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WHY SOFT DRUGS SHOULD STAY ILLEGAL

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Nowadays, all over the world soft drugs are being decriminalized or even made legal. However, many people argue that soft drugs are harmful as hard drugs will become more affordable.

The purpose of our paper is to show that all drugs are associated with a health risk, so it is important to warn people of their dangers.

Argument 1: Lately, marijuana has been engineered to become much more potent so that it is actually a strong drug that may cause Psychosis. The main active substance of marijuana is THC that causes psychosis to develop. Marijuana also contains a substance called CBD which acts as a substance against psychosis and anxiety. However, as it does not make you high, the growers have gradually decreased the amount of CBD in marijuana and increased THC levels. Overall, recent findings suggest that the more marijuana you consume and the stronger it is, the higher your risk of developing psychosis is.

Argument 2: Legalizing drugs will not stop violence and social problems. The US Drug Enforcement Administration argues that “six times as many homicides are committed by people under the influence of drugs, as by those who are looking for money to buy drugs”.

Argument 3: More drug users, abusers, and addicts would mean more health problems and lower economic productivity.

Argument 4: Although legalization might result in savings in expensive criminal justice costs and provide tax revenues, increased public-health costs and reduced economic productivity due to more drug-dependent workers would offset the financial benefits of legalization.

In conclusion, we would like to emphasize that making soft drugs legal does not mean endorsing. It means taking responsibility for the risks it poses.

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