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CUT CRIME, GANGS AND DRUG ABUSE.<br>IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF LEGAL POT. IF YOU THINK THAT THE POT IS WORSE THAN THE SOLUTION.<br>CHECK THE FACTS<br>Federal Policy - False Premise. NUMEROUS PROBLEMS CREATED, NOT ONE PROBLEM SOLVED!! RERUN 2011

Along with some additions, the same special interests that brought us REEFER MADNESS, the MARIJUANA TAX ACT of 1937 and its' resultant ongoing disasters are at it again. After 74+ years of socially destructive Draconian but profitable regulations and disinformation we start a new chapter of official pronouncements and special interest based government managed disinformation. Because California voters were exemplary, the anti pot folks are already well into their long-term disinformation regime. It's time to say no to the destructive lies and policies of the big money and special interests. The current Hoorah about pot use is ridiculous when looked at in the $\mathbf{8 0 0 0} \mathbf{y r}$. largely positive history of the item! Cannabis has a long history of beneficial uses. Current policy wastes money, people, and resources. We list some of the better known disinformation about legal pot here.

1. THERE WILL BE A SPECLAL CLASS OF PROTECTED PEOPLE GETTING STONED AT WORK, CAUSING ACCIDENTS, LOSS OF PROFTT AND OTHER BUSINESS DISASTERS. **** THE ABOVE IS ANOTHER DEMONSTRABLY FALSE ASSERTION. PEOPLE ALREADY FOLLOWING THE RULES WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. THOSE BREAKING THEM ARE ALREADY DOING SO AND WE PROBABLY KNOW WHO THEY ARE Ca. Penal Code sections 647 f et seq. already prohibit activity hazardous to oneself or others.
2. THERE WILL BE CARNAGE AND DESTRUCTION ALL OVER OUR HIGHWAYS.

They told us in 1996 about Medical Pot Prop. 215. We found it to be a lie then, and we now know that the opposite is likely to happen while using a milder, safer intoxicant. The California Vehicle Code already has serious penalties for driving while impaired under pot. People already following the rules will continue to follow the rules, those now breaking the rules will continue. The above rumor is exemplary of the politics of fear we've seen used to manipulate populations for centuries. Not in the USA!! Remember the cold war?! 3. WE WILL HAVE MANY MORE YOUNGSTERS AND STUDENTS USING POT AND HAVING ALL OF THE RELATED PROBLEMS.
This is ridiculous and based on fear. One of the major factors in initial drug abuse is the lack of believability in our current drug policy and education. We begin our education with false information, lack of true knowledge and lies. The current system of the enforced reverse application of logic creates massive damage and disruption of positive social maturization. We'll have less overall drug abuse and most of those switching to pot will have fewer accidents and deaths. Preventing the massive direct and consequential damage of our present counterproductive and dangerous policy will have benefits in many unforeseen places.
4. THE LAW NOT THE SUBSTANCE IS THE GATEWAY - Federal policy asserts that Marijuana is the gateway that leads to harder drugs. This is not true. Beer and cigarettes can more accurately be labeled as gateway drugs. The policy itself, turning the use of a comparatively useful substance into a crime acts as the gate. This Gateway effect is caused by the lack of credibility with which it's perceived. IF WHAT THEY'RE TELLING US ABOUT POT IS LIES, WHY SHOULD, HOW CAN WE BELIEVE WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT METH, COKE, HEROIN, ALCOHOL? Listing Marijuana with other controlled and dangerous substances provides the introduction for many to a black market they'd otherwise be unfamiliar with. This increased black-market presence also provides additional paths for militant American and/or terrorist individuals and groups.

You are about to consider a matter that is at issue because of Federal Mandates. The medicinal value of cannabis is actual. Most of the thinking coming from our Federal folks is not good. Why follow a policy that causes more problems than it solves. We have drug problems that are exacerbated by the fact that our nation doesn't have a drug education policy based on facts. It's driven by dominant financial interests. Like most federal actions our benefit isn't the primary result or intention.

My name is Alfred Shults. 30 Years ago I underwent a Left BK amputation (My left foot was amputated). I am presently 63 years old. In addition to the usual ailments at that age, I have several pain \& mobility problems resulting from the amputation and the use of a prosthesis. Occasionally these are debilitating.

My doctor(s) have prescribed several medications to ameliorate the symptoms. Most of these pills come with one or more side effects. Frequently these are debilitating. I use cannabis, AKA. Pot, either singly or in combination with these other meds to deal with the actual and "phantom" pains resultant. It simultaneously effects relief for several symptoms. E.G. Pain, (actual \& phantom) nausea, insomnia, hypertension. It rarely restricts other activity. Its main side effect is relaxation.

The Compassionate Use Act (prop 215) which we passed in 1996 allows me under law, to benefit from the properties of this substance. Cannabis has an 8000+ year history of multiple beneficial uses. Until dominant financial interests conspired to profit fraudulently from the marijuana tax act of 1937 (prohibition 2), it had many uses (canvascannabis). As an early proponent of prop 215 , having worked with the principals, I can testify to the foregoing. I can also point out that El Dorado county / voters were among those to have a majority in favor of passing 215. Placer and Amador counties didn't.

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