

Annotated Bibliography

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Cohn, A. M., Johnson, A. L., Rose, S. W., Rath, J. M., & Villanti, A. C. (2017). Support for marijuana legalization and predictors of intentions to use marijuana more often in response to legalization among U.S. young adults. *Substance use & Misuse*, 52(2), 203-213. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2016.1223688>

Cohn (2017) in the research article shared research results comprising a sample of young adults and an assessment of their intention to use marijuana. 1/3rd of the sample supported the legalization of marijuana, including 39% of users while 9% of non-marijuana users (Cohn et al., 2017). The support was the result of understanding that marijuana is less harmful as compared to other drugs. The article was well-researched and it can help to generate arguments.

Marijuana legalization and historical trends in marijuana use among US residents aged 12–25: Results from the 1979–2016 national survey on drug use and health. (2020). *BMC Public Health*, 20, 1. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/s12889-020-8253-4>

Yu (2020) conducted a survey to identify historical trends in the use of marijuana in the USA in people aged 12-25. The results revealed that the use of marijuana declined in 1979-1992 and from 2001-2006. However, it increased from 2006-2016 making the majority of people who use marijuana for medical purposes (Yu et al., 2020). The use of marijuana was parallel to the laws and regulations that were meant for controlling the use of marijuana. The article was well researched and it can be used to gather background knowledge about public trends in the use of marijuana.

Khatapoush, S., & Hallfors, D. (2004). "SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE": DID MEDICAL MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IN CALIFORNIA CHANGE

ATTITUDES ABOUT AND USE OF MARIJUANA? *Journal of Drug Issues*, 34(4), 751-770. Retrieved from

<http://db09.linccweb.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/scholarly-journals/sending-wrong-message-did-medical-marijuana/docview/208842183/se-2?accountid=41105>

Khatapoush (2004) in the journal article shared results of a research study that analyzed effects of legalization of medical marijuana in the selected communities of California. After using bivariate, descriptive and logistic regression analysis, it is found that marijuana attitude changed between 1995 and 1999 and there was less use (Khatapoush et al., 2004). Thus, policies have a clear effect on the use of marijuana. The research was a productive insight to understand how policies affect the use of marijuana.

Mallinson, D. J., & Hannah, A. L. (2018). *Has the U.S. reached a ‘tipping point’ in marijuana legalization? Voters made Oklahoma the 30th state to allow medical marijuana*. Washington: WP Company LLC d/b/a the Washington Post. Retrieved from <http://db09.linccweb.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/blogs-podcasts-websites/has-u-s-reached-tipping-point-marijuana/docview/2073935052/se-2?accountid=41105>

Mallinson (2018) in The Washington Post shared that Oklahoma voters approved the use of medical marijuana directly. While, in the past, the states legalizing marijuana used ballot initiatives which shows that the US has reached a tipping point. It shows that government should think about proper channels to legalize marijuana (Mallinson et al., 2018). The article was informative and it can be used to reflect on the historical facts and figures about marijuana.

Reid, T. R. (2002, Nov 06). Marijuana legalization backers suffer defeats: [FINAL Edition]. *The Washington Post* Retrieved from

<http://db09.linccweb.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/newspapers/marijuana-legalization-backers-suffer-defeats/docview/409362508/se-2?accountid=41105>

Reid (2002) in an article in *The Washington Post* shared that Leesburg based initiatives and Referendum Institute has come up with shocking results about the use of marijuana. The legalization campaign scored several ballot victories from different states and it is an insight into the changing attitudes (Reid, 2002). The article was well-researched and it can be used to come up with counterarguments in the essay.

"Marijuana Legalization – Points: Short and Insightful Writing about A Long and

Complex History". *Points: Short And Insightful Writing about a Long and Complex History, 2021, <https://pointshistory.com/tag/marijuana-legalization/>. Accessed 6 Apr 2021.*

In a blog published on Pointshistory.com, it is shared that in 2020, with the legalization of marijuana the market of marijuana increased. In the past, people used to benefit from illegal ways and it was a wealthy business for black market but the recent legalization reported the sale of \$1.4 million that makes up 76% of the total sale, 14% of concentrated, and 10% of cannabis infused products (Marijuana Legalization – Points: Short And Insightful Writing About A Long And Complex History). The article is useful in adding an economic reference to the legalization of marijuana.

Kleiman, M. A. (1989). *Marijuana: Costs of abuse, costs of control* (p. 26). New York: Greenwood Press.

Kleiman (1989) in his book studies and discusses the cost of abuse and the cost of control. It is shared that analyzing data from trauma centers in Arizona, Oregon, California, Texas, and New Jersey highlighted that there is no relationship between the legalization of marijuana and the change in tetrahydrocannabinol THC. In fact, Texas with marijuana illegalized shows the largest change in tetrahydrocannabinol (Kleiman, 1989). This book can be used to counter the myths associated with the use of marijuana.

