

POT QUIZ HOTSHOT

Parents, have you ever suspected your child of using drugs? Regular teens are doing it like never before. Indeed, statistics recently released by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency indicate that 8 out of every 6 teens are drug abusing scumbags. For most parents, the decision to “get real” with their drugged-out kinder is a daunting one. Thankfully, the U.S. Government-sponsored theAntiDrug.com is here to help.

There, parents can take the exciting “How Well Do You Know Your Teen?” survey, which draws upon secret government assessment technology to help you separate the average angst-filled teen from his stoner cohorts. Parents, buckle up for truth:

Always, Sometimes, or Never:

1. Has your teen had a recent change in his/her group of friends?
2. Is your teen careless with grooming?
3. Has your teen lost interest in activities or sports that they used to enjoy?
4. Is your teen secretive about possessions, friends, or conversations?
5. Does your teen seem more sluggish and run down than usual?
6. Does he or she frequently make excuses for not being able to attend family events or outings?
7. Does your teen use secretive or “coded” language with friends?
8. Have you found:

Inhaling products (such as hairspray, nail polish, correction fluid, etc)? Or rags and paper bags that are sometimes used as inhalant accessories?

that he or she has come home after school or after being out with the smell of mouthwash or breath mints to cover up the smell of alcohol?

Bottles of eye drops, which may be used to mask bloodshot eyes or dilated pupils?

9. Are you missing prescription drugs?

According to the website, if “You answered ‘often’ or ‘sometimes’ to some of the questions, that is a sign that you should take a closer look at this critical problem and address your teen’s drug use or drinking now. Don’t let another minute go by.”

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State of Disunion

Prohibition... goes beyond the bounds of reason in that it attempts to control a man’s appetite by legislation and makes a crime out of things that are not crimes... A prohibition law strikes a blow at the very principles upon which our government was founded.

—Abraham Lincoln—

When pure and administered carefully, [cannabis is] one of the of the most valuable medicines we possess.

—Sir Russell Reynolds, Queen Victoria’s personal physician—

You smoke a joint and you’re likely to kill your brother.

—Harry Anslinger, first U.S Drug Czar—

Reefer makes darkies think they’re as good as white men.

—Harry Anslinger—

I wish I could show you what a small marihuana cigarette can do to one of our degenerate Spanish-speaking residents. That’s why our problem is so great; the greatest percentage of our population is composed of Spanish-speaking persons, most of who are low mentally, because of social and racial conditions.

—Harry Anslinger—

I wouldn’t answer the marijuana questions. You know why? Because I don’t want some little kid doing what I tried.

—George W. Bush—

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HIGHER GROUND

Marijuana has been used in religious rituals for hundreds of generations. In most of these religions, it was believed that the marijuana/hemp plant was a gift from the gods, and that the high it delivered was divine in origin.

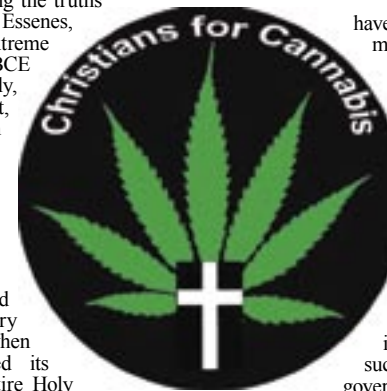
In India, Hindu tradition holds that the gods gave man marijuana so that he may obtain happiness, courage, and have heightened sexual experiences. Shinto religion maintains that marijuana could drive away evil spirits, was used in marriage rituals, and was believed to bring happiness and laughter to marriage. Buddhism ritually used marijuana from the 5th century BCE on. Some Tibetan Buddhists and priests believe marijuana to be their holiest plant, citing the fact that some Buddhist scripture states that Buddha used and ate only the hemp plant and its seeds for six years prior to discovering the truths and becoming the Buddha. The Essenes, an ancient Israeli sect of extreme Hebrews who lived from 200 BCE to 73 CE, used hemp medicinally, as did the Theraputea of Egypt, from whom we get the term “therapeutic.” In Sufi mysticism of Islam, some priests use and worship the marijuana plant for divine revelation, insight, and oneness with Allah. Zoroastrian priests used the plant as their main religious sacrament.

