#CIRCA2026



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QUEER HISTORIES FESTIVAL

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!



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Join Groundfloor! Use Code: MH916

Utilize Lounge and Patio



GROUND FLOOR

3 Restrooms Inside Down the Hall

Water Bottles Nearby. Ice Cube & Water Machine by the Kitchen Sink.

CANNABIS CLUB

dedicated to celebrating our cannabis freedoms
via community education and
"420-friendly" socialization



For the Cannabis Lovers

10/20/2026

Session #27

Potent Histories

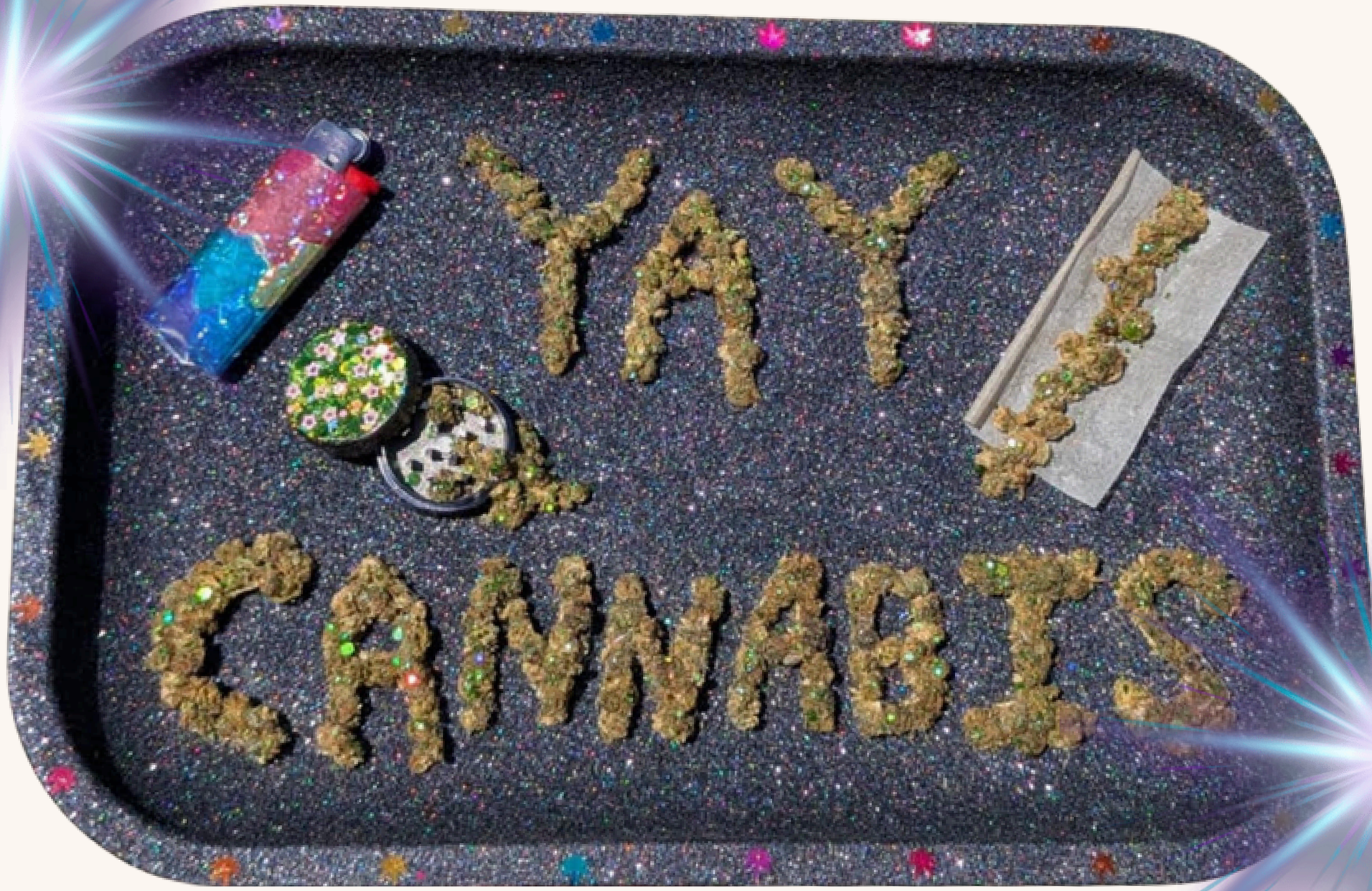
Cultivating Queer Cannabis Narratives in the Digital-Analog Archive

CIRCA: The One Institute's Queer History Festival


YAY
CANNABIS
Yay, CANNABIS



Val Gonzalez DISCORD TAG: @SERGEANTLUNCH



Alexis Sarkissian @FOUR.THESAKEOF.ART

Cómo La Cannaflor

Esta planta...
cómo me encanta.
Como la flor cannabis, nacida con amor.

Desde la distancia da su olor.
La como, la bebo, la fumo,
y sea como sea,
solo con esta me gusta el humo.

Sola o acompañada,
como sea, me alienta la mente
me despierta, me abraza,
me acompaña suavemente.

No importa la razón,
siempre alegra el corazón.
Legal aquí, "disque" ilegal alla
la flor, como yo, siempre da de qué hablar.

Unos la exaltan, otros la desprecian.
"lechuga del diablo," o diosa digna de alabanza.

Unos la malcaracterizan, otros con ella realizan.
la ley la persigue, pero ella persiste.

Parte de la creación, parte del vivir,
planta que provoca,
planta que hace sentir.

La nombran, la juzgan, la esconden, la celebran.
pero entre tanto caos sus hojas no se quiebran.

Y yo la miro la huelo, la admiro,
solo puedo decir, con el alma y con clamor...

Yay cannabis! La flor con tanto amor 🍁💨

Jacqueline Hernández @_JACKIEHDEZ & @PEOPLE.PUFF.POLITICS

DINNER PAUSE

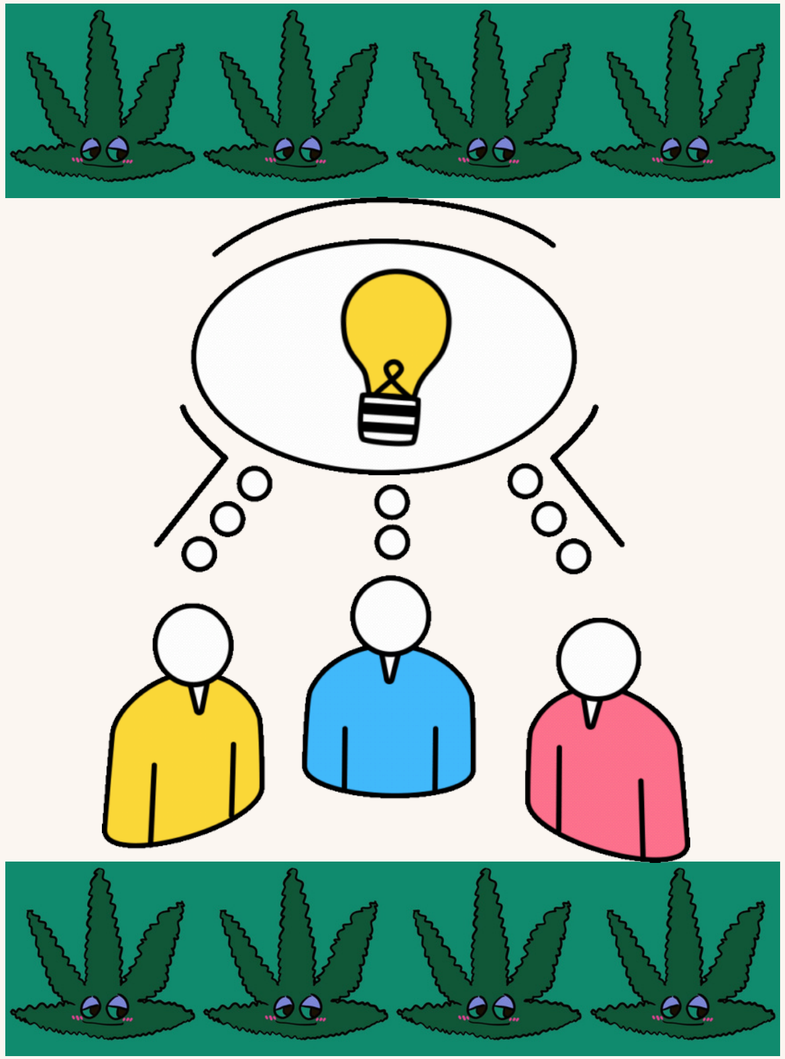
7:20pm-8:30pm





Agenda - Session #27

- Art Slideshow
- Introductions + Code of Conduct
- On This Day Today + Smoke & Tell
- **The Green Closet Doors**
    - Shame vs. Systems of Liberation
- **Cannabis in California**
    - The 5 things you need to know
- **Zine & Social Media Activity**
    - Archiving Cannabis & Queerness
- **Giveaway + Closing Remarks**



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Artist

Sociologist: Culture & Communications

Day 1 Groundfloor EP Member

Researcher AND Data Scientist





I love media and meme references.

I love Outrageous Women and Men of Service.

WHAT DO **YOU** LOVE OUT LOUD?

WHAT IS CANNABIS CLUB?

- A monthly meeting for cannabis lovers. (Every 3rd Tues.)
- Dinner.
- Presentation.
    - Themes typically revolve around monthly and day of **holidays** (and how it may be connected to cannabis).
- Regular Time and Safe Space to consume Free Cannabis on-site.
- Community-Building through storytelling and activities.

- A Member-Led Event at this social club, Groundfloor.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will not judge anyone’s Cannabis consumption.
2. I will treat all participants with consideration and courtesy.
3. I will strive to create an environment where everyone feels physically safe and welcomed to emotionally and creatively express themselves.
4. I will refrain from demeaning, discriminatory or harassing behavior and speech towards those impacted by the Systems of Oppression. Some hate is allowed to its perpetuators.
5. **I will participate actively with the spirit of celebration, collaboration, learning and discovery in mind.**

ROLL CALL

Who Goes There?

Zodiacs

Places

Ethnicity

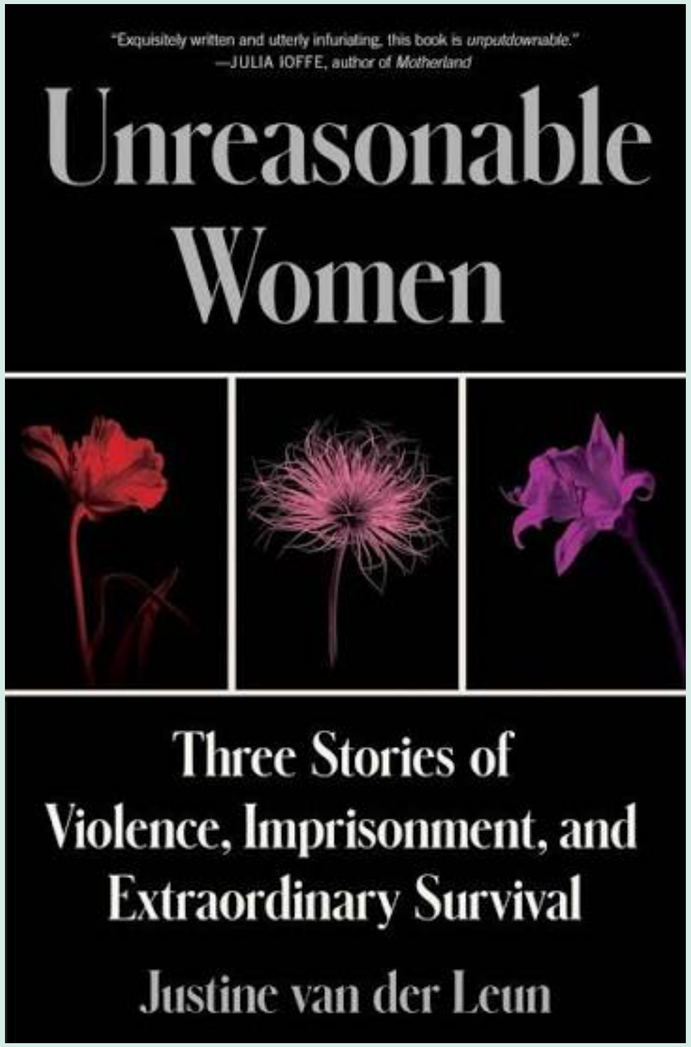
Slay or Ally

ROLL CALL


Know Your Neighbor. Protect Your Neighbor.

OCTOBER

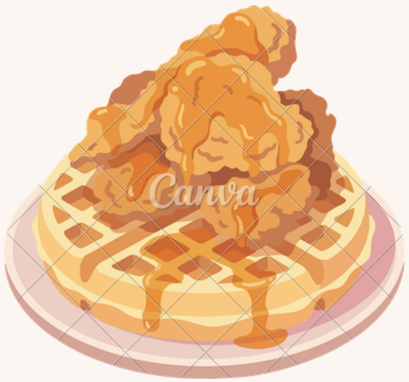
Queer History Month
Filipino American History Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
World Blindness Awareness Month
National Non-GMO Month
Libra into Scorpio Season



"People choose to commit crimes, and that's why they are locked up...[but] this...makes...it appear [as though] the system can be avoided with good behavior. But herein lies the trap. All people make mistakes...All of us violate the law at some point in our lives. In fact, if the worst thing you have ever done is speed ten miles over the speed limit on the freeway, you have put yourself and others at more risk of harm than someone smoking marijuana in the privacy of his or her living room. Yet there are people in the United States serving life sentences for first-time drug offenses, something virtually unheard of anywhere else in the world" - Michelle Alexander



On this day today...



