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Marijuana Update



Read these articles about the impact of marijuana legalization and ask your Legislators to vote NO to further expansion of marijuana

The New York Times reported resistance to legal marijuana is rising, with an increasing number of towns and counties moving to ban legal sales.

... "This is not about the adult being able to smoke a joint," said Mr. Sabet of Smart Approaches to Marijuana. "It's about widespread access, it's about changing the landscape of a neighborhood, it's about widespread promotion and advertising, and it's about youth access."

... Dave Ettl, a Yakima City Council member who voted for the ban, said he was willing to risk penalties, saying he considered the promised tax revenues from marijuana sales tainted. "There's some money that's not worth getting," he said. [Read more](#)

Time Magazine reported: With the president coming out in favor of legalization, parents are wondering whether telling their kids not to use marijuana is futile. But some sobering data about the effects of pot on developing brains can help make the case. [Read more](#)

Washington Times commentary: "The blunt truth - White House drug czar contradicts Obama on marijuana" White House docs say pot causes brain damage and lower IQ in teens, alcohol does not. [Read more](#)