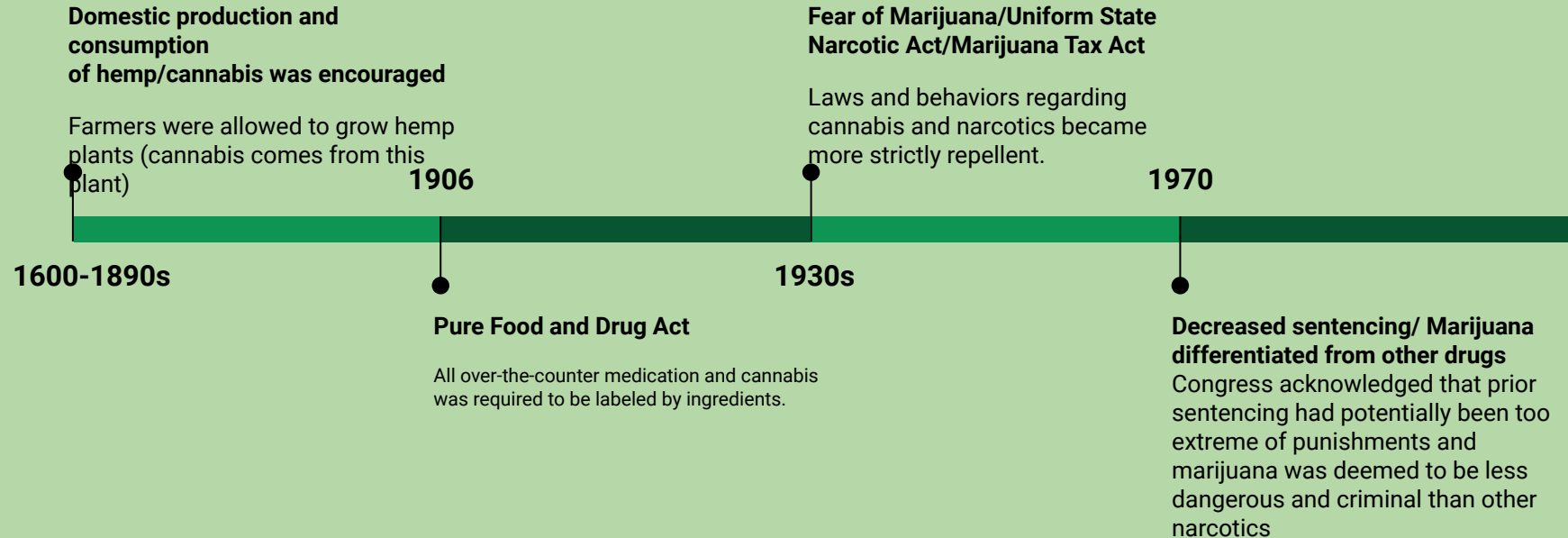


Legalization of Marijuana

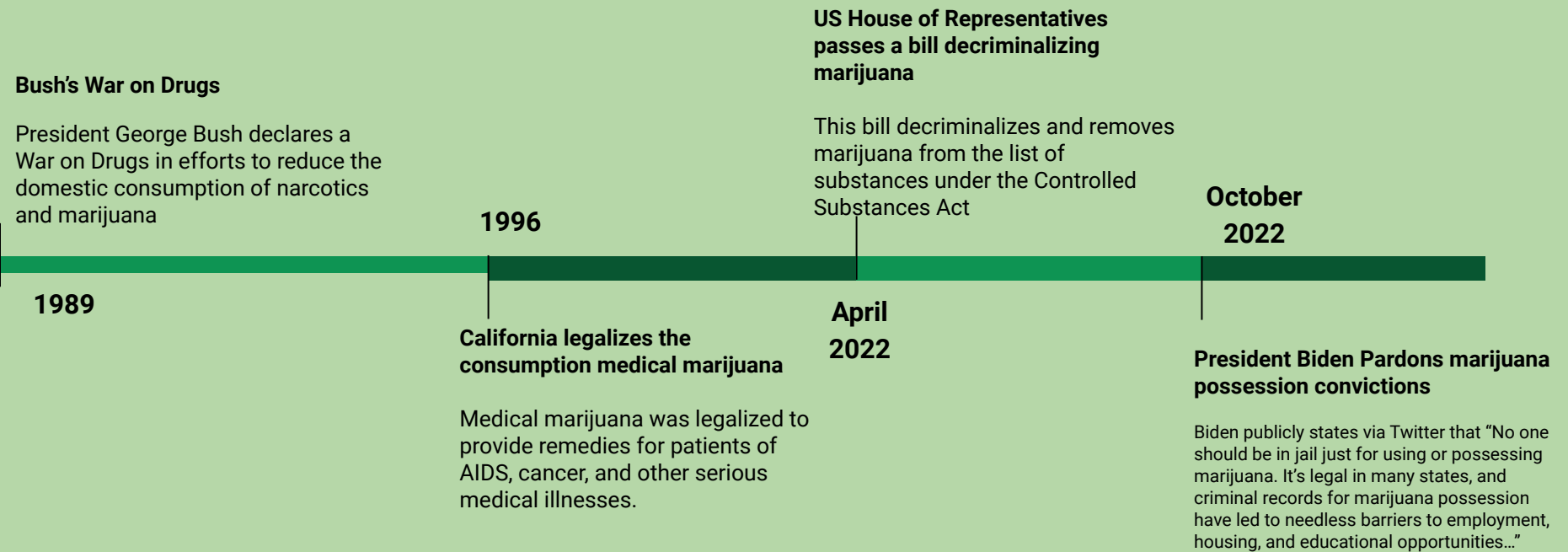
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History of Marijuana Regulation in the United States



History of Marijuana Regulation in the United States (cont.)



Argument in Support of the Legalization of Marijuana

Pros of Legalizing Marijuana:

- Medicinal relief/benefits
- Less dangerous than other drugs and narcotics
- Economic benefits (tax revenue placed on marijuana)
- Personal liberty (people should be able to do as they please)



Argument Against the Legalization of Marijuana

- While marijuana is considered to be safer to consume than other narcotics, it is a drug nonetheless and should not be available for domestic consumption as it does come with its dangers and behavioral consequences.
- Creates steep costs for taxpayers that outweigh the tax revenues.
- Marijuana is addictive.
- Workers become less productive when under the influence of marijuana



Where is Marijuana Legal?

Legal recreational marijuana usage has been approved in

- Missouri
- Maryland
- Rhode Island
- Connecticut
- New Mexico
- Virginia
- New York
- New Jersey
- Montana
- Arizona
- Illinois
- Guam
- Vermont
- Michigan
- Nevada
- Massachusetts
- Maine
- California
- Washington, D.C.
- Oregon
- Alaska
- Washington
- Colorado

Delaware's Stance on Marijuana

- Recreational marijuana consumption is illegal in the state of Delaware. However, medical consumption is permitted. It was legalized in 2011 under the Medical Marijuana Act
- Delaware's first effort for legalization took place in March 2022 when Rep. Ed Osienski of Newark introduced a bill to legalize it and regulate the economic taxes and principles associated with it. However, it wasn't passed due to little support from Democrats and zero support from the GOP.



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