## WHY MARIJUANA IS NOT MEDICINE

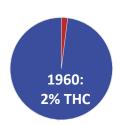


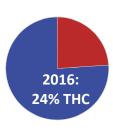
IN THE U.S., A SUBSTANCE MUST COMPLETE FDA APPROVAL PROCESS TO BE CONSIDERED "MEDICINE." MARIJUANA HAS NOT BEEN FDA APPROVED AND, THUS, IS NOT A MEDICINAL SUBSTANCE AS UNREFINED PLANT PRODUCT.



ONE IN SIX
OF THOSE WHO
USE MARIJUANA
AS TEENAGERS
BECOME
ADDICTED.

REGULAR
MARIJUANA USE IS
ASSOCIATED WITH
AN INCREASED
RISK OF ANXIETY
AND DEPRESSION.





THE PSYCHOACTIVE COMPONENT OF MARIJUANA IS KNOWN AS THC. IN 1960, THE THC CONTENT IN MARIJUANA WAS 2%. TODAY, THE AVERAGE THC CONTENT IN MARIJUANA IS 24%.

PROPOSED
LEGISLATION
FOR
"MEDICAL"
MARIJUANA
IN ARKANSAS
ALLOWS

MINORS
TO RECEIVE
IT WITH A
PARENTAL
SIGNATURE.

CHRONIC MARIJUANA SMOKING
IS ASSOCIATED WITH CHRONIC
BRONCHITIS, CHRONIC COUGH,
INCREASED SPUTUM AND
INCREASED WHEEZE.





HABITUAL ADOLESCENT USERS ARE AT SIGNIFICANT RISK OF PERMANENT COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT.

9% OF THOSE WHO EXPERIMENT WITH MARIJUANA WILL BECOME ADDICTED.

MIGRAINES, ADHD,
FIBROMYALGIA, ASTHMA, AND
INSOMNIA WOULD ALL QUALIFY
FOR "MEDICAL" MARIJUANA
PER PROPOSED ARKANSAS
LEGISLATION.



25%

50% of those who smoke Marijuana Daily BECOME ADDICTED.



MARIJUANA SMOKE
CONTAINS MANY OF THE
SAME CARCINOGENS AND
PULMONARY IRRITANTS AS
TOBACCO SMOKE. THE VAST
MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO
USE MARIJUANA SMOKE IT
RATHER THAN INGESTING IT.



MARIJUANA IS LINKED TO THE PRECIPITATION OF PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS SUCH AS SCHIZOPHRENIA.



ADOLESCENT MARIJUANA USE IS LINKED TO IMPAIRED SCHOOL PERFORMANCE & INCREASED DROP OUT RATES.