Drug Warriors tell us

We don’t dare legalize marijuana because:

More people will use it

There is no way to judge impairment

Fatal MV accidents will increase

Suicides will increase
Marijuana Use in the US
Increased from 1999 to 2011

Lifetime use by 58%

Last month use by 73%
Measuring Impairment

Washington set Marijuana Impairment at 5 nanograms

Dr. Carl Hart - 15 year Study
measured nanograms per milliliter

Sober baseline = 14 nanograms

Impaired = 40 to 400 nanograms
Medical Marijuana Study

After states legalized it

- No Increase in use by young folks
- 9 % decline in fatal MV Accidents
- 11 % decline in Suicide rates
- 25 % less opioid overdose deaths
Represents
150,000 police, judges, prosecutors, prison officials, and supporters
In 120 countries
If Current Drug Policy Works, Seven things should happen:

1. Drug supply decreases
2. Drug purity decreases
3. Drug price increases
4. Drug use decreases
5. Drug overdose death decreases
6. Drug Prohibition murder decreases
7. Drug violation arrest decreases
1. Drug supply should decrease

Truth: Drug Supply Increased

At the beginning of the war
Largest drug seizures

Measured by Pounds
Truth: Today Single Drug seizures are measured by Tons

1. Drug supply should **decrease**

10 tons Heroin
15 tons Methamphetamine
20 tons Cocaine
242 tons Marijuana
2. Drug purity should decrease

Truth: Purity of street level Heroin increased from $1\frac{1}{2} \%$ in 1970 to 60 \% today
3. Drug prices should increase

Truth: Wholesale Cocaine Prices Decreased 60 %
3. Drug prices should increase

Truth: Wholesale Heroin Costs Decreased 70 %
3. Drug prices should increase

Truth: Only Marijuana has increased in price

By 3600 %

Results in marijuana users switching to hard drugs
4. Drug use should decrease

Truth: Drug Use in the US Increased

Before the Drug War
= 4 million users

2 percent of that population
4. Drug use should decrease

Truth: **Drug Use in the US** Increased

Today = **121 million**

46 percent of current population
4. Drug use should decrease

Truth: Drug Use in the US Increased

2 percent of 1965 population

46 percent of current population
5. Overdose deaths should decrease

Figure 1: Rate of unintentional drug overdose death in the United States, 1970-2007

Source: National Vital Statistics System
6. Drug Prohibition murders should decrease

Truth: Prohibition Murders *Increased*

Mexico

95,000 murders and
20,000 missing since 2007
6. Drug Prohibition murders should decrease

Truth: Prohibition Murders per 100,000 population Increased

Mexico 20 murders

Guatemala 41 drug prohibition murders

United States 5 murders

New York City 6 murders
Truth: Prohibition Murders per 100,000

Increased

Mexico

Guatemala: 41 murders

Honduras: most dangerous nation on the planet

92 Murders

6. Drug Prohibition murders should decrease
7. Drug violation arrests should decrease

Truth: Nonviolent drug offense arrests increased

From 65,500 in 1965
To 1.9 million by 2005

25 times more than at the beginning of the war
US Tax Dollars Spent
Prosecuting the War on Drugs

1.5 Trillion
Cumulative US Arrests for NonViolent Drug Offenses
Since 1970
When the WAR ON DRUGS was Declared

50 Million
and Counting
Rate of Population Addicted?

Nothing changed in 100 years

1.3% in 1914 when all drugs were legal

1.3% in 1970 when we started the drug war

1.3% Today, after 45-year of war
Clearance Rates for Violent and Property Crimes

Percent of Crimes Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, 2006

- Murder: 60.7%
- Forcible Rape: 40.9%
- Robbery: 25.2%
- Aggravated Assault: 54.0%
- Burglary: 12.6%
- Larceny-theft: 17.4%
- Motor Vehicle Theft: 12.6%

Legend:
- Violent crime
- Property crime
Clearance Rates for Violent and Property Crimes

Unsolved

40% of murders
60% of rapes & arsons
75% of robberies
90% of burglaries
1963 US Police Credited With solving 91 % of Murders

Today

61 % of Murders
Today, Police concentrating on nonviolent drugs arrests fail to protect us from violent predators.
Alternative Policy Solution

Remove the profit motive

End the Violence
End Prohibition
Legalize and
Regulate
All Drugs
Success Story

1985 United States

42% smoked tobacco
Success Story

Today United States

Only 17%

smoke tobacco
Albert Einstein on Prohibition

The prestige of government has undoubtedly been lowered considerably by the Prohibition law. For nothing is more destructive of respect for the government and the law of the land than passing laws which cannot be enforced. It is an open secret that the dangerous increase of crime in this country is closely connected with this.

Albert Einstein
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Save our Children

Stamp Out

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