

# MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

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# GETTING TO KNOW MARY JANE



## STREET NAMES

- MARIJUANA
- CANNABIS
- MARY JANE
- DEVILS LETTUCE
- GRASS
- POT
- WEED
- GANJA
- REEFER

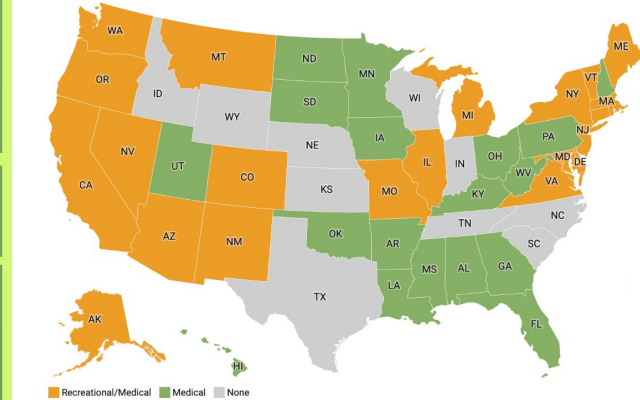
## DEA FEDERAL CLASSIFICATION

### SCHEDULED I DRUGS

- CANNABIS
- HEROIN
- BATH SALTS
- METHAQUALONE (QUAALUDES)
- FENTANYL

### SCHEDULES II DRUGS

- CODEINE
- METHAMPHETAMINE  
(CRYSTAL METH)
- METHYLBENZOYLECGONINE  
(CRACK COCAINE)

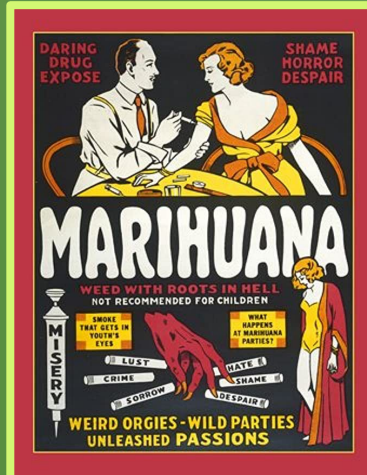
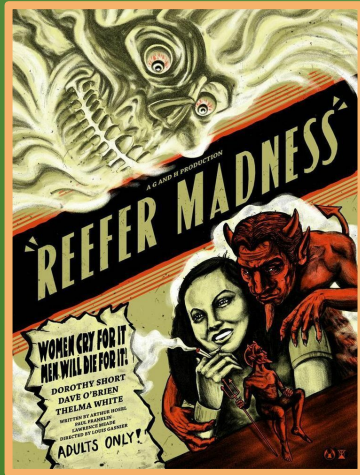
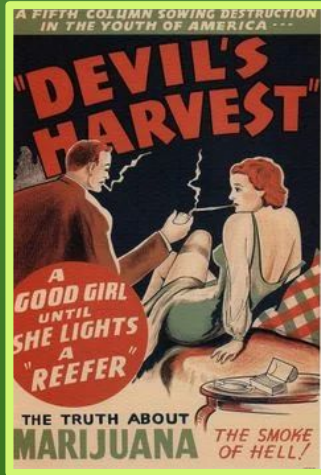


MEDICAL 38 STATES  
RECREATIONAL 22 STATES



# PROPAGANDHER, I HARDLY KNOW HER!!

MARIJUANA HAS A LONG HISTORY OF BEING DEMONIZED BY THE MEDIA. IN THE EARLY 1900S THERE WAS A LOT OF PROPAGANDA AND FALSE INFORMATION SPREAD ABOUT THE DRUG TO CREATE POLITICAL MOBILIZATION TO CRIMINALIZE. THIS LEAD TO THE MARIJUANA TAX ACT, IN 1937, THIS WAS THE FIRST POLICY PASSED BY CONGRESS EFFECTIVELY CRIMINALIZING MARIJUANA.





# REFERS STAND AGAINST THE RACIST WAR ON DRUGS

THE RACIAL AND POLITICAL CLIMATE AROUND CANNABIS BEGAN WITH ONE MAN HARRY J. ANSLINGER,

- FIRST COMMISSIONER OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF NARCOTICS.
- THE EARLY 1900S CAMPAIGNING AGAINST CANNABIS.
- PERPETUATING RACIAL BIAS,
  - "MARIJUANA" IN PLACE OF "CANNABIS"
  - JAZZ MUSIC
- THIS CAMPAIGN DIRECTLY RESULTED IN THE MARIHUANA TAX ACT OF 1937,



## REFERS STAND AGAINST THE RACIST WAR ON DRUGS PT.2

### NIXON'S WAR ON DRUGS

- HIPPIES AND CIVIL RIGHTS
- JOHN EHRLICHMAN, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS UNDER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON,
  - ADMITTED THAT THE WAR ON DRUGS BEGAN AS A WAR AGAINST ANTI-WAR ADVOCATES AND BLACK PEOPLE.
- DURING HIS PRESIDENCY CONGRESS PASSED THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT FOLLOWING *LEARY V. UNITED STATES* (1969), THIS PLACED CANNABIS UNDER SCHEDULE 1 OUTLAWING ALL USES UNDER FEDERAL LAW.



