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Are We Going To Pot As A Nation?

It certainly looks like it. You can take this from several perspectives but lets narrow it down to legalization of marijuana. You counselors in substance abuse programs must have some very definitive answers to this e.g., dealing with the simplest anti opening statement, "because it's illegal", has now changed in some states and it looks like more to come. Medicine now sees the value in the cannabidiol CBD because it inhibits cancer cell growth, relieves convulsion, inflammation, anxiety and nausea. Recent studies have shown cannabidiol to be effective as atypical antipsychotics in treating schizophrenia. CBD reduces aggressive human breast cancer cells in vitro and reduces their invasive-ness. It represents the first non-toxic exogenous agent that can lead to down-regulation of tumor aggressiveness and is also a neuroprotective antioxidant.

Marijuana strength, or potency, is different from strain to strain with lower strengths starting at 2-3% THC and stronger strains with potency levels of up to 30%. Organically grown marijuana which is free of chemicals, fertilizers, pests and their excretions, is better treatment for patients. Street cannabis is often transported across the border in garbage trucks that contained hazardous materials or covered in containers with chemicals to hide the scent from dogs and devices that could detect the smell of marijuana.

Legalization would certainly help clean out the jails from incarcerated individuals for minor offenses, resulting in decrease in incarceration costs. Legalization can reduce organized crime systems and create new tax revenue. The cost of fighting drugs in the U.S. is at least 40 billion dollars a year that has served little to none in drug prevention. We can reduce this cost and collect taxes while regulating marijuana.

Hemp has a long history of being used for clothing, rope and net making that is stronger than cotton but it cannot be grown in the U.S., so it is imported from other countries. Henry Ford's Model T was made of resin-stiffened hemp fiber having ten times the strength of steel that could withstand blows from a sledge hammer without denting. The car could also run on ethanol derived from hemp. Hemp was used at times for making milk that many found tasty and satisfying. The diversity of this plant makes it apparent why many industries in the U.S. did not want marijuana and hemp legal. I know of no deaths of overdose by marijuana but I do know of many deaths by overdose of alcohol.

Now lets explore the RECREATIONAL use of MARIJUANA - and this my colleagues I will leave in your decision, hoping you have learned your CBD's about THC.

Membership Acknowledgements

Recently, Reverend Maricela Zamora de Carelock joined our ACC membership. Rev. Maricela has a powerful, positive, loving persona that has outreached to help Downs Syndrome children, various family interaction groups, spiritualism for both individual and families. She was born and raised in Costa Rica and for the past 20+ years lives in Dallas, Texas with her husband and 9 children. She travels the world, lecturing, performing as a spiritual healer, ventriloquist, and was nominated by Telemundo as the Hispanic Hero. This lady radiates love and compassion for helping people beyond comprehension.



You can find her on these websites:

www.maricelaandfriends.org

www.stepbystepcampaign.com

www.thepuppetwhisper.com

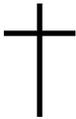
www.maricelayamigos.com

Recently one of our members, Rev. Dr. Arthur P. Johnson, was called home by our Lord.

I never met Arthur face to face but talked with him numerous times on the phone and was impressed by his compassion and intelligence.

Arthur died on March 3, 2014 in a New York hospital.

We will miss you, colleague and brother. God be with you.



*Paul F. Wohlfeil, Ph.D., Ed.D.
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The American Association of Pastoral Counselors reports about State licensures of Pastoral Counselors the following:

“Pastoral Counselors are able to work with a state license in most states today. Only six states actually license the title Pastoral Counselor. They are: Arkansas, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Tennessee. In many other states Pastoral Counselors may qualify for licensure as Marriage and Family Therapists or as Professional Counselors. They may have to take supplemental courses to match a model curriculum, or take a certified Post-graduate program. Read the regulations for a specific state to see what equivalencies are allowed.”

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