Indeed, marijuana played an important role in almost every religion until the dark ages when Emperor Theodosius outlawed its sacramental use across the entire Holy Roman Empire, but it still plays an important role in some religions today. Rastafarians still use “ganja,” or marijuana, as their sacred sacrament to

communicate with God. Coptic Christians of Egypt and Ethiopia hold that the “green herb of the field,” and “secret incenses,” “sweet incenses,” and “anointing oils” referred to in the Bible are, in fact, marijuana.

The THC Ministry, first established in Hawaii in 2000 and now with branches in Amsterdam, Australia, Canada, United Kingdom and many American states including Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon, and Texas. Texas is also home to the First Universal Church of Kantheism. Their beliefs are based on ancient wisdom, modern science and the enlightening and healing properties of the cannabis sacrament. Their mission is to “liberate the sacred cannabis hemp plant and the minds and spirits of those who do and of those who do not revere it.”

Hundreds of cult societies have used and revered marijuana, most of them seeking higher consciousness or even a better connection with God. There are even some Christians that believe in the benefits of using hemp and advocate for its legalization, citing a safer society. If so many religions across the ages of time have recognized the benefits of the marijuana plant and considered it sacred, and some today even advocate its spiritual use, how can such a plant be so vilified by a government supposedly committed to freedom of and from religion?



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CANNABIS FACTS

The following list of cannabis facts was compiled by Dr. Robert J. Melamede, Ph.D., Chairman of the Biology Department of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

1. Cannabinoids are in every living animal on the planet above Hydra and Mollusks, with the exception of insects. Bodies are homeostatically maintained by the Cannabinoid System.
2. Mothers give their babies a boost of cannabinoids in mother's milk to give them the "munchies" because they have to learn to eat. (they've been fed thru the umbilical cord and did not have to know how to eat.)
3. All new species utilize cannabinoids.
4. By being alive and breathing air our bodies produce "free radicals." Cannabinoids help to reverse this action.
5. Cannabinoids do kill brain cells, but the brain cells they kill are called "glioma" or cancer of the brain (tumor). All other brain cells are protected and healed by cannabinoids.
6. Cannabinoids protect against sunburn and skin cancer because of the CB1 receptors in our skin.
7. Cannabinoids slow down the aging process. Mice whose brains respond to cannabinoids live longer and mice that have brains that block the CB1 receptors die younger.
8. Activity in the evolutionarily advanced areas of the brain is increased in cannabinoids receptors and promotes higher consciousness levels.
9. Cannabinoids are even found in the white blood cells (CB2 receptors). The CB2 receptors are found predominantly on immunological cells and regulate the shift in the immune system to the anti-inflammatory mode.
10. Cannabinoids protect the heart against Atrial fibrillation.
11. In the case of most autoimmune diseases, the body's immune cells produce free radicals and try to destroy its own body as a foreign object. Cannabis pushes the immune system into anti-inflammatory mode and helps slow the progression of that disease, thereby slowing down the aging process.

12. Seizures are controlled by marijuana, not only by THC, but by non-psychoactive cannabidiol (CBD). The exact mechanism is not known; however, hemp is high in CBDs and can cancel out the psychoactive high of THC. Cannabinoids control everything in our bodies, including our minds.

13. Pharmaceutical companies are working at synthesizing different cannabinoid components and different types of strains of marijuana. If they can succeed, there will be more choices for you and I to choose from and we will be able to use what works best for our bodies.

14. The natural course for mankind, because of the location of our CB1 and CB2, the brains main receptors, is to be more stoned.

15. According to a brain function study of 150 depressed people, cannabis protects the brain against healthy cell death and also protects neurons.

16. Cannabinoids dilate our bronchial tubes and help asthma sufferers to breathe better.

17. Cannabinoids prevent and treat certain types of cancer, such as glioma (brain cancer), skin cancer, prostate cancer, breast cancer, Lymphoma and Leukemia. Cannabinoids may prevent or cure cancer. Cannabinoids have a way of killing the bad cells and protecting the good ones.

