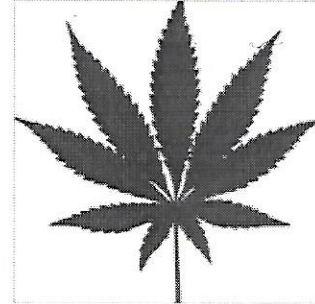




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## **Marijuana Alert**

### **Marijuana on the Ballot in 9 States on Nov. 8**



Lower voter turnout in 2014 lowered the amount of signatures that were required to get a referendum on the ballot in 2016. According to [Ballotpedia](#), 82 million residents live in states that will be voting on marijuana.

#### **States with referenda for full legalization of marijuana:**

Arizona, California, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada

#### **States with referenda to legalize marijuana as medicine:**

Arkansas, Florida, Montana, North Dakota

The Motley Fool reports **marijuana sales could grow at a 30% annual rate** between now and 2020 as more states legalize marijuana. [Read more](#)

#### **Maine District Attorney opposes the legalization effort**

A "yes" vote will enact legislation that does not treat marijuana like alcohol. Instead, it creates a profit-driven industry that will aggressively market product, increase consumers, and continuously push for more potent (and, therefore, more addictive) products, while insisting they are not harmful.

**Think Big Tobacco 2.0. On steroids.** [Read more](#)

The *Sacramento Bee* sheds some light on dark money used in California campaign

The Drug Policy Action, a nonprofit with an Oakland address, has given \$4.7 million to pass Proposition 64. Nearly \$4 million of that came from an entity called Fund for Policy Reform based in Washington, D.C. Billionaire George Soros, it turns out, is the source of that money, though you wouldn't know it from campaign finance reports. [Read more](#)

#### **Impact of Marijuana**

A new report on the impact of the Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado shows marijuana-related traffic deaths increased 48%. Emergency Department rates related to marijuana increased 49%. Increases in youth homelessness and school dropouts, sharp increase in marijuana exposure to young children, and organized crime are additional consequences.

Crime in Denver and Colorado has increased, and 68% of local jurisdictions have banned medical and recreational marijuana businesses. **Colorado stands out as the only state which is the top consumer of opioid painkillers for non-medical use, marijuana, alcohol, and cocaine.** [Read more](#)