

Cannabis Support Group



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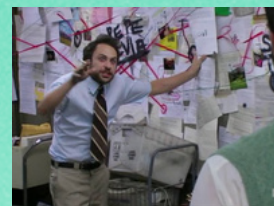
CSG #5

Patluck Edition

Shout Out to everyone that brought something

Agenda

- Intro, What is CSG?
- Consumption Tips
- Waiver Review
- Check-In
- Current Trends
- The Closet Doors
- Special Thanks



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Cannabis Researcher & Consumer



What is the Cannabis Support Group?

GREEN PRIDE

A non-judgmental cannabis space for cannabis consumers of all levels and backgrounds.





Yay, CANNABIS

CONSUMPTION is OPTIONAL



01.

START LOW,
GO SLOW

02.

STAY
HYDRATED

Thank you for signing your waivers

Review waiver

5 volunteers please



I, _____, understand that I am attending an event where cannabis consumption will be taking place and that the option to consume cannabis will be available to me safely and without judgment.

Safety measures like disinfecting high contact surfaces (mouthpieces), prevalent hydration breaks and interval dosing vs. continuous dosing will be practiced and encouraged.

I, _____, understand that if I decide to consume cannabis I will do so responsibly and with regard to the community members and space around me. I will be intentional with my cannabis use. I will ask for help if needed because my community cares about me. I will help a community member if needed because I care about them.

While most cannabis consumption side effects can be the manageable: munchies, cotton mouth or weed brain (short term memory loss), I understand that overconsumption can lead to bad vibes for some. I understand that the dose of cannabis I decide to consume today will be my responsibility to monitor.

I, _____, understand that Groundfloor nor the hosting club member of this event are responsible or liable in anyway for any adverse side effects that may result from my cannabis consumption today.

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 welcomed.
4. I will participate actively with the spirit of collaboration, learning and discovery in mind.
5. I will refrain from demeaning, discriminatory or harassing behavior and speech.

CHECK-IN



coming up: sharing segment

What are we?

Zodiacs

Places

Ethnicity

Slay or Nay

Favorites

Feelings

Hiding

Green Future

Group Updates



Anyone share about this group with others?

Any Inspirations?

Any Epiphanies?

New Connections?

A man with a beard and mustache, wearing a light blue button-down shirt and a brown tie, stands in front of a wall. The wall is covered with numerous white papers, some of which have handwritten text like "REPE" and "ENVIA". Red string is tied across the papers in a crisscross pattern. The man has a surprised or excited expression on his face, with wide eyes and an open mouth. He is pointing his right hand towards the camera. The background is slightly out of focus, showing more papers and a green object on the right.

Current Trends

What's Going on?



Current Trends

Since 2018, under Prop 64, Taxes for cannabis are currently close to 30%.

Why it Matters:

At this rate, we have already paid for each of us to have cannabis for life.



How it Started


Calendar Year	Quarter	Excise Tax	Cultivation Tax	Sales Tax	Total Tax
2018	Q1	\$35,867,466	\$1,849,146	\$35,511,797	\$73,228,409
2018	Q2	\$43,202,987	\$4,963,720	\$45,457,457	\$93,624,164
2018	Q3	\$55,452,365	\$12,965,879	\$42,662,081	\$111,080,325
2018	Q4	\$57,134,451	\$17,305,538	\$49,226,754	\$123,666,743
2019	Q1	\$63,702,235	\$17,277,125	\$50,700,615	\$131,679,975
2019	Q2	\$75,610,453	\$23,030,879	\$60,375,706	\$159,017,038
2019	Q3	\$84,887,286	\$22,809,108	\$65,839,940	\$173,536,334
2019	Q4	\$86,765,478	\$24,666,163	\$70,932,259	\$182,363,900
2020	Q1	\$112,446,454	\$27,646,178	\$77,779,277	\$217,871,909
2020	Q2	\$137,591,606	\$30,874,243	\$101,925,295	\$270,391,144
2020	Q3	\$169,391,644	\$43,394,834	\$119,251,341	\$332,037,819