International Chefs Day

National Chicken and Waffles Day



National Mozarella Stick Day



National Day on Writing

International Sloth Day

Community Media Day

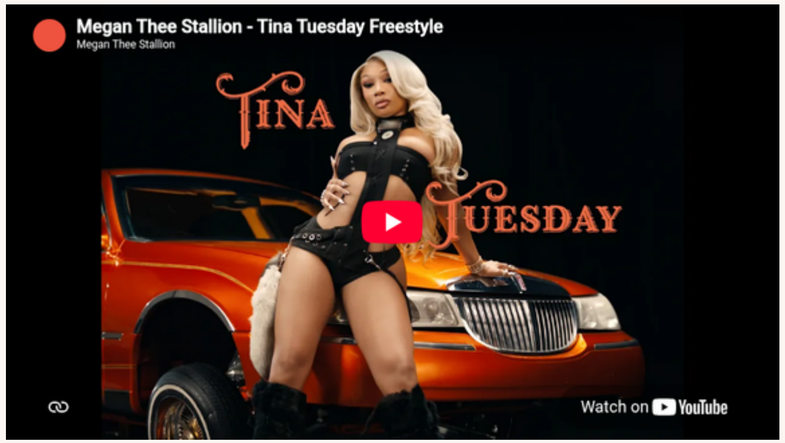


National Pharmacy Technician Day





On this day Today: Tina Tuesday Freestyle



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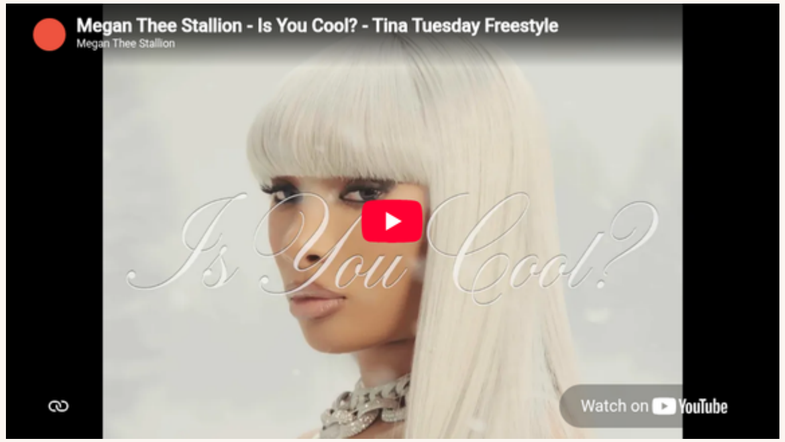

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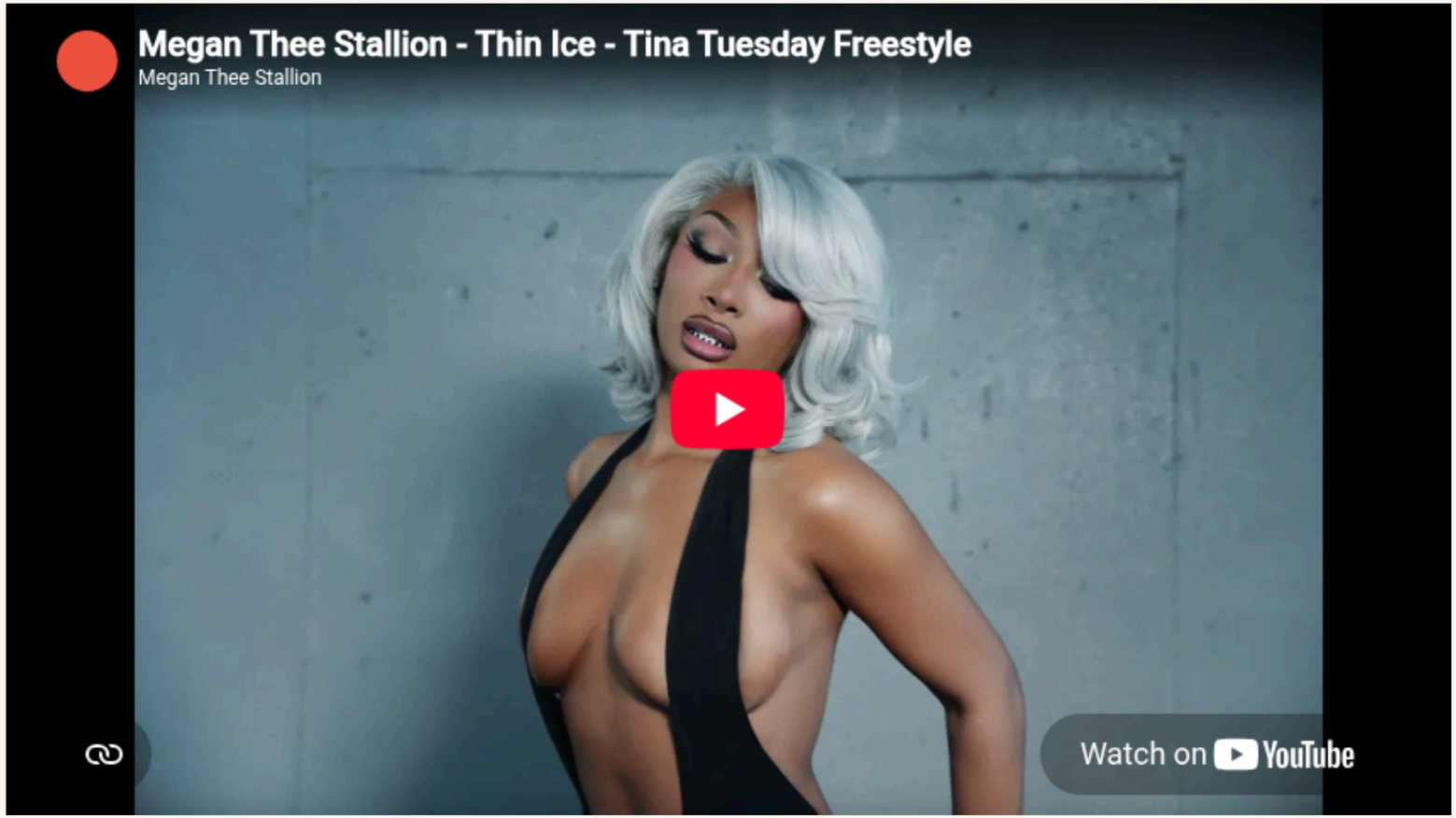

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Birthdays today...

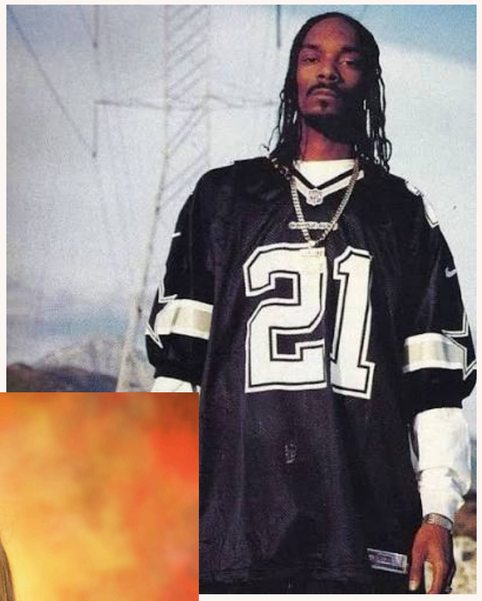
October 20th



1979 John Krasinski



1971 Snoop Dogg



1970 Kenneth Choi



1964 Kamala Harris



1958 Viggo Mortensen



1950 Tom Petty

Contribute your Photos to the Club Collection



Please TIP

SMOKE&TELL



GAY CANNABIS ZINE

Celebrating Cannabis on Paper **8-fold Zine**

Who here is Out Green?

gay cannabis Name

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5 things to know about cannabis rn

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

CannaPermissions

USA

CA

LA

BENEFITS Queerness \ Cannabis

STIGMA Queerness \ Cannabis

TOP 3 BUCKETS FOR LA'S GENERAL FUND

CA CANNA TAXATION

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The Closet Doors
of The Green Closet

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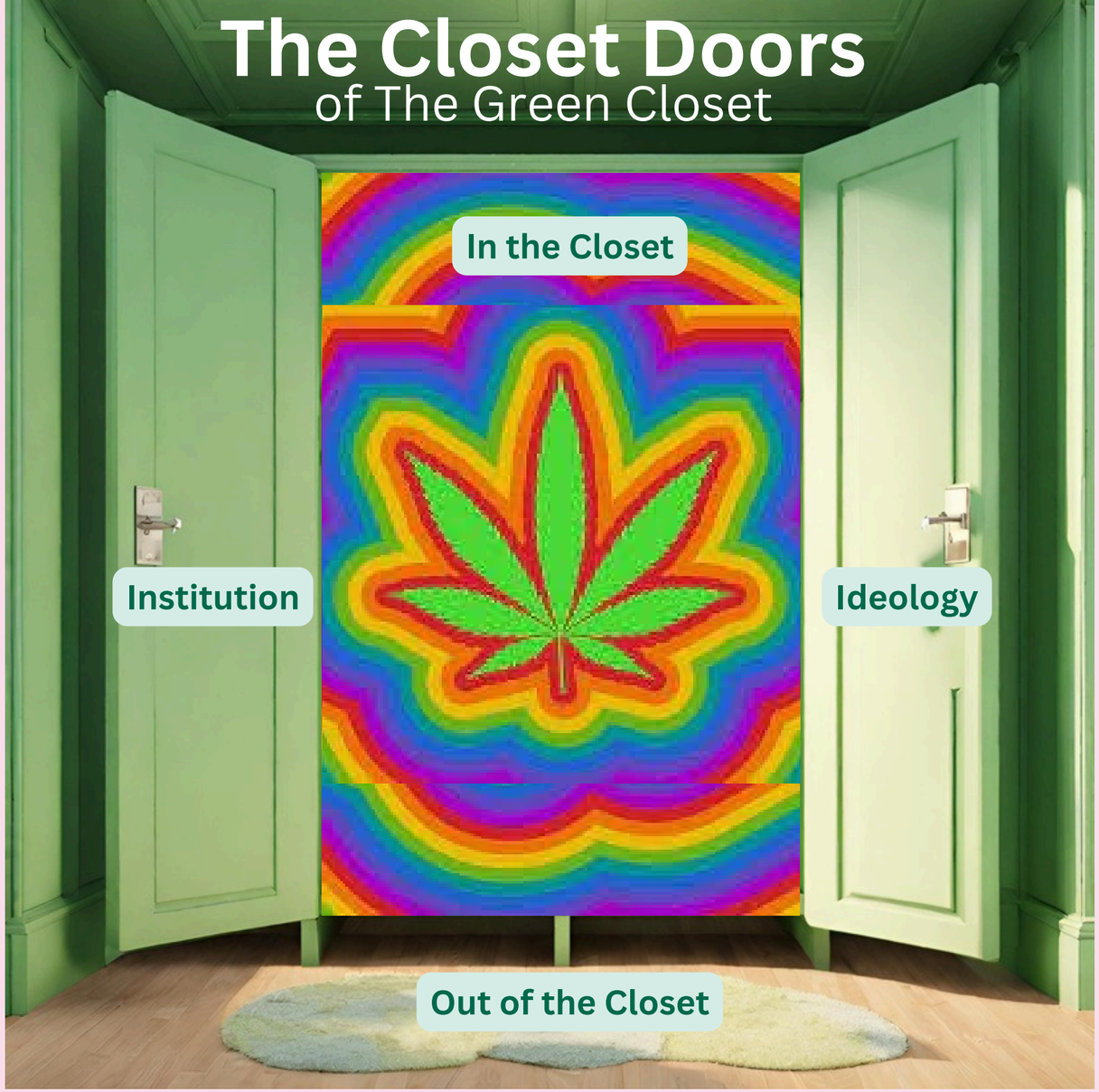


Ideology/ De Facto

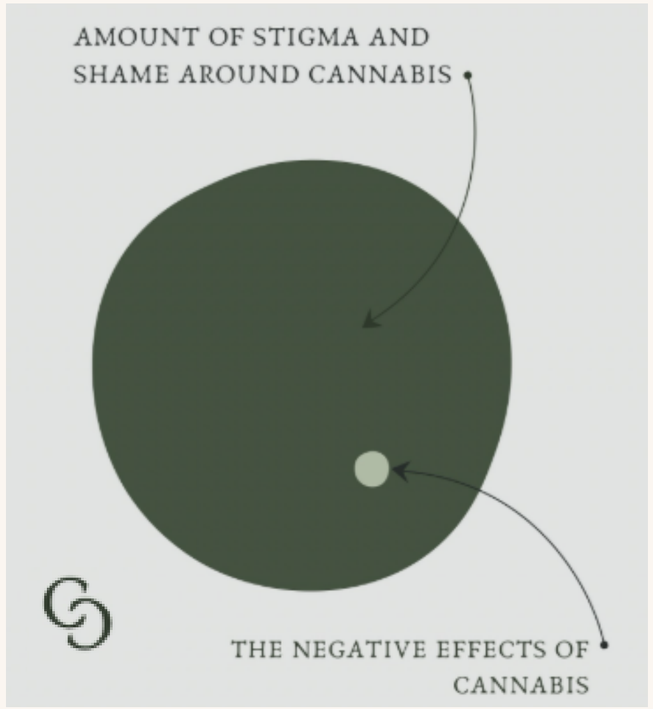


On Both Sides...Systems of Oppression

White Supremacy, Patriarchy, Colonialism, Capitalism, Heteropatriarchy

Who should be ashamed?

How can we use SHAME for good?









DADP
DADS AGAINST PREDATORS

What is the antidote to Shame?

