of overdose of other drugs, started their drug journey with marijuana.

BIRTH DEFECTS – Children prenatally exposed to THC are more likely to show gaps in problem-solving skills, memory, and ability to remain attentive. (NIDA) Even low concentrations of THC can have profound and long-lasting consequences for brain and behavior of offspring. Marijuana use during pregnancy or breast feeding is associated with adverse consequences for the child which can persist well into adulthood.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES DOUBLE – One in eight (12.6%) of drivers in America are impaired by marijuana to varying degrees. Traffic deaths owing to drugged driving now rival alcohol (40%), with marijuana being the predominant drug. Traffic fatalities owing to marijuana impairment have doubled in states that allow marijuana for any reason. Marijuana mixed with alcohol escalates the problem by eight times.

BATTLE FOR THE PLANET

One marijuana plant consumes 6 gallons of water per day, averaging 1 to 5 lbs of produce at 1200 joints per lb. Pot plantations in California, all producing marijuana under the guise of medicine, are diverting water from streams causing irreparable damage to ecosystems that are categorized as "globally outstanding." In rural and residential communities, the stench from marijuana is ruining the quality of life and diminishing property values. To serve the insatiable appetite of 8% of Americans who want to get high, and provide an easy buck for people who don't care about the social or economic impact they impose on the other 92%, America is suffering enormous damage to the brains of our youth, and to our precious natural resources. It has to stop, or we have no future as a nation.



This bladder holds 500,000 gallons of water diverted from streams, a 1 day supply for this pot plantation.