2018
401,599,641

2019
646,597,247

$\frac{3}{4}$ of 2020
820,300,872

How it's Going



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Calendar Year ↓ 1	Quarter ↓ 2	Excise Tax	Cultivation Tax	Sales Tax	Total Tax	Excise Tax Paid To Distributors	Vendor Compensation	Cannabis Sales	Taxable Sales
2024	Q2	\$154,321,207	\$0	\$108,794,572	\$263,115,779	\$15,259	\$919,541	\$1,034,454,401	\$1,218,614,899
2024	Q1	\$157,313,545	\$0	\$109,092,092	\$266,405,637	\$18,959	\$1,246,096	\$1,056,281,287	\$1,221,860,366
2023	Q4	\$160,090,214	\$0	\$114,635,596	\$274,725,810	\$434,327	\$1,172,980	\$1,076,922,718	\$1,283,273,365
2023	Q3	\$164,369,036	\$0	\$114,522,327	\$278,891,363	\$816,037	\$926,767	\$1,106,720,007	\$1,276,098,654
2023	Q2	\$166,388,136	\$0	\$120,399,229	\$286,787,365	\$3,690,469	\$607,817	\$1,135,629,276	\$1,336,493,797
2023	Q1	\$134,634,413	\$0	\$114,859,872	\$249,494,285	\$32,656,511	\$0	\$1,113,138,412	\$1,280,866,902

2024
2,440,475,265

2023
5,176,732,718



Current Trends

Cannabis is a Commodity.

Why it Matters:

We are not protected the same when only consumer laws apply. (Pricing and Safety [Recalls])

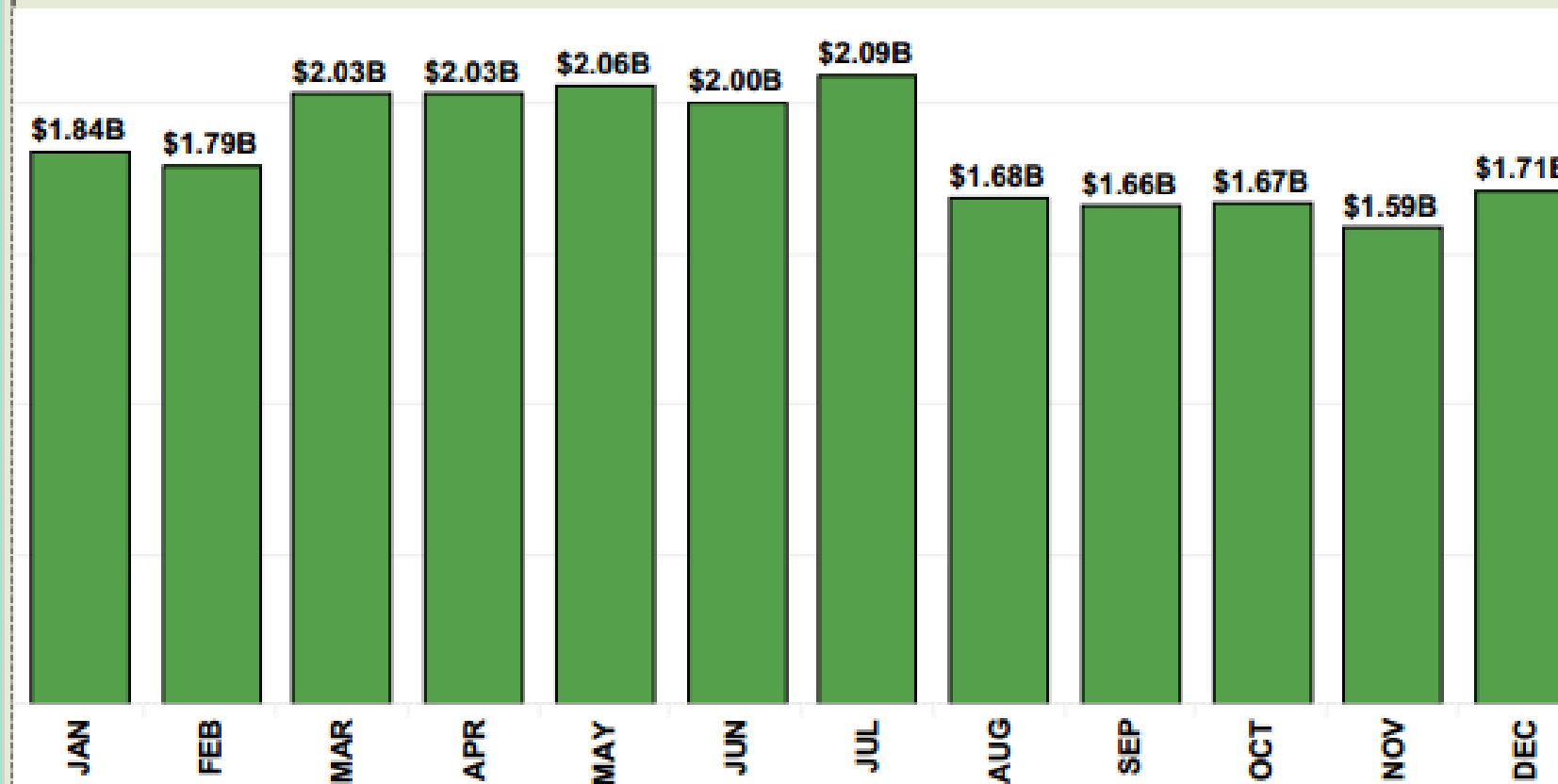
Patient versus Consumer. (Housing, Consumption, Transport)