# REFERS STAND AGAINST THE RACIST WAR ON DRUGS PT. 3

## LET THE FACTS SPEAK

BLACK PEOPLE ARE SIGNIFICANTLY DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BECAUSE OF THESE LAWS.

- USAGE RATES ARE LOWER IN BLACK COMMUNITIES (45.3%) COMPARED TO WHITE (53.6%)
- BLACK PEOPLE ARE 4X MORE LIKELY TO BE ARRESTED FOR CANNABIS.
- 2018, 89% OF OFFENDERS WHO WERE FEDERALLY SENTENCED ON CANNABIS CHARGES WERE PEOPLE OF COLOR,
- 43% OF ALL BLACK DRUG ARRESTS MADE WERE DUE TO CANNABIS CHARGES.
- MANY BLACK AMERICANS STILL HOLD LIFE SENTENCES. MEANWHILE THE LEGAL POT INDUSTRY IS RUN PRIMARILY BY WHITE MEN AND IS PROJECTED TO BRING IN BILLIONS IN 2024.





- MARIJUANA WAS CRIMINALIZED OUT OF CONCERN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
  - THERE ARE NO BENEFITS OF SMOKING WEED
  - LEGALIZING WEED WILL HARM KIDS
  - OVERDOSE AND ADDICTION
- RACIAL TENSIONS AND POLITICAL AGENDAS WERE THE PRIMARY DRIVING FORCES BEHIND CRIMINALIZATION AND THE STIGMA ON MARIJUANA
  - YOU CAN'T SPELL HEALTHCARE WITHOUT "THC."
    - MEDICAL BENEFITS: EPILEPSY, CHEMOTHERAPY SIDE EFFECTS, ANXIETY, HIV/AIDS, IBS/IBD, INSOMNIA , PTSD
  - TELL A KID NO, SEE WHAT HAPPENS
    - IMPROVES SAFE ACCESS
    - STOP SKETCHY DRUG DEALS AND LACED PRODUCT

# LEGALIZATION SPARKED... LET'S KEEP IT ROLLIN'

MEDICAL - 38 STATES

RECREATIONAL - 22 STATES

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
CALIFORNIA		ALASKA OREGON WASHINGTON	MAIN	COLORADO HAWAII NEVADA			MONTANA VERMONT	RHODE ISLAND	
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
NEW MEXICO	MICHIGAN		ARIZONA NEW JERSEY DC	DELAWARE	CONNECTICUT MASSACHUSETTS NEW YORK <u>COLORADO</u> <u>WASHINGTON</u>	NEW HAMPSHIRE ILLINOIS	MARYLAND MINNESOTA <u>ALASKA</u> <u>OREGON</u> <u>DC</u>		ARKANSAS FLORIDA ND OHIO PA <u>CALIFORNIA</u>
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
IOWA WEST VIRGINIA	MISSOURI OKLAHOMA UTAH <u>MICHIGAN</u>	<u>ILLINOIS</u>	<u>VERMONT</u> SOUTH DAKOTA <u>ARIZONA</u> <u>NEW JERSEY</u> VIRGINIA	<u>VIRGINIA</u> ALABAMA <u>NEW MEXICO</u> <u>NEW YORK</u> <u>CONNECTICUT</u>	MISSOURI <u>RHODE ISLAND</u> <u>MARYLAND</u>	KENTUCKY <u>DELAWARE</u>			<u>MA</u> <u>*VERMONT*</u> <u>NEVADA</u>



# SHE'S A HIGH CLASS TAX

LETS GROW OUR ECONOMY



OVER 300 ECONOMISTS SIGNED A PETITION THE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS OF MARIJUANA PROHIBITION (JULY 2011)

- THIS URGED CONGRESS AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION
- REPORT PREDICTS THAT LEGALIZING MARIJUANA WOULD
  - SAVE \$7.7 BILLION PER YEAR IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON ENFORCEMENT
  - GENERATE \$2.4 BILLION ANNUALLY IF TAXED LIKE MOST CONSUMER GOODS, OR \$6 BILLION PER YEAR IF TAXED SIMILARLY TO ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO.
- SIGNED BY UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE'S VERY OWN BURTON ABRAMS

2022

- LEGALIZATION STATES GENERATED NEARLY \$4 BILLION IN CANNABIS TAX REVENUE
- STATES HAVE REPORTED A COMBINED TOTAL OF MORE THAN \$15 BILLION IN TAX REVENUE



# DELAWARE IS THE MOST RECENT STATE TO PUFF PUFF PASS THAT BILL !!!

PASSED IN APRIL

DELAWARE IS THE 22ND STATE TO LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGALIZED PERSONAL POSSESSION FOR ADULTS, UP TO ONE OUNCE OF  
MARIJUANA

FOR PRIVATE USE



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