



The new face of Big Tobacco

Say NO to Big Marijuana in New Zealand

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

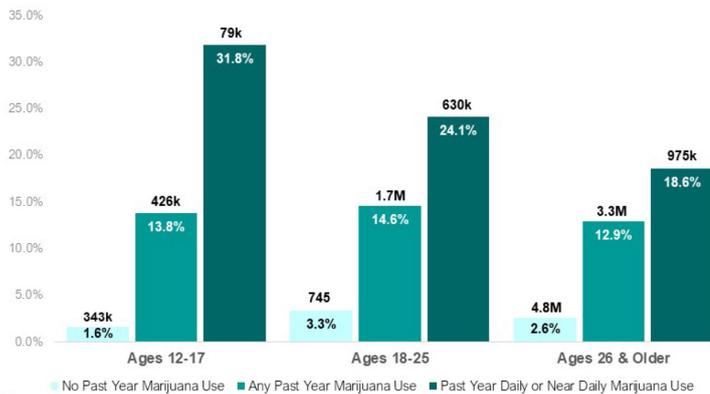


OPIOIDS & SYNTHETIC CANNABIS

Drug advocates in New Zealand try to argue that by legalising marijuana, the use of synthetic cannabis and other natural opioids would decrease. But the international evidence quashes those hopes.

Research is revealing that individual marijuana users are at much higher risk for developing opioid use disorders, and that population studies claiming a correlation between state marijuana legalisation and reduced opioid deaths have serious deficiencies. Better studies are now showing marijuana is a risk factor in the increased non-medical use of opioids.

Marijuana's link to opioid misuse



Source: 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

Image Source: National Families in Action

An American study published in September 2017 of over 30,000 Americans showed that participants who reported marijuana use in the previous year were 2.6 times more likely to abuse prescription opioids: ***“Cannabis use appears to increase rather than decrease the risk of developing nonmedical prescription opioid use and opioid use disorder.”***

In 2017, researchers examined data from 17,000 youth aged 12-17 and found that **youth with past-month marijuana use were 9.9 times more likely to report past-month use of other illicit drugs.**

In the time that the opioid epidemic has increased in the US, the percentage of marijuana users who are using the drug frequently has skyrocketed.

NZ already has an addiction epidemic with synthetic cannabis and methamphetamine. The reality is that the desire to get 'high' overrides any consideration of the legality of the drug or its risk.

“The opioid crisis appears to be worsening where marijuana has been legalised.”

JAMA Internal Medicine Journal

It seems fairly logical that **we should not be encouraging marijuana use if our goal is to stop addiction.**

From 2012 to 2016, the number of heroin-related deaths in **Colorado** increased from 91 to 234 and deaths related to **synthetic opioids rose** from 52 to 72.

In **Portugal**, there has been a 23% increase in the prevalence of **illegal psychoactive substance use** since 2012.

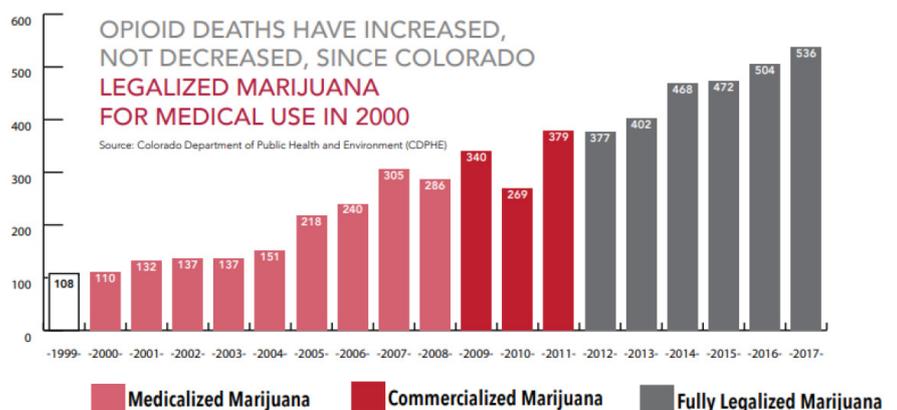


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SayNopeToDope.org.nz/opioid-synthetic-cannabis

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