



Heavy marijuana use is linked to downward social class mobility, anti-social behaviors, and relationship conflict.<sup>7</sup>

Less than 1% of all state prisoners are in jail for simple possession.<sup>17</sup>



### Physical Health Impacts

**LUNGS:** Smoke from marijuana contains 4-5x the toxins, irritants & carcinogens as tobacco smoke; 20 times more ammonia.<sup>9</sup>  
Increases likelihood of **HEART ATTACK**  
**IMMUNE SYSTEM** is weakened  
Negatively impacts **REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM**<sup>6</sup>  
**DEATH RATE** 4x higher than non-users.<sup>13</sup>



### Crime

- 50% of men and 30% of women arrested for any crime test positive for marijuana.<sup>4</sup>
- 70% of inmates are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol.<sup>1</sup>
- Guns and other weapons are common at both large and home cultivation sites.

### Butane Hash Oil (BHO)

- Increases THC potency to 90+%<sup>11</sup>
- Causes severe "high."
- As dangerous to make and consume as meth.
- Easily causes explosions and fires in neighborhoods where it is cooked.
- AKA *dabs, wax, budder, shatter, and solid THC concentrate.*



### Marijuana is Big Money (but not for the community)

- One plant can bring \$2,000 to \$4,000 annually to a grower/distributor.
- **Black Markets** still thrive after legalization.<sup>8</sup>
- Tax revenues from pot sales do NOT cover increased crime, health care or addiction services. Revenues are projected to be less than .003% of total CA state tax revenue.<sup>2</sup>
- Cost of law enforcement increases, not decreases with legalization.<sup>16</sup>
- CA already has 50,000 illegal cultivation sites that supply 60% of marijuana to the US.<sup>3</sup>

### Edibles / Vaping

- THC liquid concentrate is used in "Vaping" devices (aka *e-cigarettes*); creates a cancer-causing aerosol with no smell.
- Candy, brownies, soda, gummies, etc. containing THC can be very potent; cookies with 1000mg of THC each are available.
- Vaping and Edibles are favorite ways for youth to ingest marijuana (THC).
- Neither THC liquid nor solid concentrates (BHO) are overseen by any regulatory body – no quality controls, no limits on potency, or limits on contaminants (pesticides, herbicides).



### Marijuana is NOT Earth-Friendly<sup>10</sup>

- 1 plant uses 6 gallons of water per day.
- Streams diverted to grow sites kill plants & animals downstream.
- Poisons and illegal fertilizers contaminate streams and forests.<sup>15</sup>
- Carbofuron is illegal but commonly used at grow sites - 1/8t can kill a 300 lb. bear.<sup>15</sup>



### Is Marijuana really Medicine?

The Federal Food and Drug Administration confirms that whole plant marijuana and THC oils are NOT medicine.

- Components may have medicinal value, i.e. CBD (Cannabidiol)<sup>5</sup>
- To protect the public, the FDA testing and approval process determines drug safety, dosing efficacy, side effects, potency, duration, interactions, etc.
- Pot shop "baristas" who recommend this psychoactive drug make medical conditions worse (e.g. PTSD, pediatric seizures, glaucoma and even pain).<sup>14</sup>

*"First, Do No Harm"*  
Marijuana is harmful



**<sup>14</sup> OPPOSE MARIJUANA USE**  
American Medical Association  
American Cancer Society  
American Epilepsy Society  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American M.S. Society  
National Eye Institute  
American Lung Association  
and others

### A Note on Marijuana Industry Liability

- Marijuana businesses can be sued for contamination, environmental damage, and harming unborn children.
- Marijuana users can be sued for causing car crashes.
- Marijuana as medicine can be medical malpractice.