



The *new* face of Big Tobacco

Say NO to Big Marijuana in New Zealand

Same corporates.
Same objectives.
Same addiction.
New product.



STILL A BLACK MARKET

Another erroneous claim made by drug advocates is: "The law just creates a black market. Legalising will get rid of it."

In areas where marijuana has been legalised, the evidence is overwhelming as to how misleading this claim is. Why? It's simple. Organised criminal syndicates and gangs adapt to changing political and economic environments, because **their ultimate goal is not to break the law but to commercialise and exploit human nature. It's about the money.**

As marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug in the world, legalisation is unlikely to see a decrease in any associated criminal activity.

Narcotics officers in **Colorado** have been busy responding to the **50% increase in illegal grow operations** across rural areas in the state. Legalisation has made it easier for the black market to thrive in rural areas due to the difficulties involved in distinguishing between legal and criminal marijuana farms. **Oregon** has also been a hub of black-market activity since legalisation.

"Colorado has a booming black market."

U.S. Attorney for District of Colorado Bob Troyer - September 2018

obtained licenses... The problem is that regulated marijuana, which is subject to testing, taxes and many other regulations — as it will be in Canada — costs significantly more than pot grown and sold on the black market. As long as there is onerous regulation and taxation imposed on the legal market, you can forget about getting rid of the illicit market." (our emphasis added)

A report from the credit rating agency Fitch Ratings in October 2017 said that high taxes on legal marijuana in California could have the potential to turn many consumers away from the state's cannabis shops and toward the black market.

"Underpinning such experiments around the world is a belief that criminal gangs will quietly accept losing their markets, and give up illegal dealing. There's a fantasy for you...."

NZ columnist Rosemary McLeod

After just a short time, the black market is appearing in **Canada**. A *Radio-Canada* investigation revealed that the financial backers of some producers have links to organised crime. Anti-drug politicians said; *"It's a troubling sign that, two weeks into the era of legal cannabis, the black market appears to have infiltrated Canada's legal supply chain."* The *New York Times* reported that taming an illegal trade estimated at 5.3 billion Canadian dollars is proving to be daunting – *"The government taking over the cannabis trade is like asking a farmer to build airplanes."*



For additional information, including source references:
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