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Strategy: Subject & Keyword Search: SU= drug policy KW= legalization AND (police OR enforcement) AND crime.



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References	9.25/10
<p><i>Minimum eight relevant sources</i></p> <p><i>Comments: You provided two newspaper articles, which are usually not considered as scholarly sources.</i></p>	.75/1



<p><i>Relevant mix of scholarly sources (i.e. journals, dissertations, reports)</i></p> <p><u>Comments: You provided 2 journal articles, 2 books, 2 newspaper articles, one dissertation and one web source (of government document).</u></p>	2/2
<p><i>Each linked to in-text citations in Sentence Outline</i></p>	2/2
<p><i>Preliminary info (Source, Strategy, Location) included</i></p> <p><u>Errors for eBook locations</u></p>	.75/1
<p><i>Correct APA bibliographic style used – (or other stated style)</i></p>	3.75/4

Part 2: Thesis Statement and Sentence Outline (min. two pages) – 12 marks

Sentence Outline

Thesis Statement:

Despite the harm of drugs on individuals' health, the legalization of drugs will rejuvenate a country's recessionary economy and reduce criminal activities.

- I. The use of drugs has negative effects on an individual's health.
 - A. The short term effects of drug use are anxiety, panic, and depression (Corrigall & Kalant, 1999).
 - B. As described by ElSohly (2007), regular marijuana smoking will deteriorate respiratory cell functions and immune defenses.
 - C. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (2002) identifies that the cumulative damage on the brain caused by marijuana smoking will deteriorate critical life skills over time.

- II. The legalization of drugs will invigorate a country in a recessionary state of economy by ways of taxation and job creation.
 - A. An imposed tax on drugs can generate substantial income for a country.



1. A study estimates that marijuana legalization would generate in tax revenue of \$6.2 billion (Ruggeri, 2010).
 2. With the redistribution of tax revenue to the population, “social welfare potentially is greater in a regime in which drugs are legal and taxed” (Grossman & Chaloupka, 2002, p.11).
- B. As stated by former Mexican President Vicente Fox (2010), the legalization of drugs will create more jobs for a struggling economy (as cited in Oppenheimer, 2010).
- III. The legalization of drugs will reduce criminal activities throughout the country.
- A. Friedman (1989) strongly believes that the legalization of drugs will reduce its price, which in turn will reduce crime.
 - B. Police enforcement will defer their efforts used on drug criminals towards more established criminals within the society (Inciardi & Saum, 1996).

Formal Sentence Outline	11/12
<i>Controlling idea phrased as a strong statement for thesis.</i>	2/2
<i>Correct sentence outline (complete sentences, proper notation, parallelism).</i> <u>Good.</u>	2/2
<i>Outline follows statement and develops it properly.</i> <u>Would like to have seen many of these points expanded upon (i.e. broken down some more. Also you cannot simply ignore the neqative health consequences – how can these be addressed? Or are there any counterinq health benefits (i.e. for cancer or pain victims)? Hence another main point needed to be added.</u>	1/2
<i>Outline divides material into logical sections showing relationships.</i>	2/2
<i>In-text references (Correct APA (or other stated style), use of all eight sources).</i>	2/2
<i>Proper grammar and spelling.</i>	2/2



Part 3: Annotations – 10 marks

Annotations

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David Ruggeri, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of Business

Administration, presented his research to the faculty of the Graduate School of Saint Louis

University as a requirement for the degree of ~~doctor~~Doctor of ~~ph~~Philosophy. The purpose of the

study is to analyze the policies surrounding marijuana use. The author develops the topic

towards the various implications of legalizing the usage of marijuana. These findings are

summarized into a multitude of tables, charts, and graphs. This report, written for a scholarly

audience, relates to my topic for it discusses the legalization of drugs. In relation to the second

main point developed within my outline, this research paper explores the various effects of

legalizing drugs on a country's economy.

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The authors, doctors of philosophy graduates, attempted to find a solution to the drug war in

the United States of America. They explored the idea of legalizing drugs: the positive outcomes



and the negative outcomes. Relevant statistics are used within the research to display the magnitude of their findings. This report was intended for an educated audience with an understanding of business lingo and concepts. Also, this research paper explains the effect of legalizing drugs on police enforcement. The latter is integrated within the third point developed in my outline to demonstrate the potential of reduced crime with drug legalization.

