

Should Marijuana Be a Medical Option?

The United States has seen an increase in the number of physicians describing medical marijuana and because of this there are proposals being put forth daily to legalize it nationwide. Supporters of medical marijuana have argued that it can treat diseases, like multiple sclerosis, AIDS, and cancer. Opponents of legalizing the drug argue that it poses a danger to users. There are many states in the US that have already legalized medical marijuana so that users can have pain relief and cancer treatment. This paper elaborates on the need or legalizing medical marijuana in the United States.

I believe that legalizing medical marijuana in America has huge benefits for people. It can be used in the treatment of various diseases such as cancer, epilepsy, and glaucoma. It can also be used to alleviate pain. When made available to medical facilities, patients who have shown symptoms of the ailments above can be offered some relief naturally. Medical marijuana offers safe, natural and effective treatment for chronic diseases. The active chemicals in the drug are called cannabinoids. These active chemicals help to reduce anxiety, inflammation, and can control nausea and vomiting as a result of cancer treatment.

Cannabinoids aid in causing hunger and improving weight gain in cancer patients. Since the number of patients being treated for some type of cancer has increased so significantly, there is a need to legalize the use of medical marijuana in every state. The benefits of this drug is evident in boosting the functionality of the immune system, vascular system, digestive system,

and regulating moods and emotions. Medical marijuana has its side effects like any other drug if it is abused. Some side effects include dry mouth, fatigue, dizziness, paranoia, and other psychoactive effects. By controlling the use of medical marijuana by the use of an ID card, these problems can be reduced significantly or eliminated altogether by not abusing the drug.

Those who do not agree with legalizing medical marijuana have diverse arguments. Mostly they feel that medical marijuana has the ability to impair the cognitive ability, like short-term memory. They also do not feel that there is sufficient evidence supporting medical marijuana to be an efficient pain-relieving agent. Opponents highlight that kids will have more access to the drug and that this could hurt them if they do not use it properly. Addicts of the drug lead to poor living standards and are prone to health and financial problems.

In conclusion, every state in America should consider legalizing medical marijuana as it has diverse medical benefits. The drug can provide relief to chronic pain and can help with diseases like cancer, epilepsy, and AIDS. States *will* have to employ measures to ensure that the drug is used properly. For example, when the drug is deemed appropriate, the doctor will need to qualify the use of it. This will help to ensure that medical marijuana use is appropriately institute to avert unhealthy practices from the start.

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