

3 Facts About Legalizing Marijuana

Marijuana is ***NOT*** harmless

- 1 in 10 adults who try marijuana will become addicted (1)
- Studies have found a direct relationship between blood THC concentration and impaired driving ability (2)
- Marijuana use during pregnancy has been shown to increase problems with neurological development of newborns (3)

**FACT
N° 1**

It will ***NOT*** fix the budget crisis

**FACT
N° 2**

- Every \$1 in alcohol and tobacco tax revenues, costs society \$10 in legal, health, social and regulatory expenses (4)
- The Lottery and other forms of gambling have not solved our budget problems, either

It will ***NOT*** reduce law enforcement costs

- Legalizing marijuana possession would **NOT** significantly reduce the state prison population. In fact, less than 1% of state inmates are behind bars for marijuana possession only. (5)
- Under the most commonly proposed legalization regime – one that includes high taxes on marijuana-illegal sources will continue to be available.

**FACT
N° 3**

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