

Pot or Hemp?

Evil Weed? Or, Useful Commodity?

The main objection, of those who write and enforce the laws; is that the legalization, cultivation, harvesting and processing of Industrial Hemp would allow criminal elements to grow marijuana, undetected, in the same field of crop.

This paper will attempt to address the issues that pertain to that discussion.

Firstly, it is a proven fact that Industrial Hemp is a plant that can be used for hundreds of useful products, including, but not limited to: Biofuel; Textiles; Paper; Construction; Nutraceuticals; Phamaceuticals; Cosmetics; Food, just to name a few categories.

Indeed, Industrial Hemp was recognized by Popular Mechanics Magazine in the late 1920's as the –

NEW

BILLION-DOLLAR CROP

AMERICAN farmers are promised a new cash crop with an annual value of several hundred million dollars, all because a machine has been invented which solves a problem more than 4,000 years old. It is hemp, a crop that will not compete with other American products. Instead, it will displace imports of raw material and manufactured products produced by unskilled coolie and peasant labor and it will provide thousands of jobs for American workers throughout the land.

The machine which makes this possible is designed for removing the fiber-bearing cortex from the rest of the stalk after the fiber has been removed contain more than seventy-seven per cent cellulose, and can be used to produce more than 25,000 products, ranging from dynamite to Cellulophane.

Machines now in service in Texas, Illinois, Minnesota and other states are producing fiber at a manufacturing cost of half a cent a pound, and are finding a profitable market for the rest of the stalk. Machine operators are making a good profit in competition with coolie-produced foreign fiber while paying farmers fifteen dollars a ton for hemp as it comes from the field.

From the farmers' point of view, hemp is an easy crop to grow and will yield from three to six tons per acre on any land that will grow corn, wheat, or oats. It has a short growing season, so that it can be planted after other crops are in. It can be grown in any state of the union. The long roots penetrate and break the soil to leave it in perfect condition for the next year's crop. The dense shock of leaves, eight to twelve feet above the ground, chokes out weeds. Two successive crops are enough to reclaim land that has been abandoned because of Canadian thistles or quack grass.

Under old methods, hemp

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So, why doesn't the federal government of the United States of America allow farmers in our country to add this crop to their fields? Their answer, guided by the bureaucracy of the DEA, is that "marijuana is harmful to the body and mind". Is that true?

According to the American Medical Association, there has never been a fatality from overdosing on marijuana. Although, it has seemed to turn some users into blithering idiots – even if they smoked, but "didn't inhale", or they used it only when they were "young and irresponsible".



In January 1997, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) asked the Institute of Medicine to conduct a review of the scientific evidence to assess the potential health benefits and risks of marijuana and its constituent cannabinoids.

That report determined that the medical use of marijuana was therapeutic to patients suffering from cancers, diseases and various ailments, and that it should be legalized and made available like other pharmacological treatment options.

<http://blog.norml.org/2009/03/17/10-years-ago-today-us-government-admits-marijuana-is-medicine/>

Perhaps the reader is of an age where they can recall a period in history when the casual use of marijuana was widespread? Do you remember when, during concerts or other events, as soon as the lights went out, several thousand people would “fire up a doob” and the air was thick with smoke?

Do you also recall that all those people were mellow and happily partying and the concept of violence was unthinkable?

Compare that to the present day, where violence is the norm. Over that period of time, about a third of a century, from the late 60’s to 2009, the incidence of violence has increased in direct proportion to the exposure and level of violence broadcast on television, at the cinema and in video games. Or, to be more accurate, Hollywood has been the catalyst and engine of the rise of violence in America.

FTC Releases Report on the Marketing of Violent Entertainment to Children

Study Finds Companies in Motion Picture, Music Recording and Electronic Game Industries Routinely Target Children Under 17; Retailers Make "Little Effort" to Restrict Access to Violent Material

<http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2000/09/youthviol.shtm>

So, what is the cause of the escalation of violence in America? Is it the widespread use of marijuana, that was legalized by the Federal Government and that is being used in a massive fashion?

Hello? Marijuana has not been legalized and is not being used in excess by Americans (not like it used to be anyway, back in the good ole sex-drugs and rock and roll days).

No, the cause of the widespread violence is the entertainment industry and their depictions of the use of guns; blood, gore, mass murder and other soul-numbing scenes of violence.

I see grade-school to should-know-better-age-men playing this World of War Craft computer game and I cringe. I see them ‘scoring’ uncountable *body counts* and I can only think that this must be a Martian conspiracy to get the next generation used to slaughtering their fellow humans on Earth, or some other Earth-based politician planned scheme.

Pot. Grass. Mary-Jane. MJ. Reefer. Smoke. Doobs.

Call it what you will, it is not the evil weed that the “Yellow Journalism” Hearst newspapers termed it back in the 1930’s when they were lobbying to have it outlawed. And, since then, the politician’s corrupt efforts to continue that legislation has denied this crop to America’s farmers and its useful products to America’s citizens.

Wait a minute --- is there a difference between “marijuana” and Industrial Hemp? Of course there is. The difference is that the one has a higher percentage of the psychoactive ingredient THC in its cellular structure and the other doesn’t.

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The one can be used for hundreds of useful products including Biofuel, and the other is a substance that may; if ingested through inhalation or eating brownies or drinking tea, make a person temporarily happy, creative, sociable, forget their pain or just plain relaxed.

The Plot-i-ti-cians “campaign of fear” and loathing of the “Reefer Madness” has only resulted in one accomplishment.

And that is the denial of this crop to America’s farmers and its useful products to America’s citizens.

And for this effort and heroic accomplishment alone – They should all be fired.

Who are they?

They are the “Plot-i-ti-cians” who have ruined America.

They are the “Plot-i-ti-cians” who have, for the last 60-odd years have acted in collusion with the Big Oil, Textile, Chemical and Paper industries to deny Industrial Hemp to America’s farmers and consumers.

They are the “Plot-i-ti-cians” who have voted themselves Pay Raises and Cost of Living Allowances and Medical Benefits, while at the same time voted against the increase in Minimum Pay Raises for hard-working Americans.

They are the “Plot-i-ti-cians” who have squandered Tax-Payer dollars in overseas adventures while ignoring Americans needs at home.

They are the men and women who we elected to represent US.

FIRE 'EM ALL AND TAKE BACK OUR COUNTRY

The ones, who are supposedly representing US today, are not the ones who these brave men envisioned. Where did it go wrong? Can this deplorable situation be corrected? Before it's too late?



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