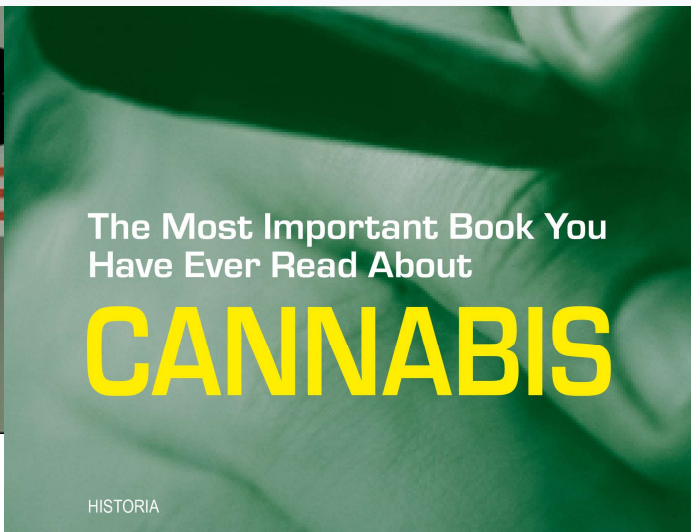
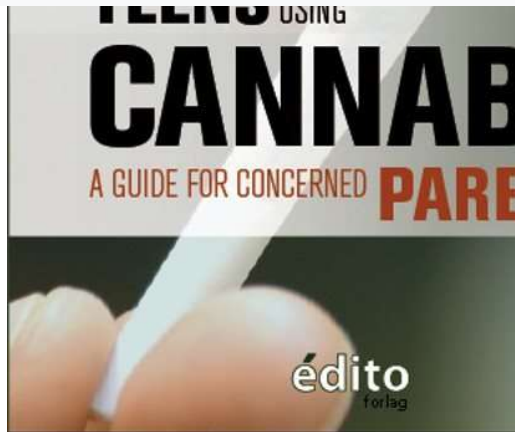


DISCLAIMER:

I have not formed an opinion on whether cannabis should be legalized or not.
I have read the evidence that is available to everyone..



“Danish Drug Policy”

The never-ending story...the story so far

3 pillars of arguments - the evidens of the pro-legalization movement

What's next?

Q&A

“AT THE MOMENT, THE NORDIC COUNTRIES ARE TAKING SEEMINGLY INVISIBLE, YET RHETORICAL STEPS TOWARDS THE LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS ”



”The never-ending...story so far

It’s legal, right?

Easy access point

Proposals

Medical cannabis

Decriminalization...”Treatment instead of fines”



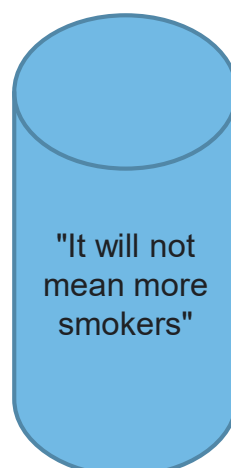
Politiken.dk

” ALL THE WHILE WE ARE DISCUSSING LEGALIZATION, THERE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP TO GET OUT OF A CANNABIS ADDICTION ”

**LEGALIZE
CANNIBIS**



3 pillars of arguments – The evidence of the pro-legalization movement



" PEOPLE DO NOT FORM ATTITUDES BASED ON GOOD ARGUMENTS. THEY FORM ATTITUDES BASED ON EMOTIONS AND IDEOLOGIES. THEN THEY ACTIVATE THEIR ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND TO JUSTIFY THOSE ATTITUDES "



What is *really* going on?



" LET'S START BY USING WHAT WE KNOW AND STOP GUESSING ON WHAT WE DON'T KNOW "



Claim: “We will end organized crime”

Crime: Pro-legalization advocates often argue that legalization will reduce overall crime...

However, marijuana-related crime rates have risen at a faster rate in “legal” states than in states where marijuana has not been legalized.

A [study](#) in Oregon “found that counties in [Oregon] have experienced increases in simple assault rate following legalization, relative to rates in the 19 non-legalized states.”

Black market: Although supporters of legalization often assert that the legalization of marijuana would eradicate the black market...

“Legal” states have seen increases in their underground market.

The [Brookings Institution](#) found, “U.S. states where recreational cannabis use has been legalized have all needed to grapple with the persistence of large black markets in cannabis and to generate substantial resources to countering it.”