Testimony

Systems of Liberation













A dancer in Aztec clothing dances in Los Ang nia, July 19, 2009. (Photo: Jorge Gonzalez)



Current Trends

Cannabis in California

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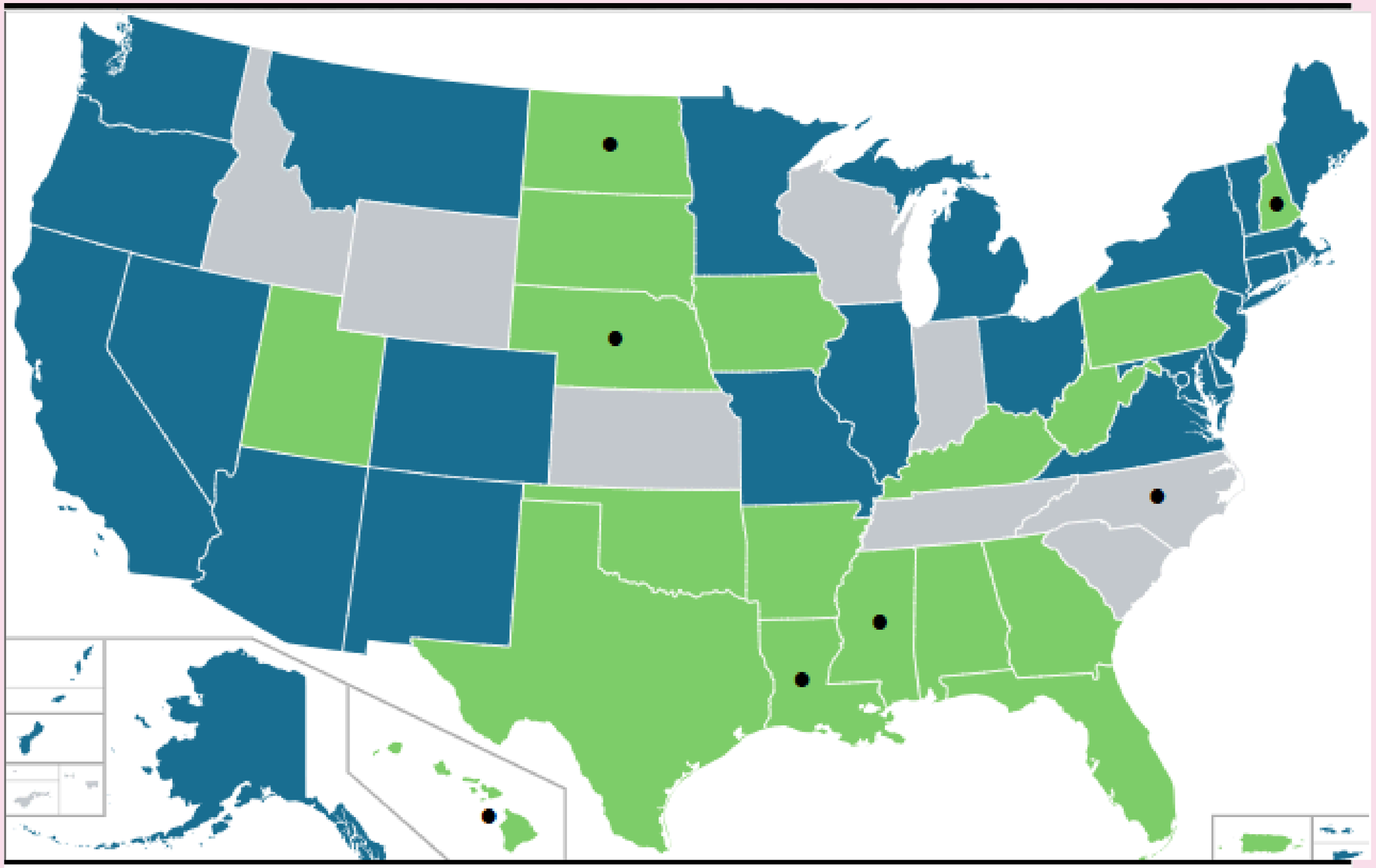
Cannabis in California

1. **Schedule I Drug** for now... why is there a schedule at all?
2. Cannabis is Voted for: **Prop 215** AND **Prop 64**
3. From **0%** to **38.5% taxes** [Local (10%) Excise (19%)↑ Sales (8.5%)]
4. **Propaganda** is alive and we are not immune.
5. Criminalization is a Political Strategy.

Legality of cannabis in the United States

Wikipedia Map as of September 2026



Illegal

8 states, **16%**
1 decriminalized, **2%**

Legal for medical use

18 states, **36%**
6 decriminalized, **12%**

Legal for recreational use

24 states, **48%**

=50 states

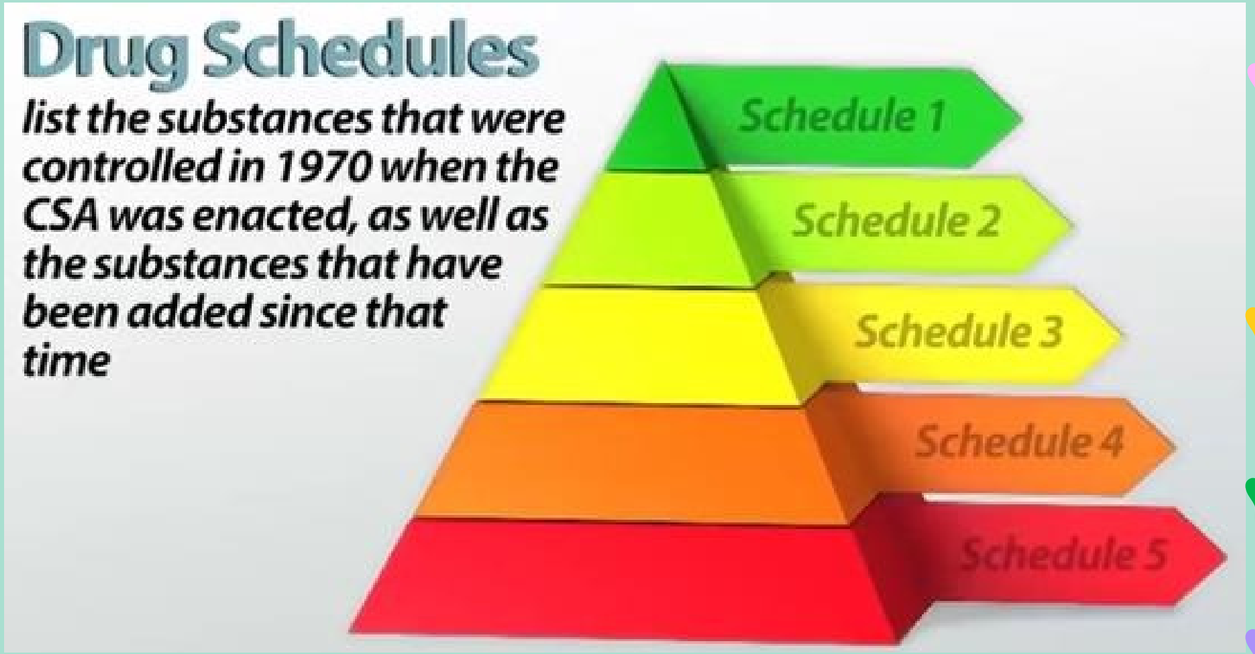
Decriminalized

7 states, 14%

not counting reservations, territories or districts

Moving from Schedule I to Schedule III

On my birthday last year, 12/18/2025, #45/47 signed an executive order that put cannabis on the track to move from Schedule 1 to Schedule 3.



Rescheduling **Medical Marijuana**: Implications for Criminal and Collateral Consequences

Some examples of the drugs in each schedule

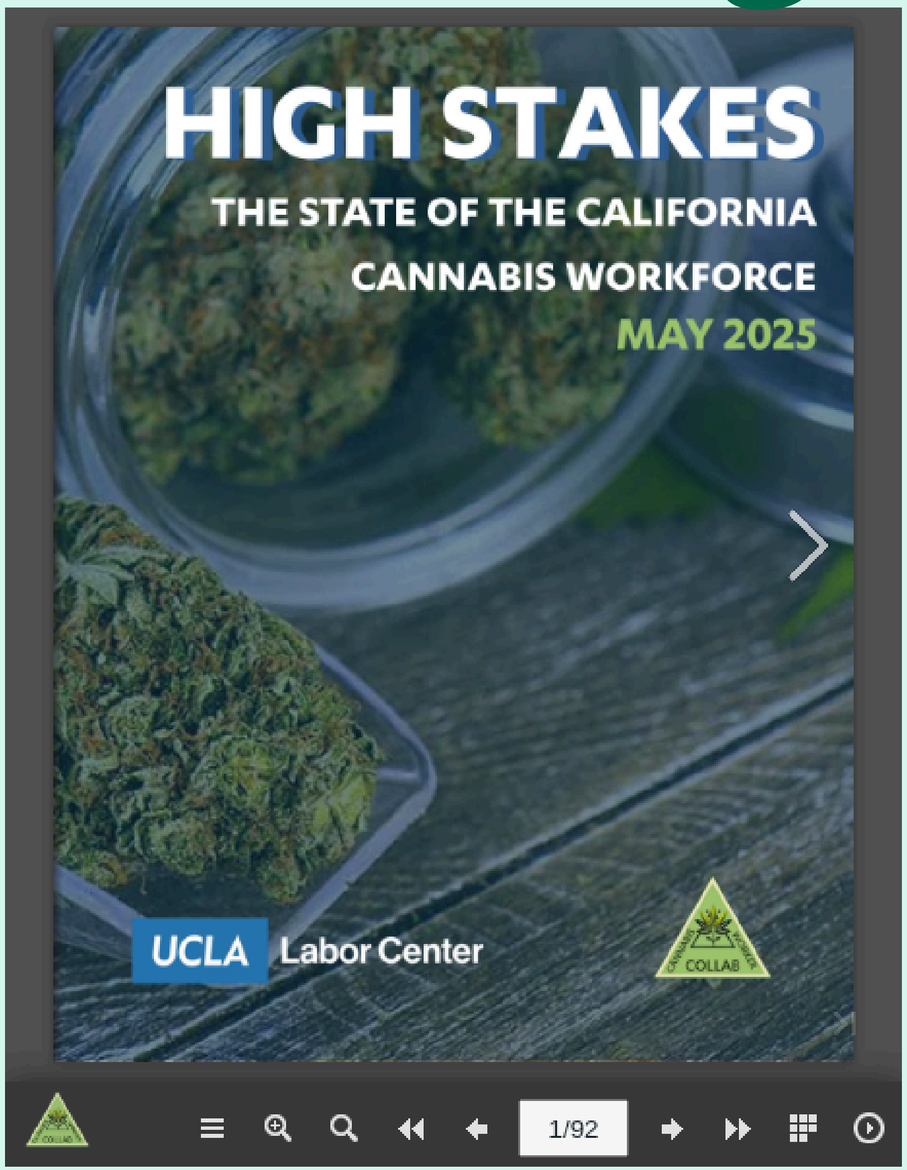
1. **Heroin**, **LSD**, Cannabis, **Ecstasy**, **Quaaludes**, and **Peyote**.
2. **Vicodin**, **Cocaine**, **Meth**, **Methadone**, Dilaudid, Demerol, **OxyContin**, **Fentanyl**, Dexedrine, **Adderall**, and **Ritalin**.
3. Tylenol with **Codeine**, **Ketamine**, Anabolic steroids (“**Juice**”), and **Testosterone**.
4. **Xanax**, Soma, Darvon, Darvocet, **Valium**, Ativan, Talwin, **Ambien**, and Tramadol.
5. Robitussin AC, Lomotil, Motofen, **Lyrica**, and Parepectolin.

I bolded the ones I've heard of and I underlined the ones I've done.

Drug Policy Alliance Short Video

“**Many CSA penalties** for marijuana violations **are written specifically for marijuana** and are not tied to its schedule classification.”

Creating Cannabis Content



Formal Institutional Research

Part of the move to Schedule III would mean that more cannabis-related research can receive funding.

More funding means finally documenting what the cannabis community has long known.

Creating Cannabis Content

Informal Collage on Homemade Booklet



Recreational Marijuana Road Blocks

1848
End of the Mexican American War

1910
The 1910 Mexican Revolution ends and many immigrants come to America with the normalization of recreational marijuana (beyond just a production plant of hemp).

1917
Mexican Immigrant Population TRIPLED
End of the Mexican Revolution War

1930
By 1931, fear of cannabis was prominent. 29 states outlawed marijuana

1937
In 1937, the Marijuana Tax Act was passed by congress , criminalizing marijuana.

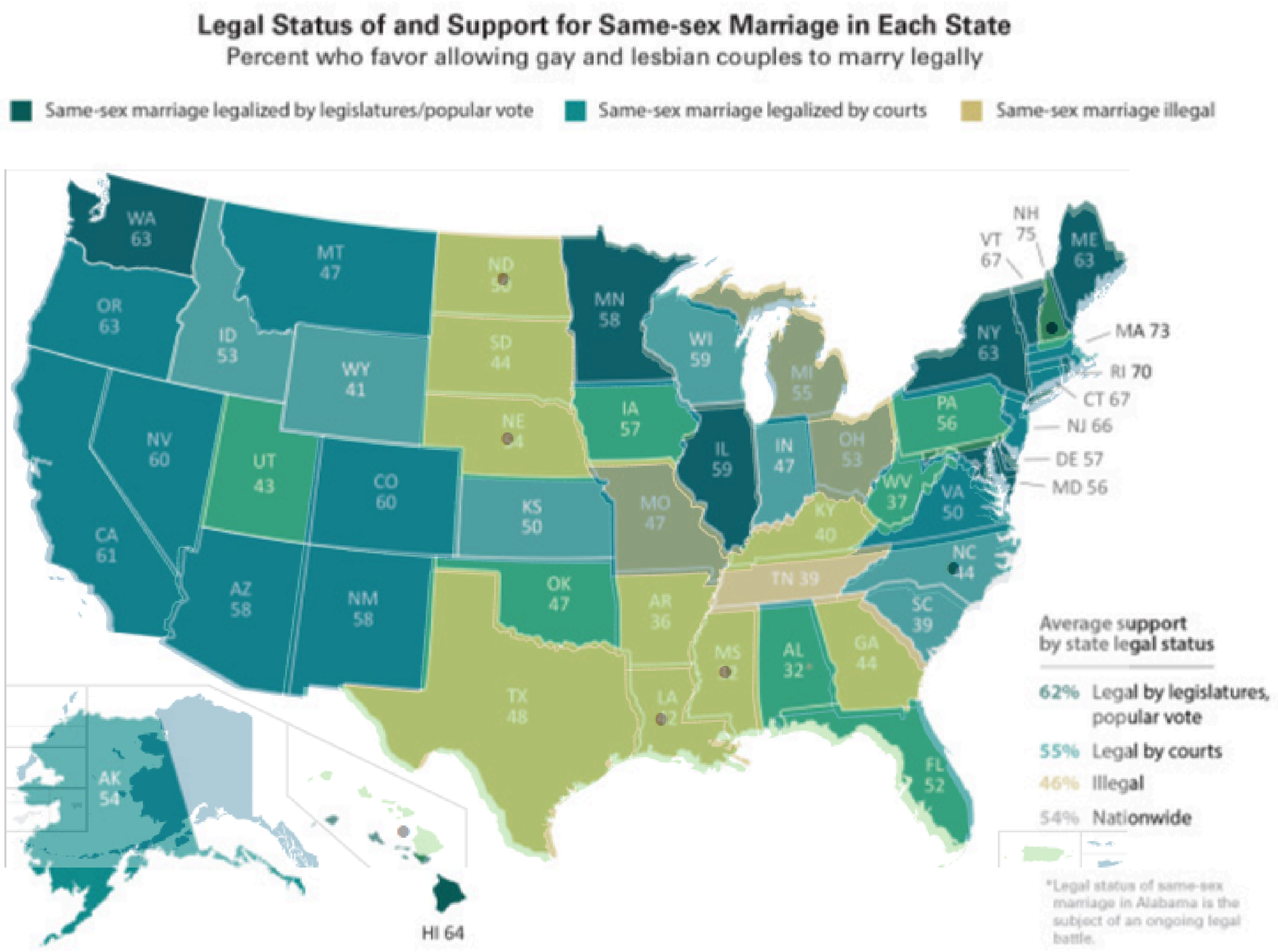
1943
Zoot Suit Riots

1955-1975
20% Soldiers that died were Latino
Vietnam War Period

1969
In 1969, the Marijuana Tax Act was found unconstitutional in the Leary case. Nixon founded the Shafer Commission to study the "dangers" of cannabis which concluded it posed no threat and recommended decriminalization.

