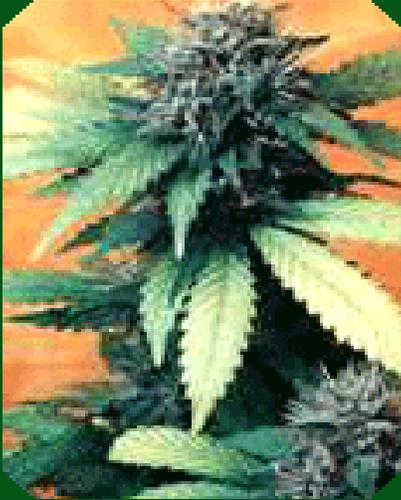




# DO YOU KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT MARIJUANA?

... OR just the OLD HYPE?



- "Marijuana is an addictive drug which produces in its users insanity, criminality and death." - Harry Aslinger, 1937.
- "Marijuana is the certain first step on the road to heroin addiction." - Harry Aslinger, 1951.
- "Marijuana is more addictive than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, ecstasy, and all other illegal drugs combined." - Scott M. Burns, 2002
- "No drug matches the threat posed by marijuana" - Scott M. Burns, 2002.
- "I would agree that marijuana is a gateway drug to hardcore drugs ... it breaks down a person's defense to say 'no' to the harder drugs." - Paul Boyd, 2002.

## WHATS THE TRUTH?



On March 17 1999, the U.S. Institute of Medicine (IOM) completed an exhaustive study of marijuana and health, done at the request of then Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey. Their findings showed that marijuana:

- Lacked the so-called 'dependence liability' of other drugs; fewer than 1 in 10 marijuana smokers ever become regular users. By comparison 15% of alcohol users, 17% of cocaine users and 32% of cigarette smokers statistically exhibit symptoms of drug dependence.
- Was not a 'gateway' to harder drugs.
- Contained cannabinoids which reduce anxiety, stimulate the appetite, act as a sedative, combat nausea, and might also control pain.
- Had therapeutic benefits for the terminally ill. - [www.thelancet.com](http://www.thelancet.com)

**None of this means that marijuana is harmless, though its potential health risks hardly justify criminally outlawing it.**



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