

# MARIJUANA BATTLE FOR THE BRAIN

**THIS IS NOT A WAR  
ON DRUGS, BUT A BATTLE  
TO PROTECT THE BRAINS  
OF OUR YOUTH.**

*The human brain holds our  
humanity—how we think, feel, and act.  
With our minds we learn, create, compose,  
connect and remember. We love, feel  
empathy, sorrow and loss. We care for  
others and give unconditionally. Our  
reward is the essence of our humanity.  
We are united in the defense of our most  
vulnerable. The brightness of our shared  
future depends on our promise and  
commitment to protect and defend the  
mental health of our youth.*

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## Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana (CALM)



*The Future of our Children and  
Country is in your hands*

**Vote NO on Legalizing Marijuana  
November 8, 2016**

*"No amount of taxing, regulating or legislating  
will change the highly-potent, long-acting,  
mind-altering THC in marijuana that damages  
the developing brain."*

—Carla Lowe, Founder/Co-Chairman, CALM

- Protect children from the message that smoked marijuana is harmless because it's legal.
- Protect neighborhoods from increased crime related to growing and selling marijuana.
- Protect citizens from an increased number of drugged drivers.
- Protect our forests and water supplies; illegal grows deplete precious watershed resources and toxic run-off contaminates our rivers. Trash, human waste, poaching, and armed guards threaten hikers, campers and wildlife.

*"How many more people can get stoned  
and still have a great State or Nation?"*

— Governor Jerry Brown

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# DO YOU KNOW MARIJUANA...

... is a fat soluble, mind altering, highly toxic drug that remains in the body for up to one month, building up with each additional joint. The two organs most affected are the brain and sexual organs. The potency of the most active chemical, delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), is 10-20 times stronger than 30 years ago.

**MARIJUANA IS NOT MEDICINE.** The FDA, which must approve all medicines, has reviewed scientific studies of marijuana for over 50 years and concludes it is not a safe or effective medicine, has the potential for harm and is addictive. It cannot be legally prescribed by any doctor. National medical associations for cancer, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis and others oppose using marijuana as a medicine, other than synthetic marijuana called Marinol, which is FDA approved and available in pill form.

**CAN CAUSE PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE** by disrupting development of the brain. It reduces the amount of white matter by as much as 80%, and shrinks the hippocampus, the learning, cognition and memory center of the brain. This can create a loss of 8 points of IQ by age 38.<sup>1</sup> Marijuana is a major factor in the one-third high school dropout rate in America, and why America is 26th in the world academically. The brain isn't fully developed until the mid-twenties, so adolescent use is particularly damaging.

**CAUSES HEALTH PROBLEMS INCLUDING CANCER** of the head, nose and throat, and is a major cause of testicular cancer in young males.<sup>2</sup> It causes chronic bronchitis and respiratory problems, and elevates the risk of heart attack 4 times 1 hour after smoking.<sup>3</sup>

**CAUSES MENTAL ILLNESS, CRIME AND VIOLENCE.** Marijuana use exacerbates mental illness. In addition to observed links between marijuana use and mental illness,<sup>4</sup> marijuana affects brain systems that are still maturing through young adulthood, its use by teens has been associated with schizophrenia, paranoia and other psychosis leading to depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts.<sup>5</sup> Jared Loughner, the Tucson shooter, is one of many examples. ONDCP's ADAM II report indicates 52-87% of male arrestees test positive for drugs. 33% of prisoners are mentally ill.<sup>6</sup> Research in Canada showed 72.2% of all individuals who used cannabis and 81.8% of those with CUDs (Cannabis Use Disorders) had a mental illness.<sup>7</sup> Young people are 6 times more likely to develop psychosis, 3 times more likely to have hallucinations, and 4 times more likely to have delusions.

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# No on 64

They Got It  
Wrong, Again



**Yes!** I/We oppose Proposition 64 – the ballot measure allowing the recreational sale of marijuana! Please add my name/organization to the list of individuals and organizations publicly opposing this misguided measure. Fax the completed form to 916.473.4299, or email [Christina@theAgency.us](mailto:Christina@theAgency.us)

- Add my name to the public list of endorsements

Please select a category:

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# Adult Use of Marijuana Act is Regulatory Fraud