1970
Nixon ignored Shafer advice and in 1970 he signed the Controlled Substance Act placing cannabis as a Schedule 1 drug being considered dangerous or unsafe drugs with a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use.

1986
Immigration Reform & Control Act (IRCA)
Legalized most immigrants who arrived before 01/01/1984



2014 Same-Sex Marriage Map Compared to 2026 Cannabis Legality Map

DIAL TRANSPARENCY TO SHOW OVERLAP OF PRO-CANNABIS AND PRO-SAME-SEX-MARRIAGE

1996 - Federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)

2004 - Massachusetts became the first state to legalize same sex marriage

2008-2014 - Connecticut (Nov. ‘08), Iowa (Apr. ’09), Vermont (Sep. ‘09), New Hampshire (Jan. ‘10), DC (Mar. ‘10), New York (Jul. ‘11), Washington (Dec. ‘12), Maine (Dec. ‘12), Maryland (Jan. ‘13), **California (Jun. ‘13, because in ’06 and ‘07 The Governornator vetoed same-sex marriage bills and even though we had June-Nov 2008, Prop 8 overturned marriages until 2013),** Delaware (Jul. ‘13), Minnesota (Aug. ‘13), New Jersey (Oct. ‘13), Hawaii (Dec. ‘13), Illinois (Jun. ‘14), Oregon (May ‘14), Pennsylvania (May ‘14)

Oct 2014 - Oklahoma, Virginia, Wisconsin, Indiana, Utha, Colorado, Nevada, West Virginia, North Carolina, Idaho, Alaska, Arizona, Wyoming

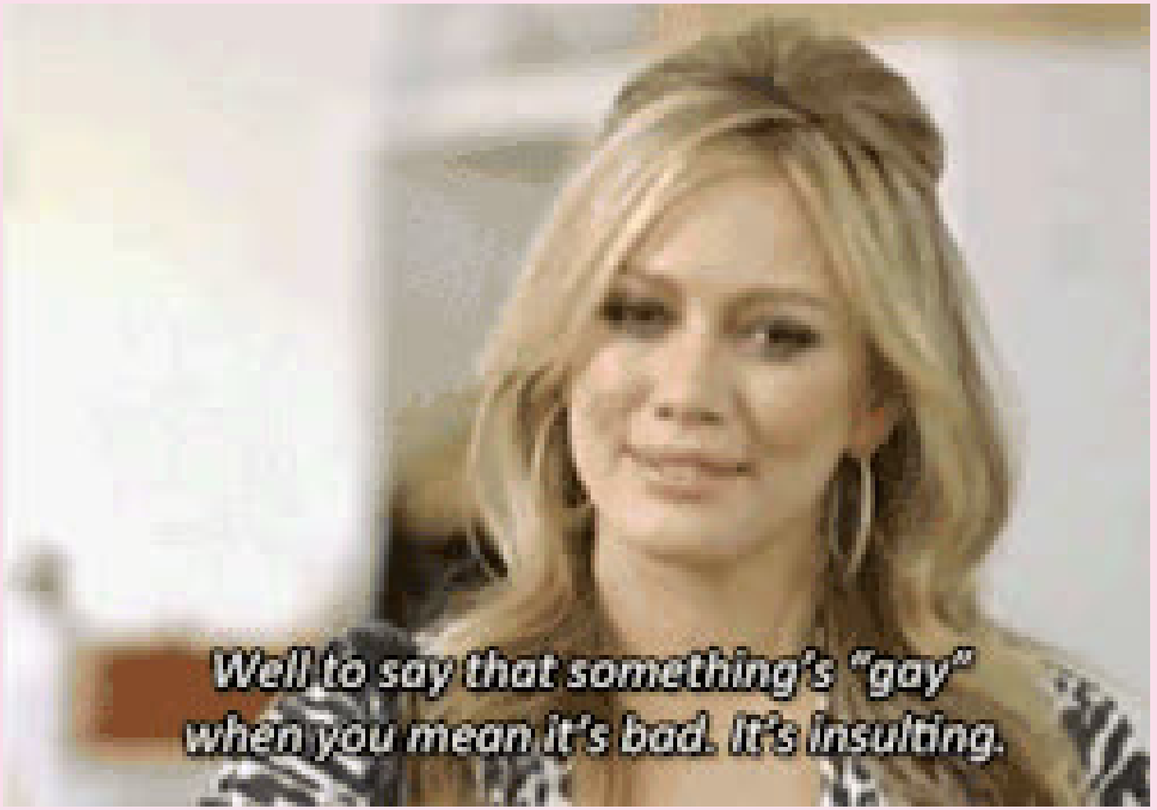
2014-2015 - Kansas, Montana, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama

June 26, 2015 - Obergefell v. Hodges (ruled that the 14th Amendment requires all states to license same-sex marriage)

Think before you speak (2008)

October





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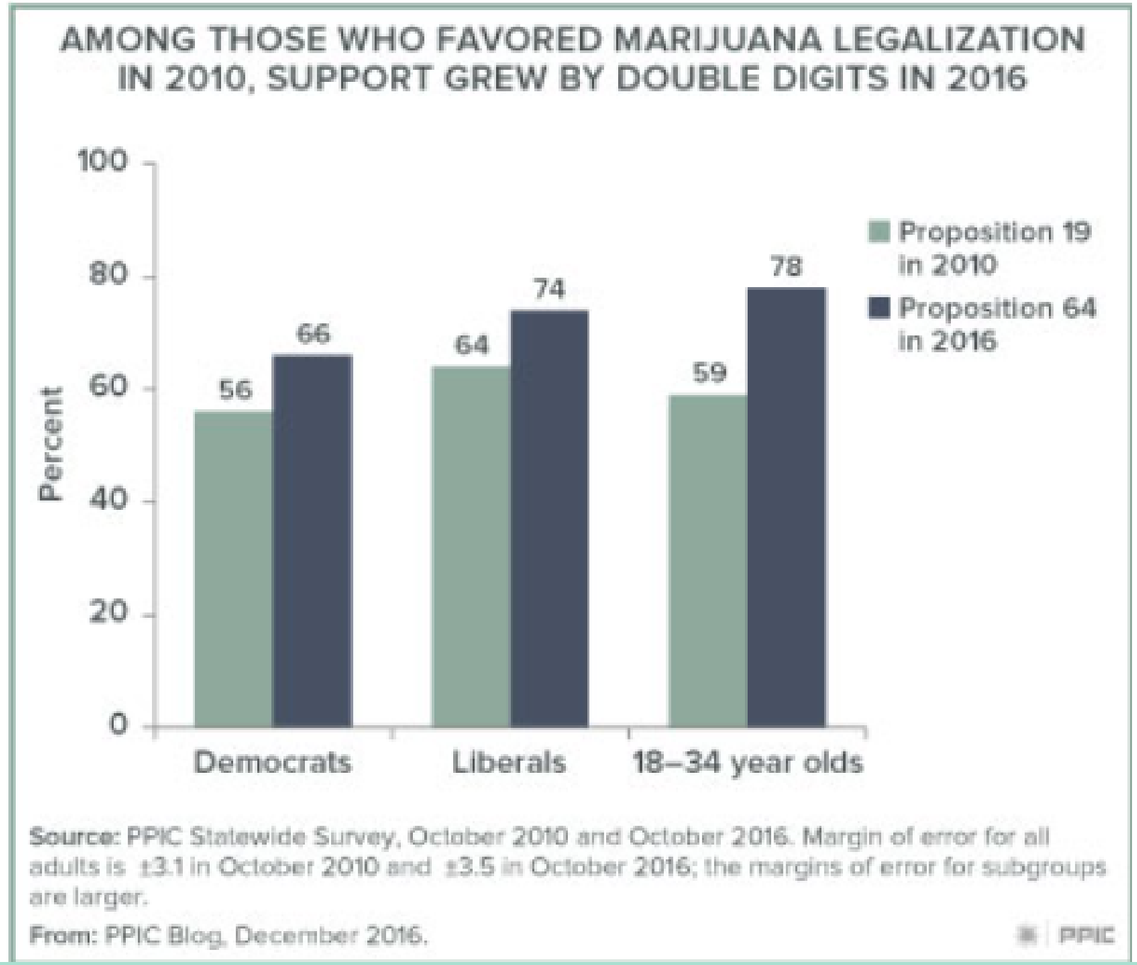
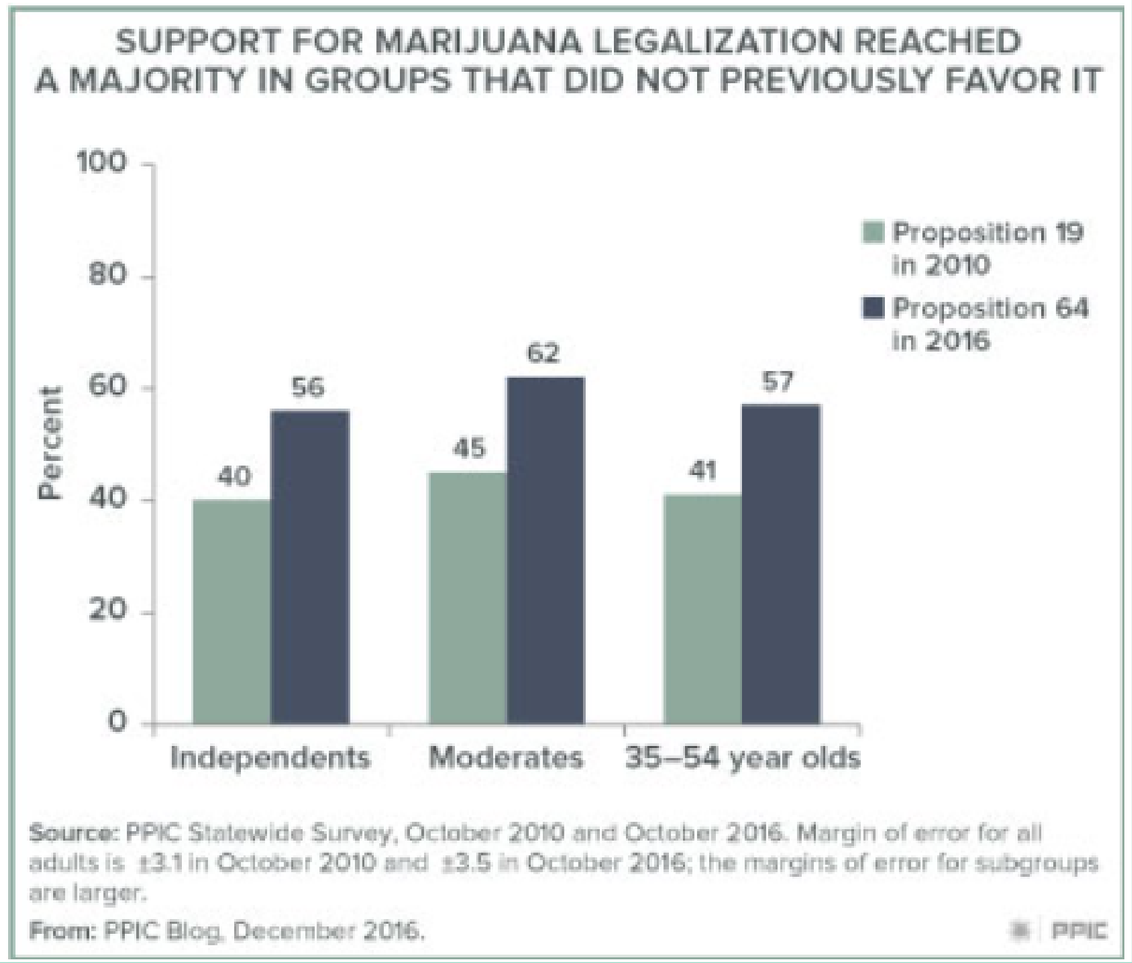
May 15, 2008 - Gay Marriage made legal in CA, until it was overturned in November 2008 by Prop 8