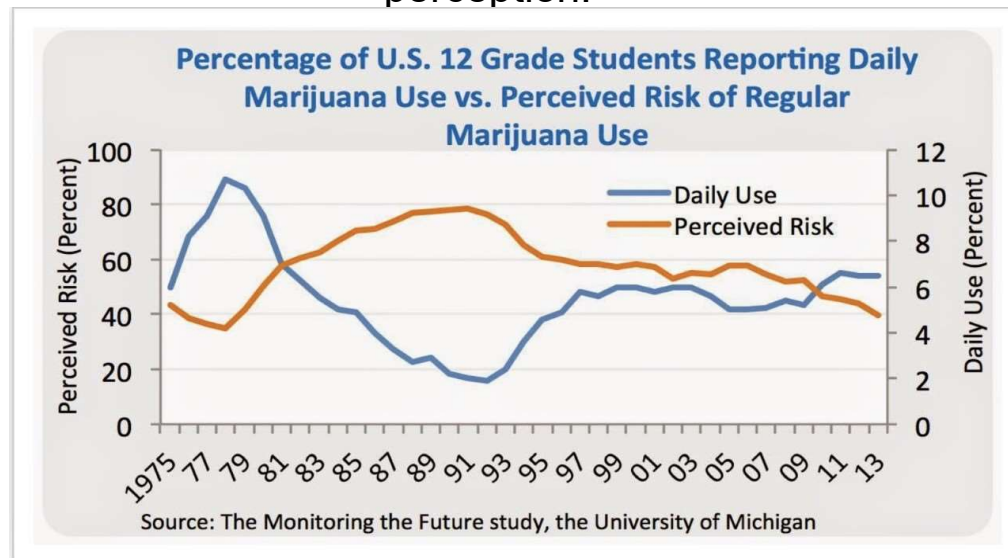
” A NECESSARY PREMISE IN THE DEBATE MUST BE THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO YOUR OWN OPINION, NOT TO YOUR OWN FACTS ”



Claim: “We can better inform young people of the risks”

Risk perception: The legalization of marijuana normalizes marijuana and its use, causing the associated risk perception of the drug to decrease, which plays an important role in the increased marijuana use of young people.

The Cato Institute [found](#), “All states that have legalized marijuana fall below the average U.S. risk perception.”



” A NECESSARY PREMISE IN THE DEBATE MUST BE THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO YOUR OWN OPINION, NOT TO YOUR OWN FACTS ”

**LEGALIZE
CANNIBIS**



Claim: “It will not mean more smokers”

Increased rates of use among youth: pro-marijuana activists often argue that rates of youth use will not increase following legalization.

However, data show that legalization does, in fact, cause usage rates to increase, despite efforts to implement youth-focused prevention campaigns.

The United Nations’ 2021 [World Drug Report](#) found that “cannabis potency has quadrupled in some parts of the world over the last two decades, while the percentage of adolescents who perceived the drug as harmful fell by as much as 40 per cent”—this has led to a 22% increase in worldwide drug use since 2010, which drug trafficking organizations have been working to supply.

” A NECESSARY PREMISE IN THE DEBATE MUST BE THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO YOUR OWN OPINION, NOT TO YOUR OWN FACTS ”



Claim: “It will not mean more smokers”

There was a 25% increase in Cannabis Use Disorder (CUD) among 12–17-year-olds in “legal” states.

Oregon, a state that legalized marijuana eight years ago, now has the highest rate of monthly marijuana use by 12-to-17-year-olds in the country.

” A NECESSARY PREMISE IN THE DEBATE MUST BE THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO YOUR OWN OPINION, NOT TO YOUR OWN FACTS ”

