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Dictionary.com defines Marijuana as the dried leaves and female flowers of the hemp plant, used in cigarette form as a narcotic or hallucinogen. Marijuana legalization continues to be a very controversial topic. Percentages vary on Americans who are in support of legalization and those who are against legalization. The author opposes the legalization of Marijuana for medical purposes.

Support for Marijuana Legalization

Americans' support for legalizing marijuana has held steady at 66% over the past year, after rising 30 percentage points between 2005 and 2018. The latest results are based on Gallup's annual Crime survey, conducted Oct. 1-13. Not only have 66% favored legalizing marijuana in the 2018 and 2019 Crime polls, but the same level of support was found in an intervening [Gallup survey, conducted in May](#). There are essentially no meaningful differences in support for legal marijuana by gender, education, income, region and urban/suburban/rural residence -- between 60% and 70% of subgroup members within those categories favor legalization. Opinions do vary significantly according to partisanship and ideology, age and generation, race, and religiosity.

Non Supporter of Marijuana Legalization

Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana (CALM) takes the position that Federal laws against the use, cultivation, and transportation of marijuana should be maintained and enforced and should not be relaxed or softened. Cultivation, processing, transportation and use are illegal under the Federal Controlled Substance Act. Marijuana continues to be identified by Congress and the DEA as a schedule I drug. Schedule I drugs are classified as having a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment, and a lack of accepted

safety for use. After decades of study the FDA continues to reaffirm that there is no medical benefit provided by the use of smoked marijuana and that, in fact, considerable harm can be caused by such use.

Author's Stance on Should Marijuana be legalized for Medical Purposes.

The Author's stance on opposing legalizing Marijuana for medical purposes is that it is not legal in all 50 states. Vox Publication reports even as several states and Washington, DC, allow marijuana, the federal government still strictly prohibits pot. Under the scheduling system, the federal government classifies marijuana as a schedule 1 drug, meaning it's perceived to have no medical value and a high potential for abuse.

Conclusion: Should Marijuana be legalized for Medical Purposes.

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