Cannabis Public Opinion





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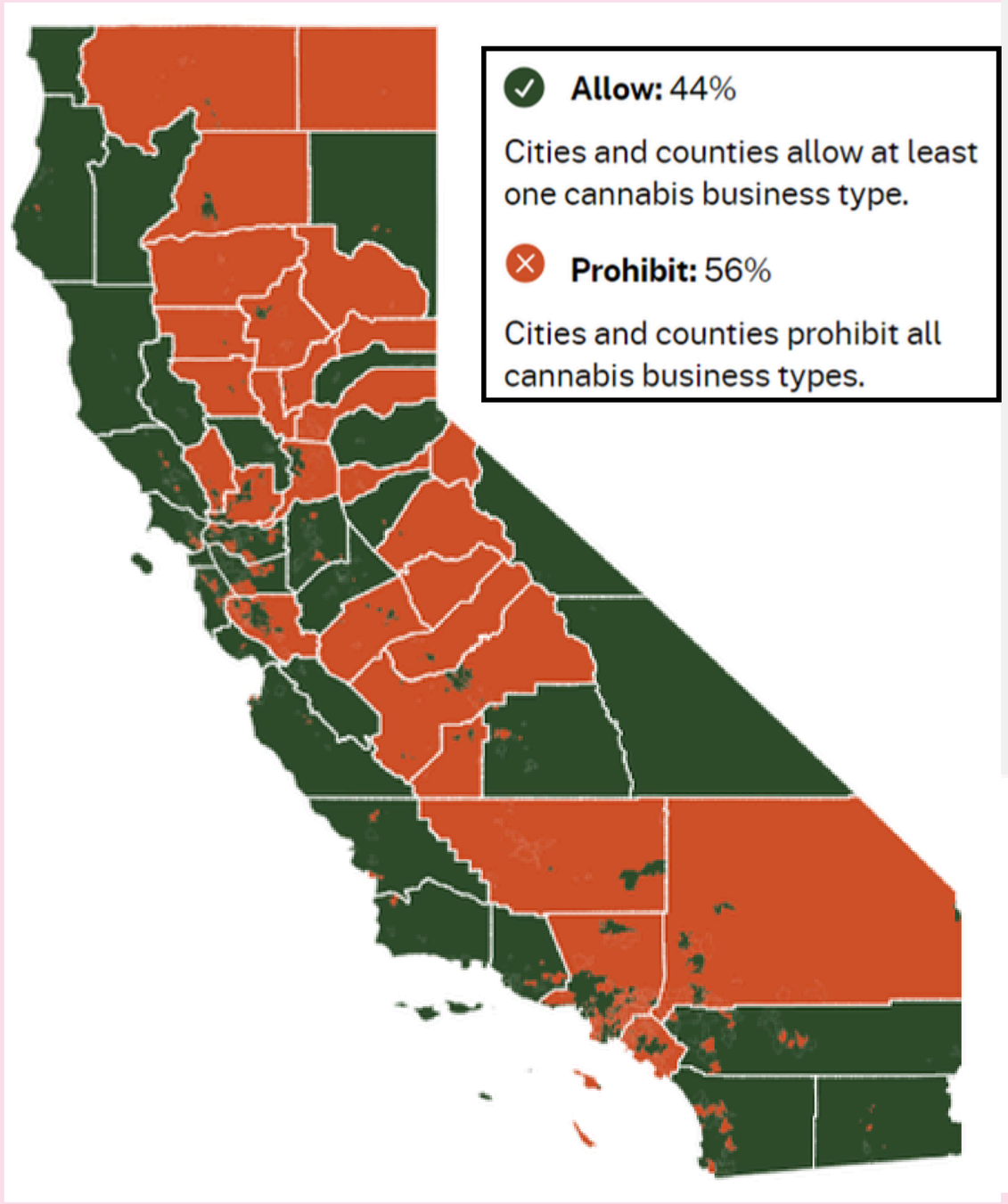

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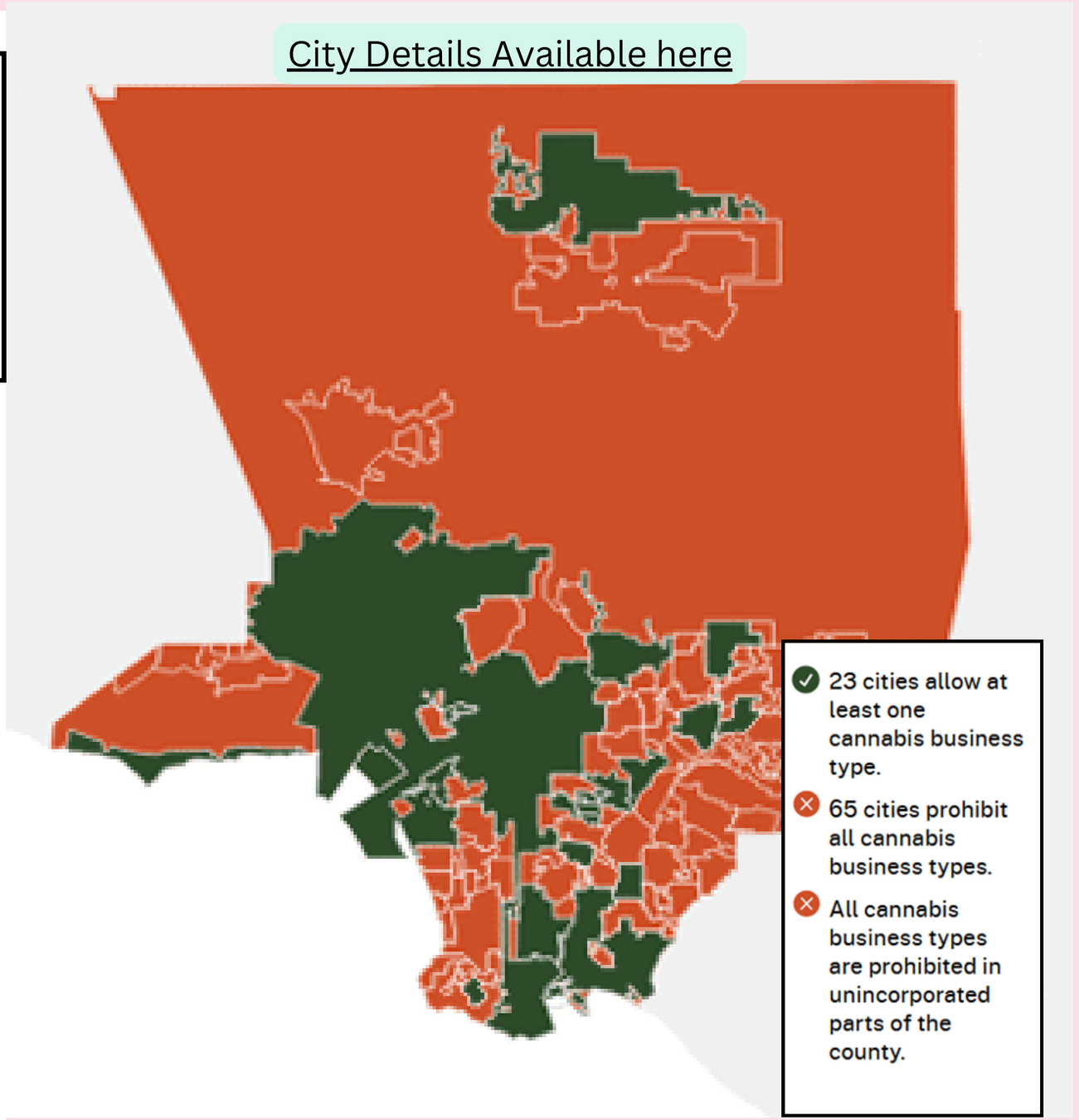
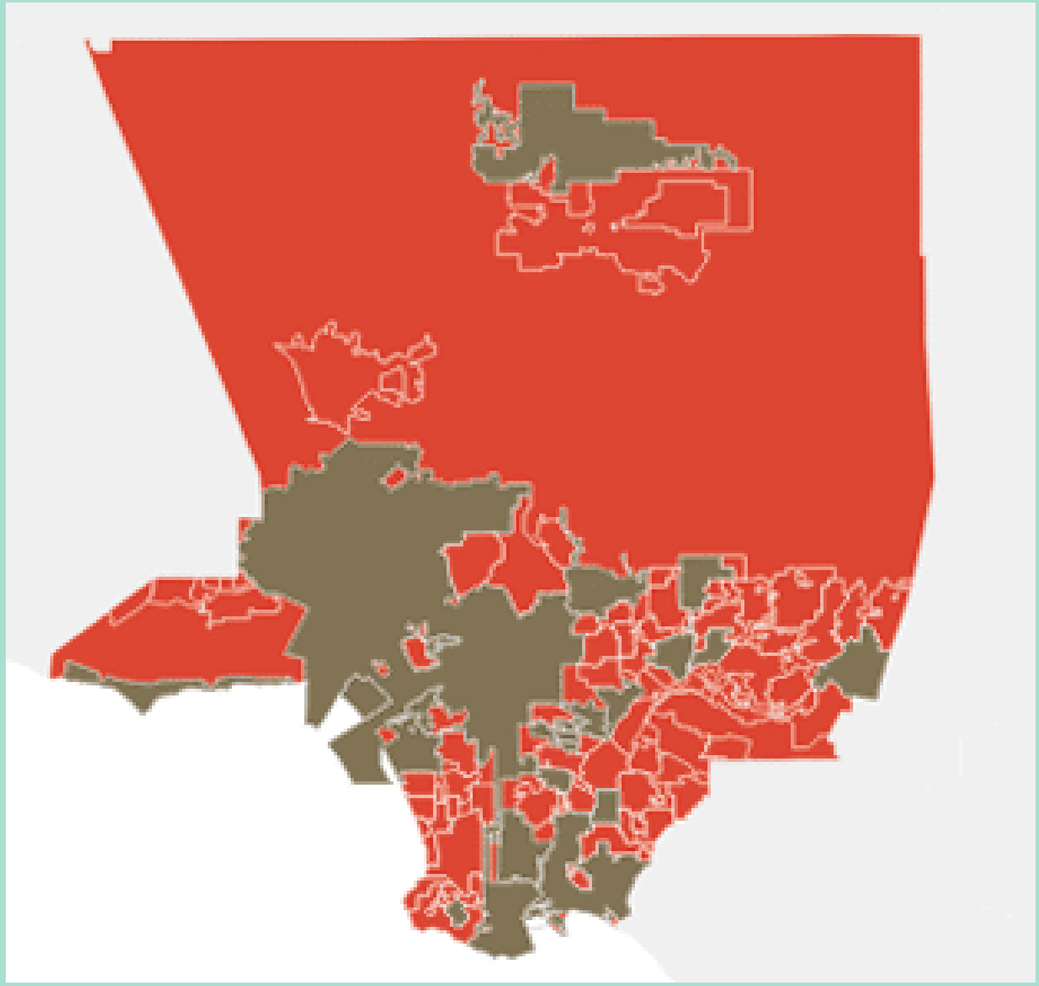


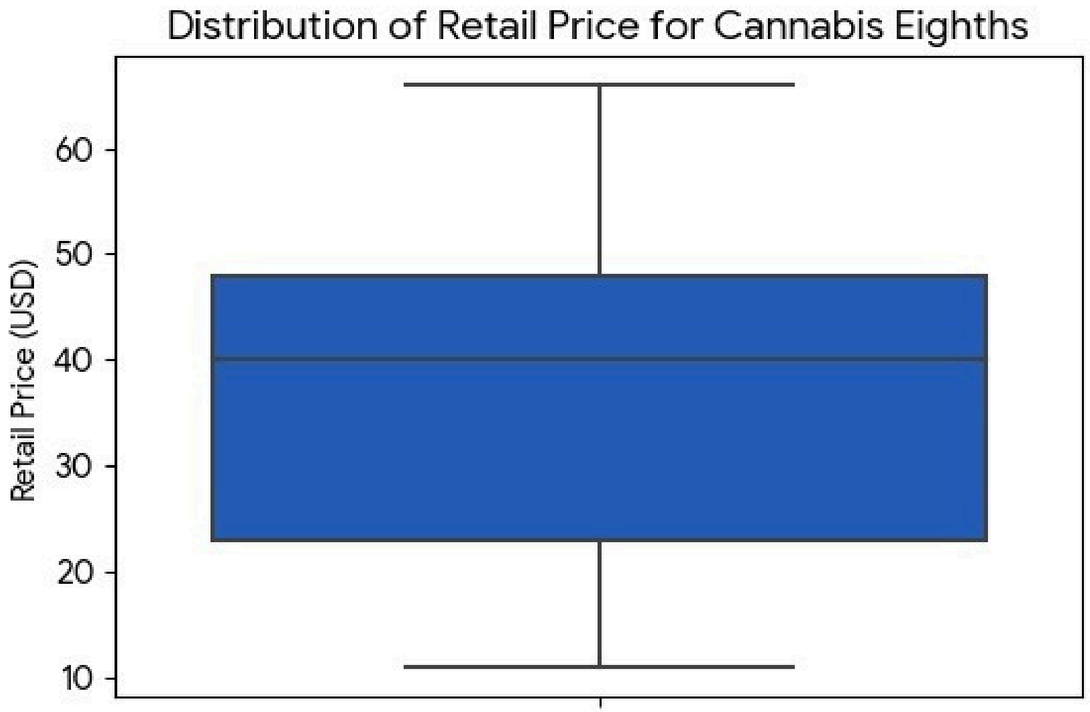
No Permission for Cannabis Businesses

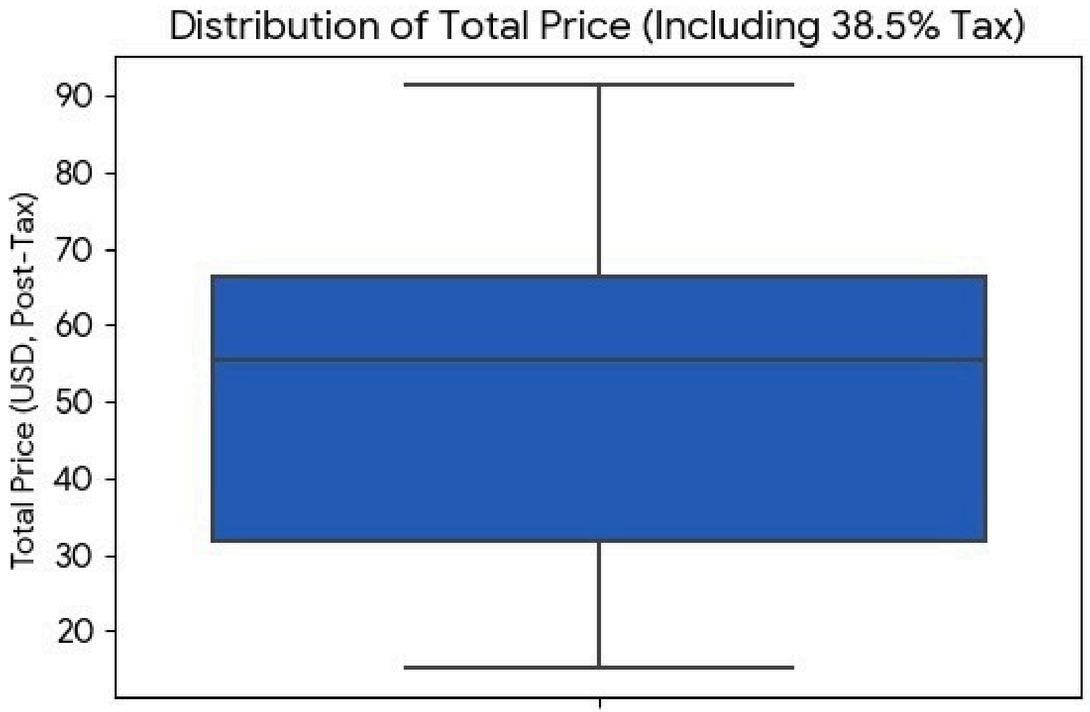
65 cities (aka 73.86%)

Agoura Hills, Alhambra, Arcadia, Avalon (Catalina Island), Azusa, Bell, Beverly Hills, Bradbury, Burbank, Calabasas, Cerritos, Claremont, Compton, Cudahy, Diamond Bar, Downey, Duarte, El Segundo, Gardena, Glendale, Glendora, Hawaiian Gardens, Hermosa Beach, Hidden Hills, Industry, Inglewood, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, La Puente, La Verne, Lakewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Monterey Park, Norwalk, Palmdale, Palos Verdes Estates, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Fernando, San Gabriel, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Sierra Madre, Signal Hill, South Gate, South Pasadena, Temple City, Torrance, Vernon, Walnut, West Covina, Westlake Village, Whittier.