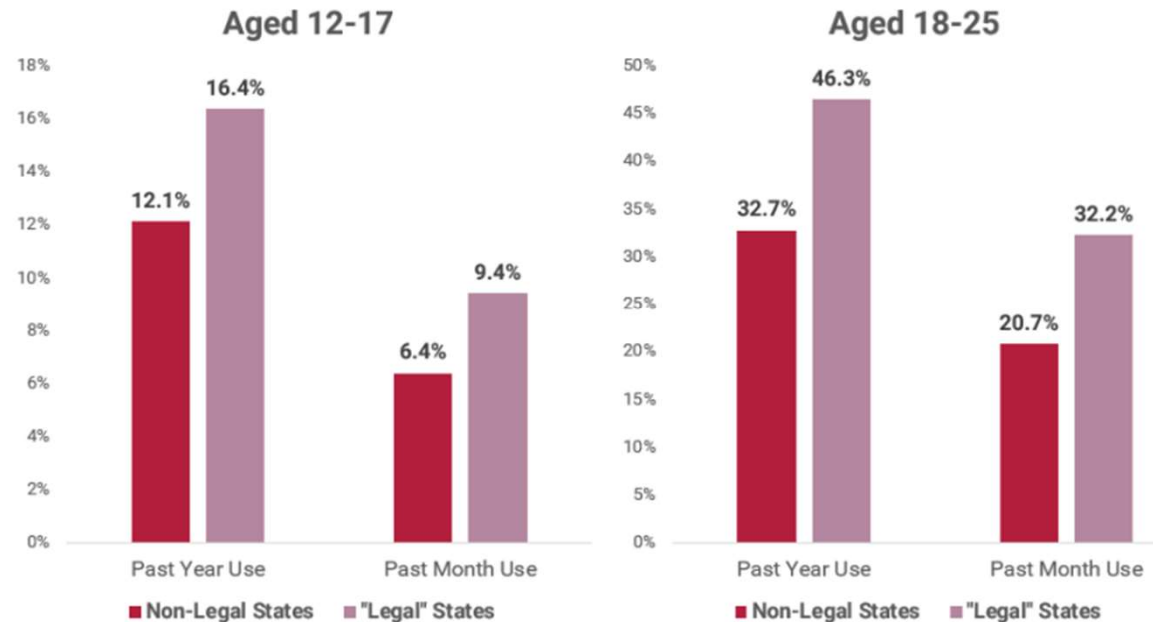


Claim: “It will not mean more smokers”

Marijuana use among young people in “legal” states is alarmingly high.

- Past year and past month marijuana use among 12 to 17 year-olds in “legal” states increased around 3.5%, each from 2016-2017 to 2017-2018 (NSDUH State Comparisons, 2019).
- Past year and past month marijuana use among 18 to 25 year-olds increased nearly 4.4% each from 2016-2017 to 2017-2018 (NSDUH State Comparisons, 2019).
- While 23.8% of 12 to 17 year-olds in non-legal states perceive a risk from smoking marijuana once a month, only 17.4% in “legal” states perceive such a risk (NSDUH State Comparisons, 2019).
- Studies show that cases of Cannabis Use Disorder (CUD) among young people in “legal” states grew 25% following legalization (Cerda et. al., 2019).

NSDUH, 2019 (National Survey on Drug Use and Health)



What's next?

This is not your "woodstock weed" and potency is (still) rising...

The adverse health effect of using cannabis doesn't care whether it is legal or not...

Take Away:

1. Danish drug policy is uninformed
2. The arguments for a legalization of cannabis are based on a falsity
3. The way forward goes through science

If I can leave you with one thing, let it be is this:

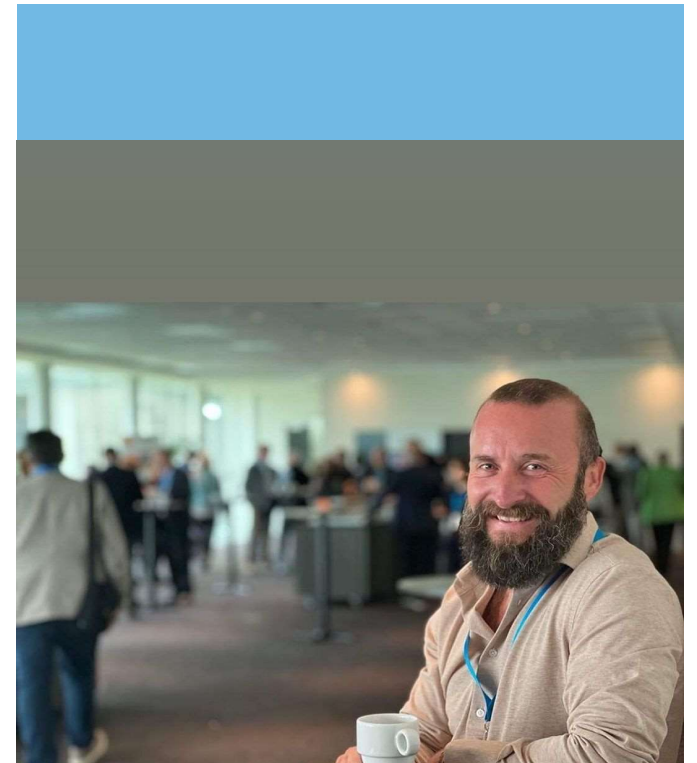
Listen to the facts and entertain yourself with philosophical arguments. The opposite does not make us wiser.

" LET'S START BY USING WHAT WE KNOW AND STOP GUESSING ON WHAT WE DON'T KNOW "



Q&A

How can I help?



CS@KOMPHASH.DK WWW.KOMPHASH.DK