Total Sales Summary Report

Customer Type: All Item Group: All Year: All Quarter: All Month: All

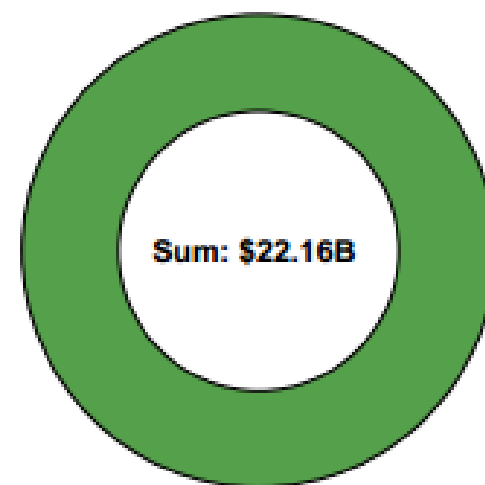
Sum of Monthly Sales for Year: All



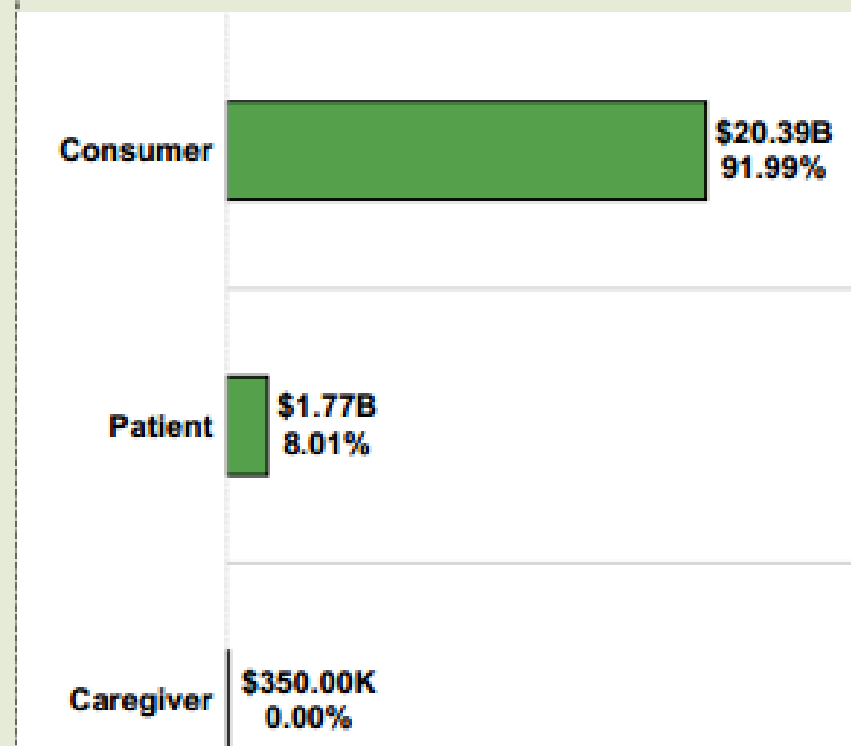
Sales by Year

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
JAN	\$391.85M	\$406.82M	\$409.79M	\$420.56M	\$214.26M
FEB	\$384.17M	\$385.15M	\$391.03M	\$386.82M	\$242.19M
MAR	\$408.69M	\$429.26M	\$435.06M	\$468.03M	\$291.26M
APR	\$401.19M	\$418.15M	\$432.19M	\$485.21M	\$298.08M
MAY	\$399.33M	\$413.92M	\$415.07M	\$469.89M	\$358.77M
JUN	\$384.55M	\$409.52M	\$395.01M	\$450.13M	\$363.91M
JUL	\$386.36M	\$409.93M	\$411.06M	\$468.60M	\$418.24M
AUG		\$404.74M	\$400.26M	\$457.29M	\$420.72M
SEP		\$396.21M	\$395.54M	\$440.69M	\$428.63M