Price of an Eighth Pre- & Post- Tax





HighestPrice: $66 Median: $40
Lowest Price: $11 Average Range: $23 - $48

Highest Price: $91.41 Median: $55.40
Lowest Price: $15.24 Average Range: $31.86 - $66.48

From 0% to 38.5% tax and it's only increasing

How it Started

Calendar Year	Quarter	Excise Tax	Cultivation Tax	Sales Tax	Total Tax	Taxable Sales 1,982,311,126
2018	Q1	$35,867,466	$1,849,146	$35,511,797	$73,228,409	$408,710,328
2018	Q2	$43,202,987	$4,963,720	$45,457,457	$93,624,164	$520,620,708
2018	Q3	$55,452,365	$12,965,879	$42,662,081	$111,080,325	$488,453,171
2018	Q4	$57,134,451	$17,305,538	$49,226,754	$123,666,743	$564,526,919

2018
401,599,641

Taxes in other states

Cultivation Tax Ended in July 2022

How it's Going

Recreational Taxes Map

Excise Tax Increased from 15% to 19% in July 2025

Calendar Year ↓	Quarter	Excise Tax	Cultivation Tax	Sales Tax	Total Tax	Taxable Sales 4,791,013,628
2025	Q1	$145,496,720	$0	$101,562,145	$247,058,865	$1,139,968,849
2025	Q2	$147,785,728	$0	$113,751,301	$261,537,029	$1,254,313,726
2025	Q3	$177,729,159	$0	$107,746,043	$285,475,202	$1,188,543,604
2025	Q4	$145,491,965	$0	$109,573,365	$255,065,330	$1,208,187,449

2025
1,049,136,426

161.24% increase over 7 years

CA voted for Taxation on Cannabis and for those taxes to go to the “General Fund”



Where should this money go?

DEPARTMENT NAME	ADOPTED BUDGET AMOUNT (Sum)
NON-DEPARTMENTAL - GENERAL	$15,164,349,329.00
POLICE	$14,253,847,982.00
(Other)	$9,186,219,696.00
	506.00
	9.00
	2.00
	8.00
GENERAL SERVICES	$2,067,882,726.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL - UNAPPROPRIATED...	$1,912,509,979.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL - CAPITAL FINANCE ...	$1,911,370,872.00
PUBLIC WORKS - STREET SERVICES	$1,583,277,025.00
TRANSPORTATION	$1,534,347,936.00
CITY ATTORNEY	$1,208,870,231.00

General Fund | 2018-2025

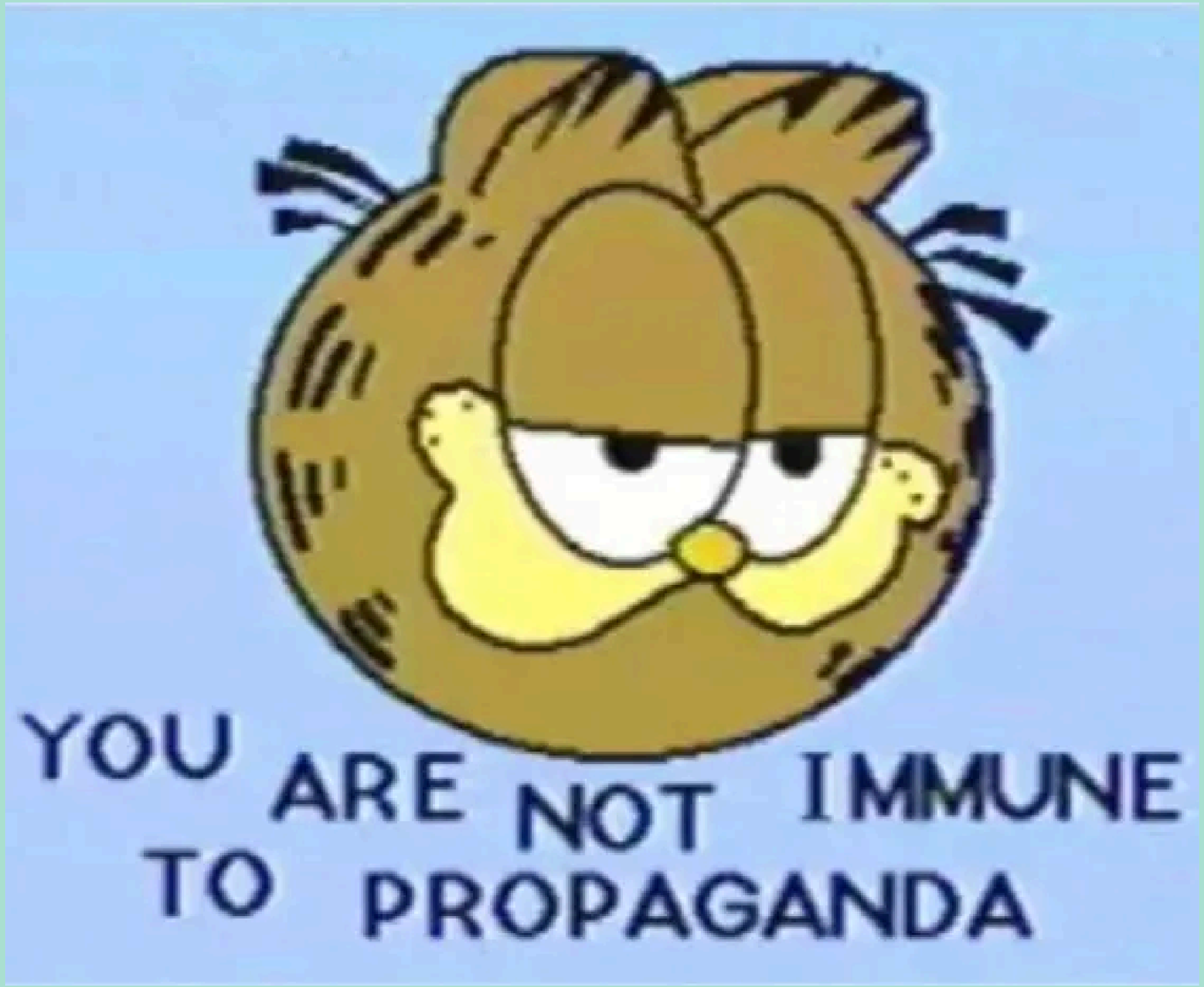
Propaganda is Alive

Other names for Cannabis:

- Weed
- Za
- Tree
- Devil’s Lettuce
- Flower
- Pot
- Ganja
- Dank
- Grass
- Mary Jane
- Reefer

MARIJUANA

The racist origins of “Marijuana”




July 2024 - “The Dirty Secret of California’s Legal Weed”


February 2026 - “It’s Time for America to Admit That it Has a Marijuana Problem”
The New York Times
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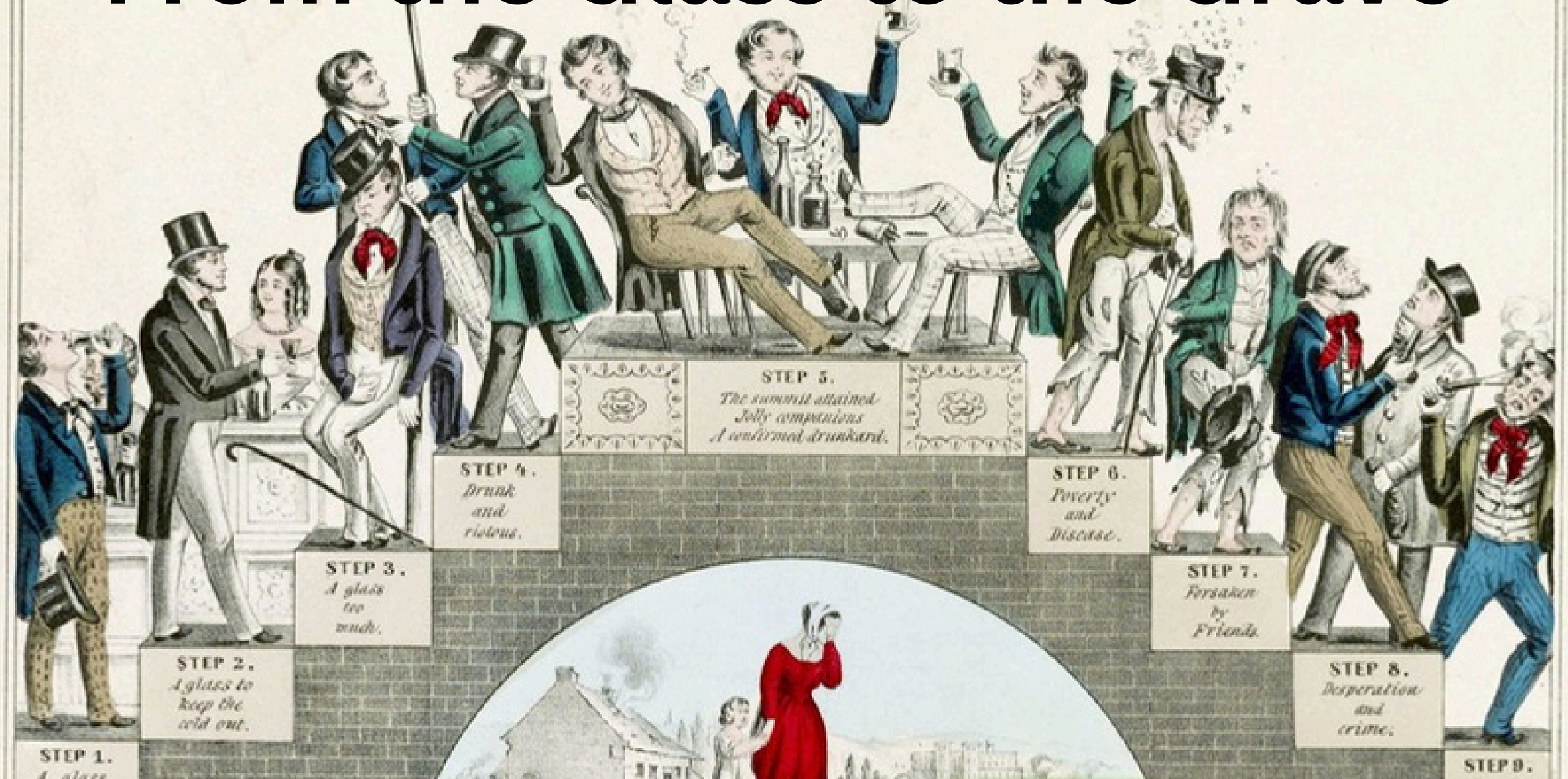
From the Glass to the Grave



REASONS FOR USING ALCOHOL OR MARIJUANA

People were **67.4% more likely** to use alcohol than marijuana

TO RELAX AFTER WORK.



What about you?

Alcohol		Marijuana
77.7%	Celebrate	29.6%
78.8%	Socialize	33.9%
62.3%	For fun	39.1%
57.6%	Relax after work	34.4%
17.7%	Inspire creativity	36.6%
21.8%	Sleep	37.3%
37.4%	Seek comfort when upset	29.0%
14.0%	Addicted	8.8%
28.2%	Boredom	31.3%
42.0%	Cope with stress	41.1%

“Every Cannabis user is a medical patient **whether they know it or not**”

Dennis Peron - Cannabis Advocate



Keyword Activity

Instagram & TikTok Exploring

“Cannabis”

“Queer”

“Marijuana”

“Lesbian”

“Weed”

“Gay”

“Gardening”

“Fruity”

<u>Out of the Top Videos:</u>

How Many Posts Until Something that describes the Negative Impacts

How Many Posts are Explicit ?

How Many Posts are about Non-Cannabis or Non-Queerness?

