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Medical Marijuana Impacts Teen Use More Medical Marijuana users in Colorado



Regular Marijuana Use is Bad for Teens' Brains

Frequent marijuana use can have a significant negative effect on the brains of teenagers and young adults according to the American Psychological Association. Marijuana use is increasing, with 6.5 percent of high school seniors reporting smoking marijuana daily, and 31 percent of young adults (ages 18 to 25) using marijuana in the last month.

Research findings suggest that a more accepting attitude toward medical marijuana may have a greater effect on marijuana use among teens than the actual number of medical marijuana licenses available. [Read more.](#)

Legal Pot is a Public Health Menace

Marijuana use has been linked to teen psychosis as well as decreases in IQ and permanent brain damage, William Bennett wrote in The Wall Street Journal. The reason such a large number of teens use alcohol and tobacco is precisely because those are legal products.

The reason more are now using marijuana is because of its changing legal status-from something that was dangerous and forbidden to a product that is now considered "medicinal". It has been estimated that legalization can be expected to increase marijuana consumption by 4 to 6 times. [Read more.](#)

Medical Marijuana impacts Colorado

Colorado's tax collections from recreational marijuana sales in the past fiscal year came in more than 60 percent below early predictions, and now a state lawmaker says it may be time to reconsider the tax formula. A market study for

the Colorado Department of Revenue says the lower-taxed medical-marijuana market, which continues to outpace the recreational market in sales, is to blame. [Read more.](#)

"Corrupting citizens for fun and Profit", an op-ed from *the Washington Post*, states:

Libertarians are now, paradoxically, providing ideological cover for irresponsible government. State officials just want the money, however it is blessed, without requesting it through the normal democratic process. Rather than building social competence and capital, politicians increasing benefit when citizens are addicted, exploited, impoverished, and stoned. And that deserves contempt, not applause. [Read](#)

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