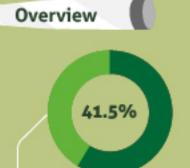
THE CAMPUS POT CONNECTION



of Americans aged 12 or older have tried marijuana at least once in their lifetimes.



Marijuana is the most commonly used illicit drug.

It is very harmful - especially for students - because it causes:



Problems with learning



Loss of coordination



Altered sense of time



Psychological dependence

History of pot



A campaign conducted in the 1930s by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Narcotics portrayed marijuana as an addicting substance.





The Controlled Substances Act of 1970 classified marijuana along with heroin and LSD as having the highest abuse potential.





The usage of marijuana by college students steadily rose during this decade.

After being considered an illicit drug, marijuana usage decline.

The recreational use of mari-

juana started long ago. The first reference to cannabis as a psychoactive agent dates to

Marijuana was listed in the

United States Pharmacopeia

and was prescribed for vari-

1960s

It was used by college students

and "hippies" to rebel against

1850 - 1942

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ous illnesses.

authority.

Marijuana became part of the curriculum in some colleges, such as Med Grow Cannabis College, in Michigan.

The dangers

Altered

cognition

Find out why marijuana is considered dangerous:

College students' high-risk behaviors Alcohol consumption related to marijuana (by users and nonusers) 98.7% Tobacco usage 100 Alcohol consumption 75.7% 75.4% during intercourse 80 Other drug usage during intercourse 60 Nonusers Users 40 30.5% 30.2% 12.5% ____ 13.3% 20

Comparison

Marijuana is most popular with young adults aged 18-25, especially college students. Find out more:

Comparison between illicit drugs used by college students (2010)



Any illicit drug other than marijuana: 17.1%

percent

40



Hallucinogens: 4.9%



Marijuana and Hashish: 32.7%

Pot causes dependence and health problems.

But it cannot lead to a fatal overdose.

Regardless, it's considered dangerous since it can be a gateway drug.



* Not even the usage rate of other illicit drugs combined outnumbers the usage rate of marijuana consumed by students.

Use of marijuana and illicit drugs by college students (by year)

Marijuana and hashish

35.9% The usage of marijuana by college students had an all-time high in 1998.

Any illicit drug other than marijuana

35 30 25 20 15 10 5

2000

1999

2001

Legalization efforts



1993

1994

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1996

The U.S. Government patents the therapeutic use of cannabinoids.

2003

2005

1997

1998



Boulder and Colorado State University students promoted a referendum for the schools to declare marijuana safer than alcohol.



2002

2003

2004

2005

2006

Denver voters approved a law that allows possession of an ounce of marijuana without penalty; state law still makes possession illegal.

2005

2010

2007

2008

2009 2010



California Supreme Court decides those with a doctor's permission can only grow or possess "reasonable amounts" of marijuana.

Punishment in Schools

Punishment for using marijuana in college varies by institution:



Some will give you a verbal warning



At others you have to pay a fine



Or you may face suspension

There was a 386.4% increase of on-campus marijuana arrests in 2010 at the State University of New York at Osewego.