Criminalization is a Political Strategy

War on Drugs: June 1971

(55 years and 4 months ago)



"We knew **we couldn't make it illegal to be against the war, or black**. but by getting the public to associate the hippies with **marijuana** and blacks with **heroin** and then **criminalizing both heavily**, we could **disrupt those communities**. We could **arrest their leaders**, **raid their homes, break up their meetings**, and **vilify them night after night** on the evening news. **Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did.**

John Erlichman Quote **5:30 - 6:20**

June 17, 1971 - Nixon declared the War on Drugs

1973 - NIixon admitted Cannabis "was not particularly dangerous"

Interview took place in 1994 Published April 1, 2016

Being a Cannabis Lover is Political because they made it political first

The ONE Archives & Cannabis



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of Results per keyword

- **Cannabis** **0**
- Weed 2, “bad weed” Performing Arts Collection
- Za 2, unrelated
- Tree 89, unrelated
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- Flower 64, unrelated
- Pot 7, “pot mom” Performing Arts Collection
- Ganja 0
- Dank 8, unrelated
- Grass 11, unrelated
- Mary Jane 16, unrelated
- Reefer 0
- **Marijuana** **9**

The ONE Archives & Cannabis

Title	Box #	Folder #	Collection	Listing
Marijuana, 2001	10	39	Patricia Nell Warren papers, 1921-2013	Protester rights files, 1956-2001
Marijuana Twilight, undated	1	24	Sidney Morris papers, circa 1910-2004	Literature, 1982-2002, undated
Medical marijuana, 1996	2	35	Robert S. Basker papers, 1931-2001	Human rights activism, 1959-1998 > **Civil rights, not gay-specific**
Medical marijuana, 1996-1997	4	8	R. Scott Hitt papers, 1958-2007	Work papers, 1992-2007
Medical Marijuana, circa 1981-2002	108	3-4	**AIDS History Project collection**, circa 1967-2007, bulk 1985-1997	Subject Files, circa 1981-2007, bulk (bulk, 1982-2004)
Marijuana and AIDS, 1900-2012	**X**	**X**	ONE Subject Files Collection, 1900-2012, bulk Bulk, 1970-1990	M, 1900-2012
Marijuana AIDS Research Services **(MARS)**, circa 1983-1997	61	32	AIDS History Project collection, circa 1967-2007, bulk 1985-1997	Organizations, 1982-2007
National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws **(NORML)**, 1900-2012	X	X	ONE Subject Files Collection, 1900-2012, bulk Bulk, 1970-1990	N, 1900-2012
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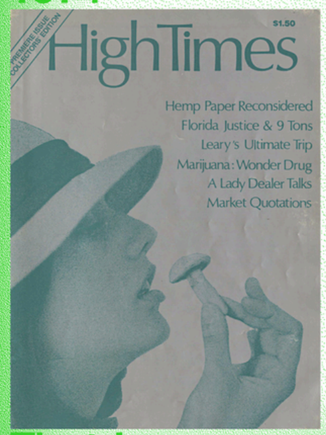
I reviewed all ***585*** **High Times** Covers so you don't have to.

1974



First Issue



June 2026

Count	Percentage	Category
383	**65.47%**	Depictions of the Plant
117	**20%**	Depictions of Men
102	**17.44%**	"Cannabis"
95	**16.24%**	Depictions of Women
55	**9.40%**	"Marijuana"
42	**7.18%**	"Sex/Sexy"
37	**6.32%**	"Cocaine/Coke"
24	**4.10%**	"Mexican/Mexico"
5	**0.85%**	"AIDS"
1	**0.17%**	**"Gay/Queer/LGBTQ+, etc."**

“AIDS” is mentioned more...

Issue #	Year	Headline
97	Sep. 1983	Do Drug Users Risk AIDS?
124	Dec. 1985	AIDS and IV Drug Users
158	Oct. 1988	Can Mushroom Extracts fight AIDS?
201	Apr. 1992	John Lilly on AIDS, Dolphins and LSD
232	Dec. 1994	AIDS & Pot by Peter Gorman



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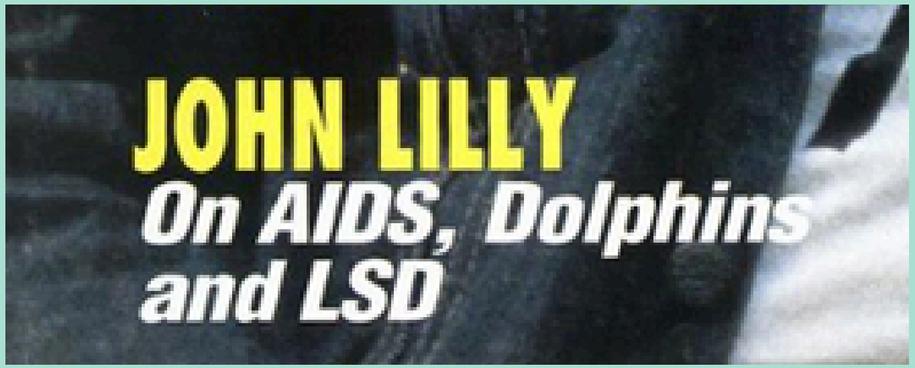

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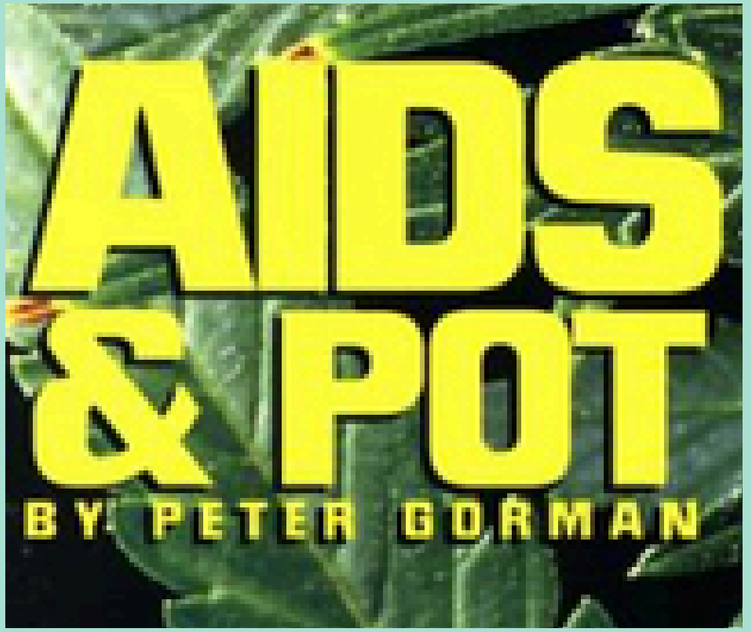

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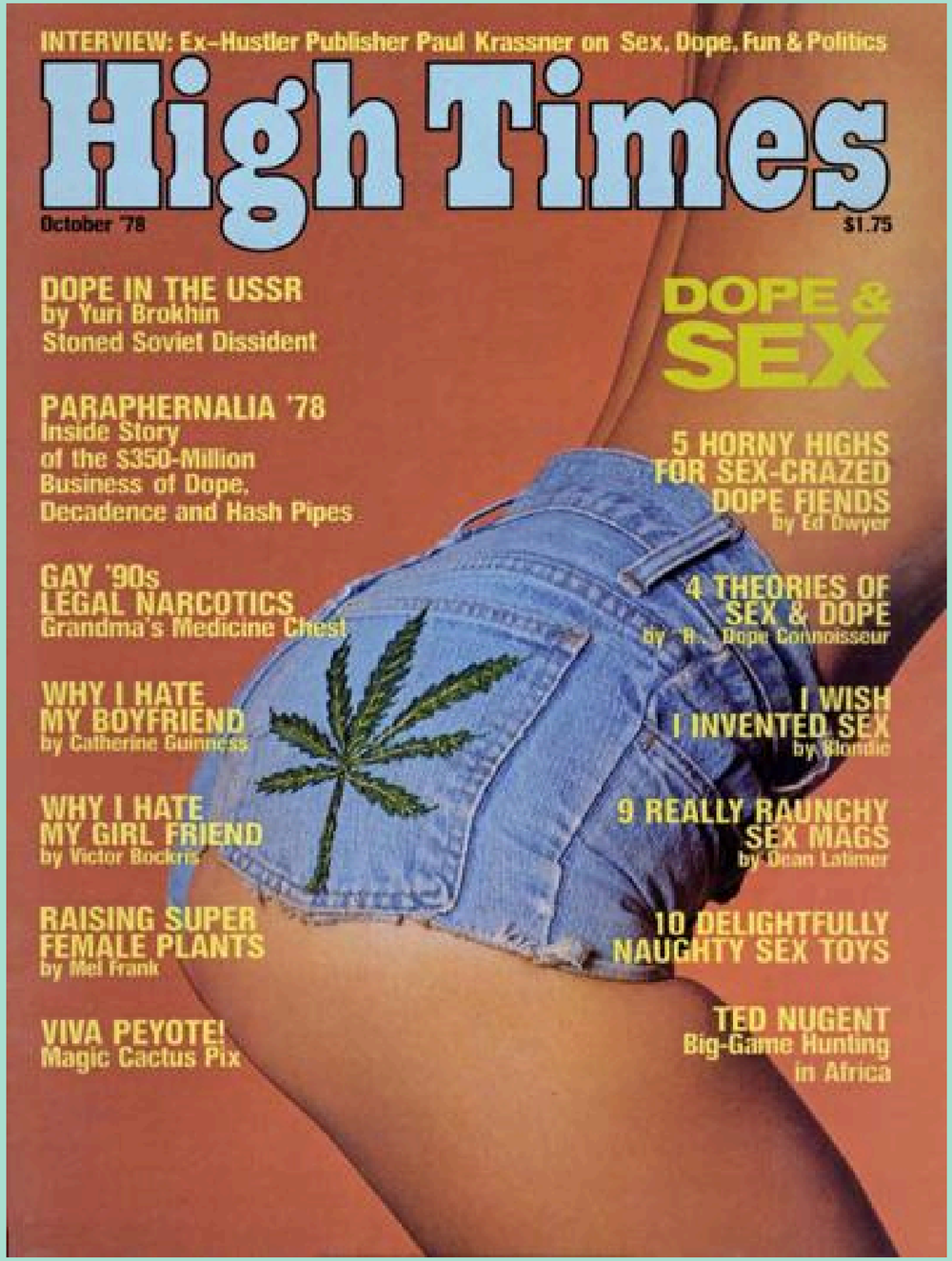

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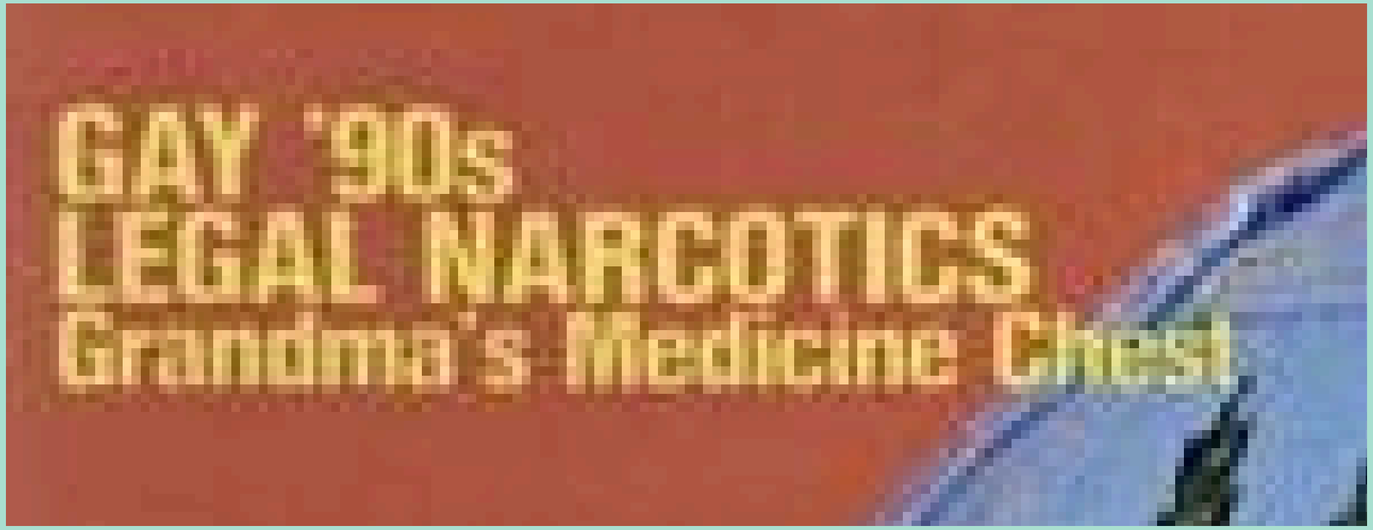
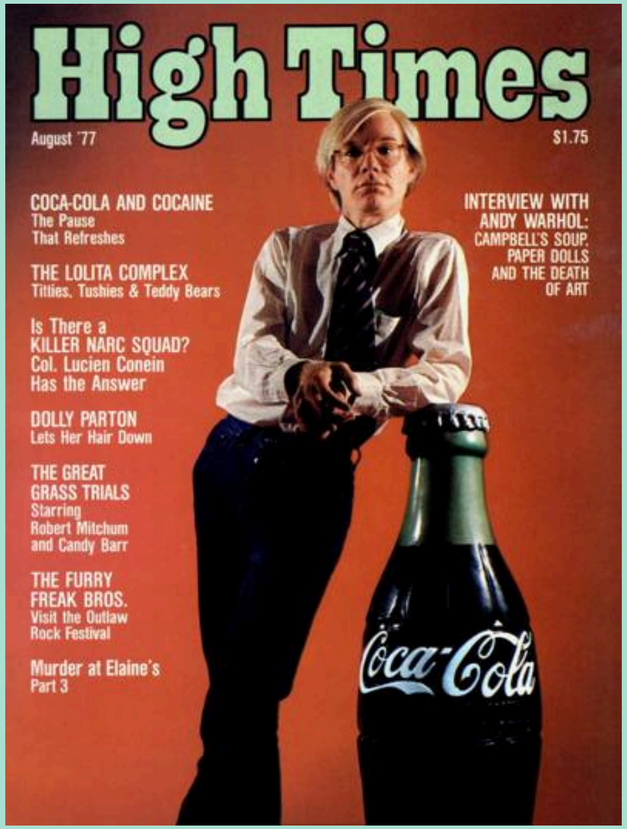


The Gay 90's refers to the <u>1890s.</u>
So GAY doesnt even mean GAY in this instance (it means happy).

This October 1978 issue of High Times is a quintessential example of the magazine's late-70s peak, featuring a counterculture crossover of politics and hedonism. Key highlights include an interview with Paul Krassner, a unique dispatch regarding 'Dope in the USSR' by Yuri Brokhin, and a deep dive into the then-$350 million paraphernalia industry. It also includes contributions from notable figures like Blondie's Debbie Harry and rock star Ted Nugent, alongside a Mel Frank cultivation guide on raising 'female plants.'

