

# In The Dark

You may have heard that there is a referendum proposing the Medical Use of Marijuana. The person proposing this is very happy that large sectors of the Massachusetts population are guided only by false rumors on this subject such as: "Doctors are in favor of smoking marijuana for medical use." and "We don't have any alternative for compassionate treatment of patients." and "Marijuana is a safe and natural medical treatment." All these statements are totally false. The only chance this referendum has of passing is if the people of Massachusetts are kept **In The Dark** on the following facts:

## **WE ALREADY HAVE MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN A SAFE PILL FORM**

Compassionate treatment of chemotherapy patients and AIDS patient to relieve nausea and appetite problems, and other medical conditions as the doctor sees fit is already available and in use. The prescription drug, Marinol ® contains the same active ingredient as marijuana smoke, that is Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol or THC. But it does not contain the cancer-causing ingredients that are in the marijuana plant. Marinol is FDA approved. It has been available legally nationwide since 1999. The dosage can be carefully controlled, compared to smoking marijuana in which the dosage is a mystery. I talked with some folks from Walgreens Pharmacy at a Health and Safety Fair on 6/23/12. They did indeed confirm that they are filling prescriptions for Marinol, typically for cancer patients. A few generic equivalents for Marinol have also been approved. So if we already have a safe and effective treatment in pill form, why would we ask anybody to smoke anything?

## **DOCTORS OPPOSE SMOKING MARIJUANA FOR ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT**

All major medical organizations reject smoking marijuana including the American Medical Association and the American Cancer Society. The Massachusetts Medical Society which represents 24,000 doctors in Massachusetts released their official statement in May, 2012 opposing the legalization of medicinal marijuana. They have gone to court to fight the wording "Medical Use" because the Food and Drug Administration has made it quite clear that marijuana smoke is not medicine. The FDA states emphatically that it opposes smoked marijuana for the treatment of any medical condition. So the idea that doctors approve of this "medical" marijuana proposal is totally false.

## **SMOKING MARIJUANA DOES CAUSE CANCER**

Marijuana smoke contains far more cancer causing ingredients than does tobacco smoke. Containing 33 known carcinogens, it does indeed increase the risk of various forms of cancer including lung cancer. A man who smokes it at least once per week doubles his risk of getting testicular cancer. Drug pushers would instantly lose half of their customers if men were aware of this.

## **MOTIVATION FOR THIS REFERENDUM IS NOT SINCERE**

If we already have a safe pill form, how could this proposal be motivated by compassion towards medical patients? I believe that the only motivation is to add a medical supply of marijuana to the existing illegal supply in the environment. This is a strategy by the Pot People to confuse and frustrate law enforcement. Their hope is that police will be afraid of the embarrassment of confiscating medical marijuana and thus become hesitant to confiscate illegal supplies. Massachusetts voters should keep in mind that in states that have legalized "medical" marijuana, drug abuse - marijuana statistically has gone up significantly! A YES vote on this referendum increases drug abuse while accomplishing nothing for truly needy medical patients. The Office of National Drug Control Policy says, "Marijuana is classified as a Schedule I drug, meaning it has a high potential for abuse and no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States."

## **CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WILL RUN RAMPANT**

Under this proposal, anytime that a medical patient smokes marijuana, there is a good chance that some other innocent person will be forced to also take their "medicine". What would you do if you are forced to breathe marijuana smoke against your will? What other "medicine" results in such a gross violation of other people's constitutional rights?

\* Details documenting the above statements are at my web site [MarijuanaTheBigLie.com](http://MarijuanaTheBigLie.com).

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