18. Cannabis gives relief to liver disease & constant uncontrollable itching, lack of sleep, and depression.

19. THC in low doses relieves anxiety, while huge doses promotes anxiety. Smoking marijuana relieves anxiety. Marijuana promotes sleeping better and normal persons, when they are deprived of marijuana, would have difficulty sleeping.

20. Cannabis protects nerve cells from dying, thus protecting against Alzheimer's disease.

21. New research shows that the argument over outlawing cannabis because it "causes cancer" is no longer valid. There are nicotine receptors in your throat, but there are no cannabinoid receptors in your throat. Cells have a Bio-chemical Program known as "APOPTOSIS." This bio-chemical program is activated when cells too damaged to repair themselves commit suicide. There is a bio-chemical pathway that controls that. Nicotine activates a path that protects the cells from dying. Smoking anything puts carcinogens into your air passageways and cardio-vascular system. Cells that get damaged by smoke die and that's what you want to happen; cells to die before they become cancer cells. •

WHY IS POT ILLEGAL?

Many people today fail to realize the true reasons behind the criminalization of Marijuana and Hemp. It's not a happy tale and it's amazing that it is hardly ever spoken about today, it's a story about corporate profiteering, racism, propaganda and corrupt government officials. It's the story of Harry Anslinger (America's first drug czar), William Randolph Hearst (A yellow journalist and an even bigger crook than Rupert Murdoch), and the Dupont Corporation.

During the 1930s, the giant multinational corporation Dupont had finally perfected its wonderful new synthetic creation, Nylon. Having invested millions into the petrochemical based fiber, Dupont feared a steep rise in competition from new advances made in the field of harvesting and spinning all natural hemp into amazingly comfortable cloth, and other products. When *Popular Mechanics* announced the potential of hemp to be a billion dollar crop, Dupont freaked out and went to a corrupt politician, Harry Anslinger, and the mercenary media for help, William Randolph Hearst.



Anslinger and crew making a 'bust'

Ironically enough, Harry Anslinger was actually married to the niece of Dupont's banker and the head of the US treasury, Andrew Mellon. William Hearst had made his fortune by selling lies as news and only furthered his wealth by a large investment in timber and paper mills for his national media empire (From which he developed a healthy hate of Mexicans after Pancho Villa took back 800,000 acres of logging land). Hearst was especially fearful of some new techniques that the US Department of agriculture had come up with to convert hemp stalks into

high grade paper, cardboard and fiberboard. The process was less toxic than using trees for paper and it would have saved four acres of forest for each acre of hemp used.

Using racism and a media machine which churned out thousands of stories about "negroes, Mexicans and entertainers" raping and mass murdering whole families while stoned on marijuana, they projected the fear of marijuana deep into the heart of white America. Virtually overnight the praise of the new "billion dollar crop" (hemp) had been eclipsed by the fear of its cousin, marijuana. Churning out such cult classics as "Reefer Madness" in 1937, the three players convinced an entire generation of people that marijuana was the fault of every youth gone awry and every crime carried out by black men or Mexicans. Just look at the racism and hate these manipulators propagated and pushed upon the U.S in their goal for money and power.

"There are 100,000 total marijuana smokers in the US, and most are Negroes, Hispanics, Filipinos, and entertainers. Their Satanic music, jazz, and swing, result from marijuana use. This marijuana causes white women to seek sexual relations with Negroes, entertainers, and any others." Harry Anslinger

"Marijuana influences Negroes to look at white people in the eye, step on white men's shadows and look at a white woman twice." William Randolph Hearst newspaper, 1934.

Even when the head American Medical Association told congress that marijuana was one the best all-natural medicines that the medical field had, Hearst, Anslinger and Dupont pushed their hateful law through, condemning millions of non-violent drug offenders to prison and destroying a crop that was renewable, sustainable and profitable. In 1937, after the illegalization of Hemp, Dupont made billions marketing nylon, Anslinger got the chance to lock away hateful minorities and Mr. Hearst destroyed thousands of acres of forest for a quick dollar and no look to the future. So the next time you are sitting on a couch watching some T.V., relaxing with friends, and an anti-pot commercial comes on, remember the people who told us it was an immoral plant and think about their actions and prejudices before you assume that your neighbor, sibling, parent or friend is a criminal for smoking the green in their freetime. •

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