The CoverGays



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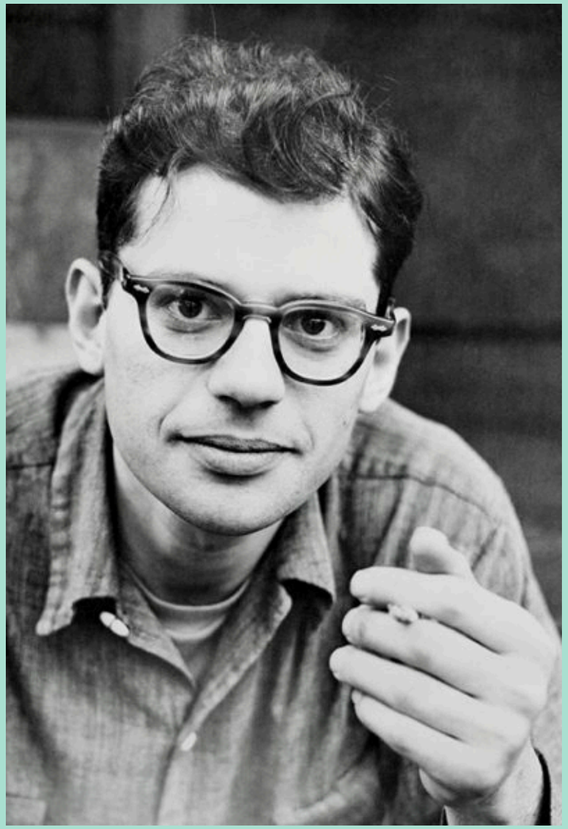
Issue #40, Nov 1978

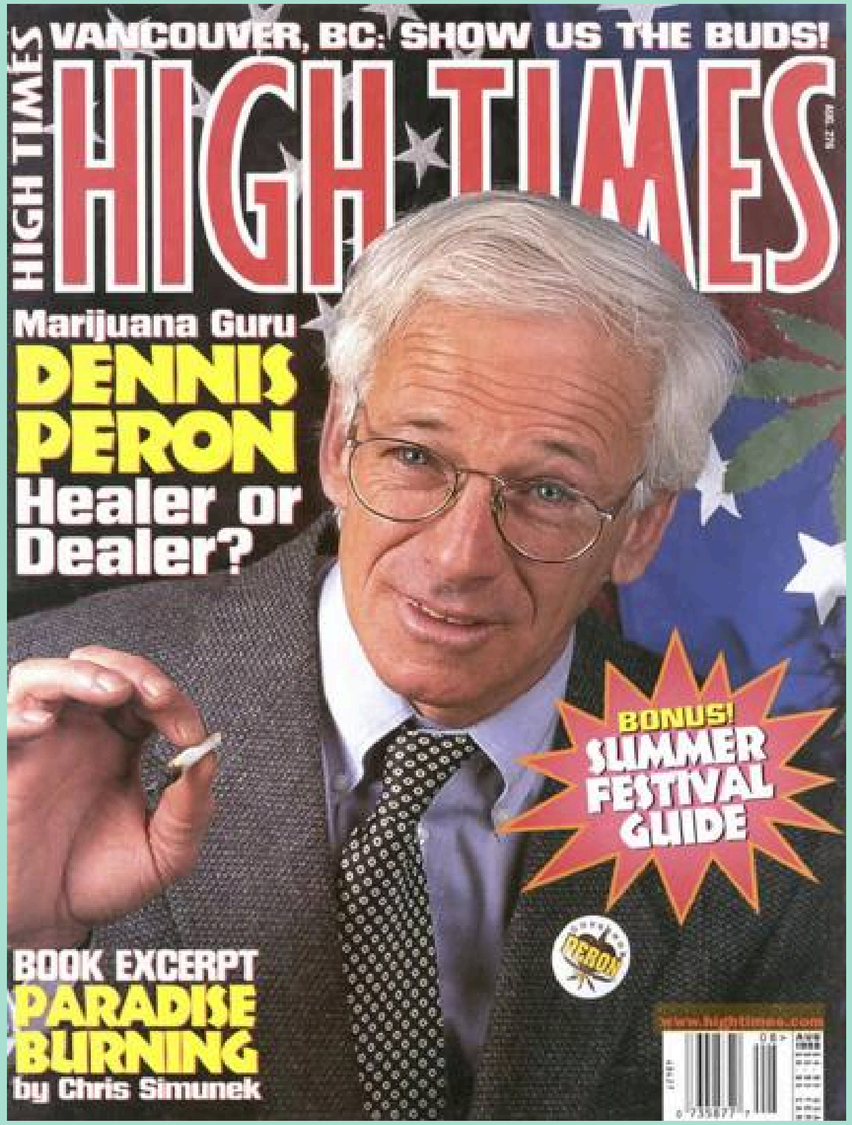


Issue #198, Jan 1992



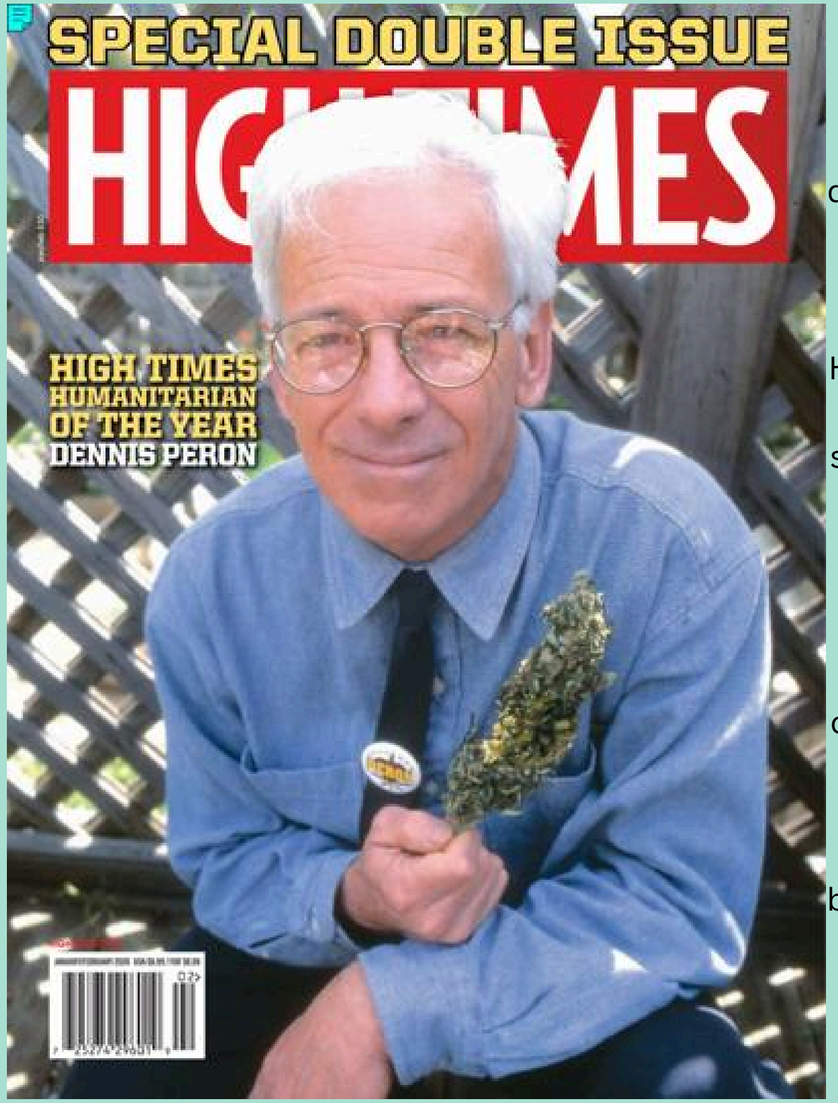
Allen Ginsberg, ca. 1950

The CoverGays



Issue #276, August 1998

August 1998 The August 1998 issue of High Times features a cover story on Dennis Peron, the 'Father of Medical Marijuana,' exploring his complex legacy as a healer and activist during his run for Governor of California. This late-90s edition captures a pivotal moment in the medical legalization movement and includes a book excerpt from Chris Simunek's 'Paradise Burning' as well as a comprehensive Summer Festival guide. Editorial highlights also include a spotlight on the burgeoning cannabis scene in Vancouver, BC, reflecting the magazine's focus on West Coast activism.



Issue #531, Jan+Feb 2020

This special January/February 2020 double issue pays tribute to Dennis Peron, the legendary 'Father of Medical Marijuana,' as High Times Humanitarian of the Year. The issue serves as a retrospective on Peron's foundational role in the Proposition 215 movement in California and his lifelong commitment to cannabis activism during the AIDS crisis. It is a significant 2020s collector's piece that bridges the history of the medical marijuana movement with modern cannabis culture.

The Gay Ally



Issue #538, Jan+Feb 2021

This January/February 2021 'Advocacy Issue' pays tribute to the legendary activist 'Brownie Mary' Jane Rathbun, a pivotal figure in medical cannabis history known for her work during the AIDS crisis. The issue explores modern activism through features on Weldon Angelos's journey from prison to philanthropy with Mission Green and UFC champion Elias Theodorou's efforts to combat stoner stigma. It serves as a comprehensive look at the evolution of marijuana advocacy, from grassroots civil disobedience to contemporary legal reform and professional sports.



I'm doing Something about AIDS I Volunteer

“If they come for me in the morning, they will come for you at night.”-Angela Davis

What would it mean if Cannabis was fully decriminalized?

Meaning not a crime in any way...
Would people do the drugs? Could people be safer?

In a time when the government is trying to do it again
(disrupt communities, arrest leaders, raid homes, break up meetings, and vilify on the news)

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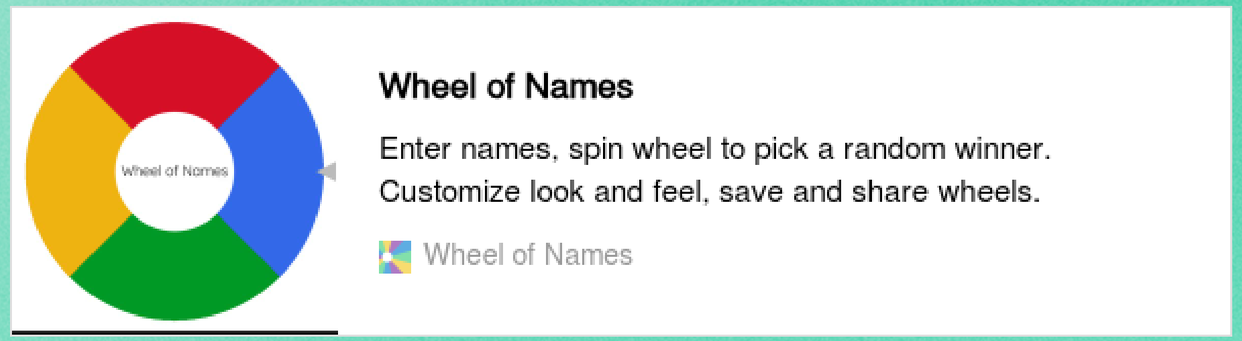

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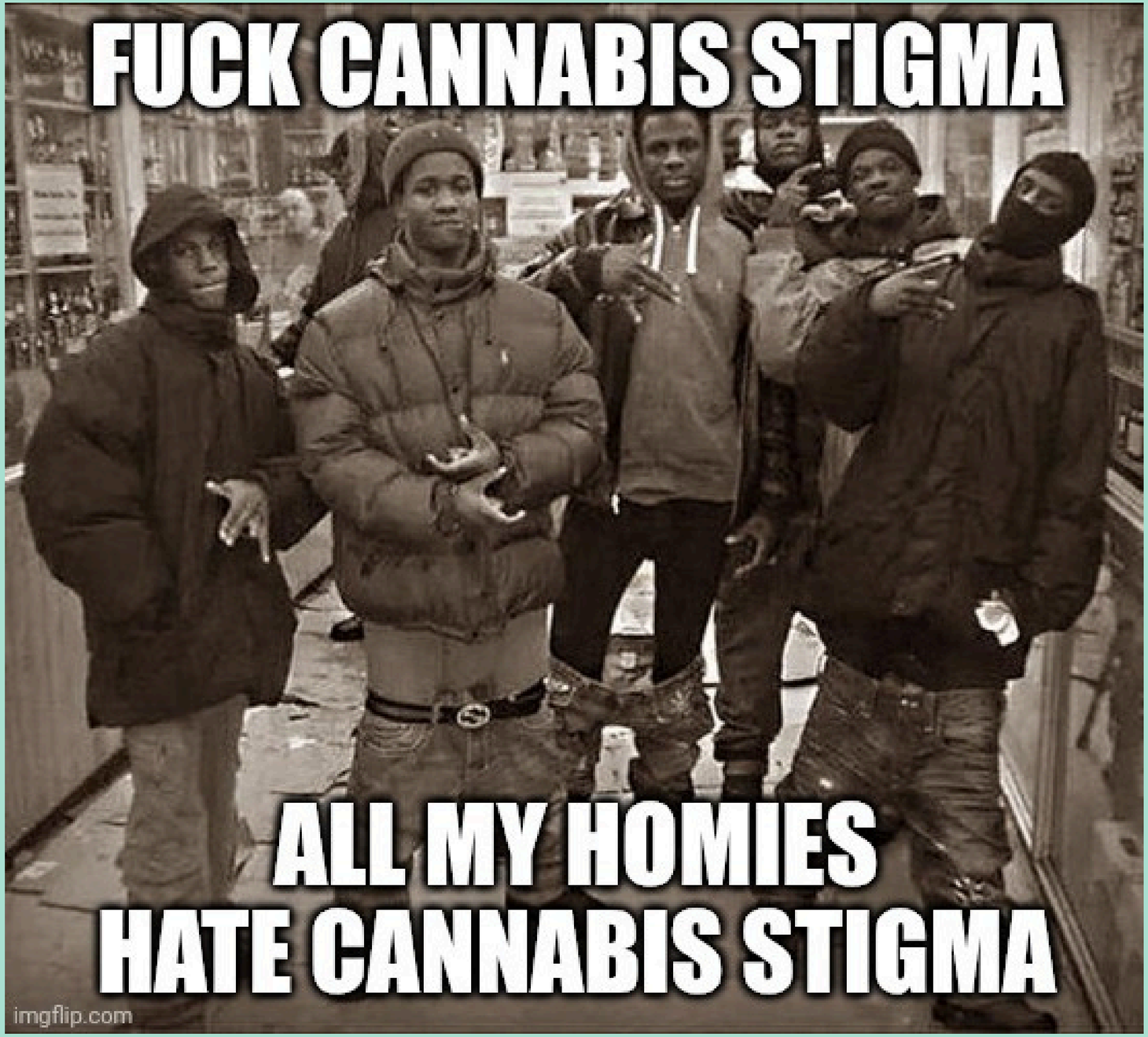

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For those that are staying

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