Sperandio, K. R., Gutierrez, D., Hilert, A., & Fan, S. (2021). The Lived Experiences of Addiction Counselors After Marijuana Legalization. *Journal of Addictions & Offender Counseling*, 42(1), 35-49.

Sperandio (2021) shared the results of a qualitative study assessing the perception of counselors who work with addicts. The results show that there are more cases of addiction and overconsumption in prisons. People are unaware of the disadvantages and it worsens the condition of consumers, making them sick and addicts (Sperandio et al., 2021). The article is informative and can be used to address the cons of marijuana legalization.

Claudius, I. A., Jontz, A., Levine, M., LoVecchio, F., Dabrowski, P., & Kreisler, R. (2020). Marijuana self-report compared with testing in trauma patients before and after legalization. *Clinical Toxicology*, 58(8), 801-803.

Claudius (2019) conducted research comparing testing in trauma patients before and after legalization. The study proved that only half of the patients reported marijuana use. There is no major link between trauma and marijuana use (Claudius et al., 2019). The study can also be used to address the myths associated with marijuana use.

Elliott, J. C., & Carey, K. B. (2013). Pros and cons: Prospective predictors of marijuana use on a college campus. *Psychology of addictive behaviors*, 27(1), 230.

Elliot (2013) in his research article discusses the pros and cons of marijuana. It is argued that marijuana has resulted in addiction and abuse. It affects lungs and it can even lead to cancer. In contrast, there are major medicinal benefits of marijuana and it can help to cure a number of diseases (Elliot et al., 2013). The research article is very information and it can help to develop a stance against use of marijuana.

Personal Response

After evaluating and reading journal articles, blogs, newspaper articles, and a book, I came to know that legalization of marijuana is a multi-dimensional topic that is connected with healthcare, politics as well as social and economic paradigms. Usually, it is assumed that much like other drugs the use of marijuana is also connected with trauma, addiction, and bring social dysfunction. The statement is true only to some extent because it is observed that the majority of people are not traumatized because of the use of marijuana (Khatapoush et al., 2004). However, it is considerable as well as worth discussing that the excessive use of marijuana and lack of education has made people develop a careless attitude and it is risking their health.

The research studies highlighted a strong stance for the legalization of marijuana because majority of the people are in its favor. Also, it is observed that in many states such as Oklahoma even without ballots, the people are in favor of the legalization of marijuana (Mallinson et al., 2018). In most of the articles, public opinion is received and it is observed that the majority of people are of the view that marijuana should be legalized. It is evident that when the government will act in the opposite ways, it will behoove people to look for the illegal and alternate option to have the desired product (Cohn et al., 2017). The same anthology applies to the US, where it is

evident that the majority of people want both, medicinal as well as entertainment use of marijuana to be legalized (Reid, 2002).

With the positive attitude toward the legalization of marijuana, three major observations are found. Firstly it is observed that legalization of marijuana is important because legalization can have a major impact on public choice. When marijuana was not legalized, there was a reduction in the use of marijuana for medical purposes, while from 2006-2016 with the legalization of marijuana, there was excessive use of marijuana both, in medical as well as casual use. Secondly, with the legalization of marijuana, there is comparatively less attention to the smuggling of marijuana (Sperandio et al., 2021).

As marijuana was available in the open market, fewer cases of abuse of marijuana were reported because of the safe channels of production and availability of guidelines for customers. Availing illegal channels, people consume contaminated and impure marijuana that results in health concerns. The third and significant point to note is, with the legalization of marijuana, major benefits in medicine can be introduced (Cohn et al., 2017). The medicinal uses of marijuana are significant as well as crucial, but it is observed that with the legalization of marijuana countries can boost their economy (Marijuana Legalization – Points: Short and Insightful Writing about a Long and Complex History, n.d.). Evaluating the blog resources, I came to know that legalization of marijuana can play a central role in empowering the economy. It has resulted in the progression of the economy informing that initiatives regarding creating proper channels for the transportation and selling of marijuana are needed.

In addition, research material has also proved that more people are in favor of the legalization of marijuana because it has fewer side-effects when compared to other drugs. In general, it is agreeable that when alternatives are available, people should be encouraged to opt

for them if needed rather than suffering from the circumstances of the legalized but more harmful product. Along with the public choice, the legalization of marijuana has become a controversial topic because of the lack of information regarding its impacts and effects (Yu et al., 2020). Collectively, it is observed that "legalization of marijuana" is one of the topics that need discussion because there are many myths associated with it. Also, arguing on this topic can help to know the actual pros and cons that are usually ignored while making arguments.