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With the purpose to educate the population, this government website is bringing the power of science to the prevalent concerns among society such as drug abuse and addiction. The extensive research gathered by the National Institute on Drug Abuse allows for objective information. Furthermore, the document was revisited many times over the years to ensure information accuracy. It was revisited and revised on July 2012. The research proposes a comprehensive understanding of the effects of marijuana abuse. The latter relates to my topic since it is essential to understand the harms of drug usage before further exploring my thesis concerning the legalization of drugs.

Annotated Bibliography	10/10
Citations for a minimum of three highly relevant scholarly sources properly referenced.	1/1
Annotations: Appropriate evaluation criteria addressed for each.	6/6

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Good annotations.	
Correct grammar and spelling.	2/2
Print-out/Photocopy (first page) included for each item in bibliography.	1/1

Presentation	2/2
Includes title page, is well organized and easy to follow	

General Comments:	
Total: 95/100	32.25/34



Annotations (First page of each article)

MIXED MESSAGES IN PUBLIC POLICY. HOW PUBLIC POLICIES
SHIFT PERCEPTION OF HARM FOR TOBACCO
AND MARIJUANA CONSUMPTION.

David Ruggen, B.S.B.A., M.B.A.

An Abstract Presented to the Faculty of the Graduate
School of Saint Louis University as the Partial
Fulfillment of the Requirements for the
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

2010



Legalization madness
Inciardi, James A.; Saum, Christine A.
Public Interest; Spring 1996; 123; ABI/INFORM Complete
pg. 72

Legalization madness

JAMES A. INCIARDI & CHRISTINE A. SAUM

FRUSTRATED by the government's apparent inability to reduce the supply of illegal drugs on the streets of America, and disquieted by media accounts of innocents victimized by drug-related violence, some policy makers are convinced that the "war on drugs" has failed. In an attempt to find a better solution to the "drug crisis" or, at the very least, to try an alternative strategy, they have proposed legalizing drugs.

They argue that, if marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and other drugs were legalized, several positive things would probably occur: (1) drug prices would fall; (2) users would obtain their drugs at low, government-regulated prices, and they would no longer be forced to resort to crime in order to support their habits; (3) levels of drug-related crime, and particularly violent crime, would significantly decline, resulting in less crowded courts, jails, and prisons (this would allow law-enforcement personnel to focus their energies on the "real criminals" in society); and (4) drug production, distribution, and sale would



How does marijuana use affect school, work, and social life? See page 7.

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Marijuana Abuse

from the director:

By the time they graduate from high school, about 46 percent of teens will have tried marijuana.¹ Although current use among U.S. teens dropped dramatically in the past decade (to a prevalence of about 15 percent in 2011), this decline has stalled during the past several years.² These data are from the Monitoring the Future survey, which has been tracking drug use among teens since 1975. Still, the World Health Organization ranks the United States first among 17 European and North American countries for prevalence of marijuana use. And more users start every day. In 2010, an estimated 2.4 million Americans used marijuana for the first time; greater than one-half were under age 18.¹

The use of marijuana can produce adverse physical, mental, emotional, and behavioral effects. It can impair short-term memory and judgment and distort perception. Because marijuana affects brain systems that are still maturing through young adulthood, its use by teens may have a negative effect on their development. And contrary to popular belief, it can be addictive.

We hope that this Research Report will help make readers aware of our current knowledge of marijuana abuse and its harmful effects.

What Is Marijuana?

Marijuana—often called *pot*, *grass*, *reefer*, *weed*, *herb*, *Mary Jane*, or *MJ*—is a greenish-gray mixture of the dried, shredded leaves, stems, seeds, and flowers of *Cannabis sativa*—the hemp plant. Most users smoke marijuana in hand-rolled cigarettes called *joints*, among other names; some use pipes or water pipes called *bongs*. Marijuana cigars, or *blunts*, are also popular. To make blunts, users slice open cigars, remove some