**“AUMA” has been written and sponsored by the marijuana industry and out-of-state pro drug-legalizing billionaires**

- Although it is 62 pages in length, the AUMA does little to regulate or control marijuana distribution in California. Creating supply chain definitions does not constitute regulation, nor does identifying a few violations that cost practically nothing if incurred – \$100, \$200. But most egregiously, allowing 6 plants in every home or apartment in California undermines any attempt to regulate or control distribution.
- AUMA creates a scenario where a majority of marijuana product can go untaxed. 6 plants have \$12,000 – \$50,400 worth of street value over their lifetime. And it allows taxes to be reduced or eliminated on product that can be tracked beginning in 2020.
- The AUMA does very little to protect youth. By its very nature (6 plants in every home), the AUMA makes massive amounts of unregulated marijuana available to 12-17 and 18-25 year olds. These are the most vulnerable members of society to marijuana’s brain degrading characteristics. Setting a purchase age limit of 21 is not a grand regulatory accomplishment, nor does it protect the still vulnerable 21-25 year old user. Similarly, a small fine for selling to minors is not a commitment to protecting California’s youth. Lastly, all forms of advertising is permitted, e.g. billboards – millions of California minors drive and ride in cars on our highways every day. How are they protected from these messages?
- The AUMA does little to protect the health of other users. It outlines an inadequate set of labeling and testing requirements. Then it sets forth what we have come to call the “Unreasonably Impractical clause.” This vague language is not a standard, but an invitation to litigation by the marijuana industry to eliminate these requirements entirely.
- The AUMA commandeers a majority of the projected tax revenues for the first 10 years of its existence, leaving a) public health education, b) increased law enforcement and c) environmental protection, which it claims to provide, unfunded. This, along with the ability to reduce taxes altogether, leaves all public-protection oriented spending at serious risk.
- The AUMA eliminates local control of indoor and outdoor cultivation and mobile delivery as it makes every home or apartment a grow site capable of producing 6 plants or the equivalent of producing over 6,000 joints. It undermines eliminates local land-use authority and transforms all city and county governments into agents for the marijuana industry.
- The AUMA does nothing to protect the public against drug-impaired drivers. Marijuana-impaired driving fatalities doubled in Washington in one year.
- The AUMA will do nothing to reduce drug crime or the black market. 40% of marijuana sold in Colorado is untaxed black market marijuana.

**Protect kids, public health, safety, communities, and our state. Oppose legalization.**



# Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana

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#### FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) Regarding Marijuana Legalization

- **Isn't medical marijuana already legal in California?** In 1996, California voters approved Prop 215 to provide for an affirmative defense for those who felt they needed marijuana for a serious illness. The voters did not vote to legalize medical marijuana or allow for stores and delivery businesses. Subsequent bills have provided essentially back-door legalization which has dramatically increased use and drug dealing in California.
- **Why are stores allowed to openly sell marijuana against federal law?** Some federal enforcement continues against cultivation and distribution but it is not consistent. The current administration has deemphasized enforcement in states that have "medical" marijuana laws or where full legalization has occurred. Consequently, we have created a lawless marijuana drug industry. The state will not be able to regulate this criminal activity. Enforcement is required.
- **Has the FDA approved marijuana as a medicine?** There are some FDA approved drugs such as Marinol that have been tested and found effective for some specific conditions. However, after years of testing, raw marijuana continues to prove to have negative impacts that outweigh any benefits. CALM supports properly used FDA approved drugs of all kinds.
- **Why shouldn't marijuana be legalized?** Marijuana is a dangerous, psychoactive, addictive drug that impacts the brain. The marijuana of today is 15-40 times stronger than the marijuana of the 1960's. Its use impairs judgment and perception and makes driving and operating machinery more dangerous. The brain isn't fully developed until about age 25, and marijuana impacts brain development. Alarmingly, the vast majority of marijuana users are young adults and teens. Marijuana use increases the risk of psychosis, schizophrenia, depression, thoughts of suicide.
- **What has happened in other states that have legalized marijuana?** Teen use has increased. Colorado now leads the nation in teen use. Traffic fatalities associated with marijuana have doubled in states that have legalized. Homelessness and other social ills have become worse.
- **Isn't marijuana safer than cigarettes?** No. Marijuana smoke has nearly all the same carcinogens as cigarette smoke and is just as addictive. Marijuana smoke has 20 times more ammonia than tobacco smoke and marijuana users typically breathe the smoke deeper. And, marijuana impairs judgment and perception, making driving under the influence very dangerous.
- **Marijuana hasn't killed anyone. What is the harm?** The negative impact on individuals and particularly teens is significant. Many violent psychotic acts have been committed by regular marijuana smokers such as Jared Loughner (shooter of Gabby Giffords, killed 6, injured 13), James Holmes (Colorado theater shooter killed 12 injured 70) and the Tsarnaev brothers (Boston bombers). Children of marijuana users also suffer neglect. And, each day approximately 125 Americans die of an overdose of drugs. Virtually all used, or are still using marijuana when they overdose. Marijuana is a gateway drug.
- **Isn't marijuana safer than alcohol?** No. Over 60% of American adults drink alcohol regularly. Only about 10% drink to get drunk. Less than 10% of Americans use marijuana and virtually all use it to get high. However, when marijuana and alcohol or other drugs are used together (cross fading), the impairment from the marijuana is much greater.
- **Won't the black market go away if we legalize marijuana?** No. In Colorado about 40% of the marijuana being sold is black market marijuana. Drug cartels don't go away; they move into other businesses such as heroin and human trafficking. And, California currently produces about 60% of all the marijuana in America, making California the largest "drug cartel".