OCT		\$402.66M	\$403.96M	\$444.33M	\$415.59M
NOV		\$392.73M	\$393.99M	\$415.29M	\$390.09M
DEC		\$421.08M	\$421.51M	\$443.85M	\$419.80M
Grand Total	\$2.76B	\$4.89B	\$4.90B	\$5.35B	\$4.26B

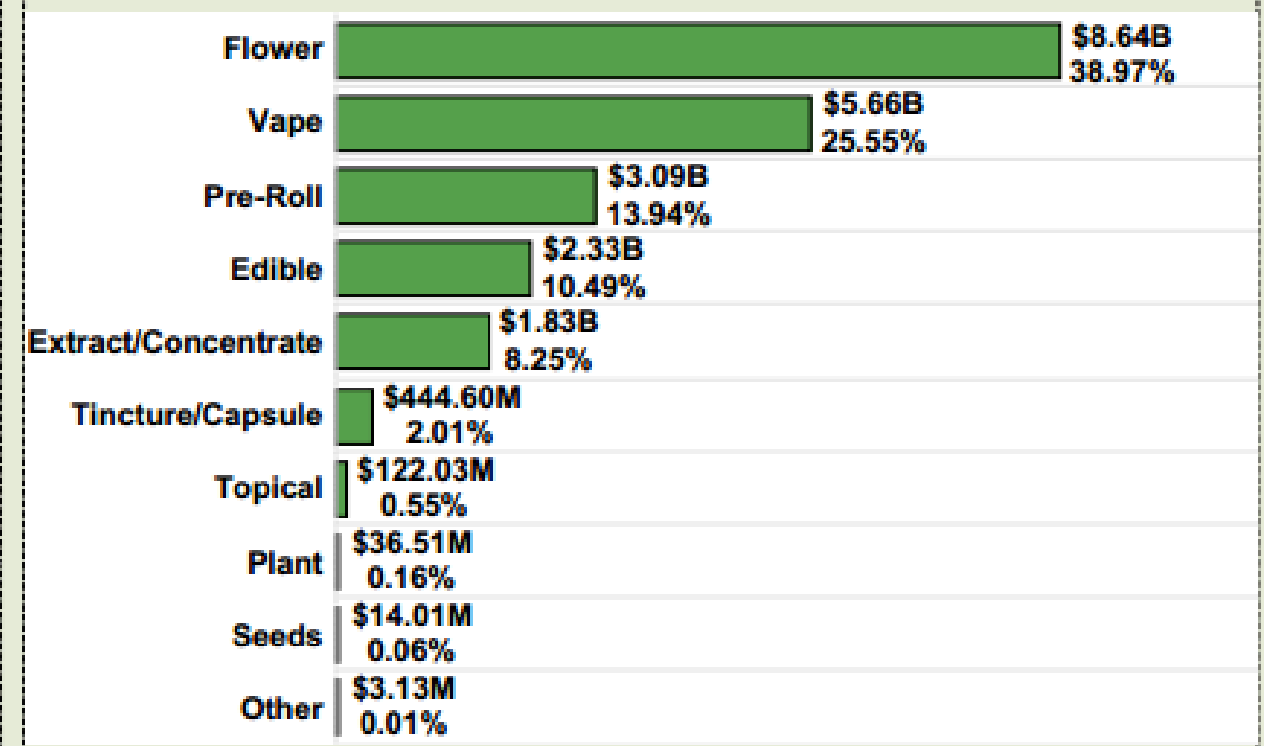
Overall sum for Total Sales



Sales by Customer Type



Sales by Item Group



Data is not real-time, this snapshot was last updated on 8/12/2024.
The latest date in our sales data is 7/31/2024.

How effective are recalls?

DCR has issued **61** recalls since the beginning of 2022.

38 were mandatory recalls, 22 were voluntary, 1 was an Embargo Alert.

42 were related to contamination (68.85%) The Majority of these (31) were either flower or infused flower or pre-roll or infused pre-roll

17 are Labeling issues (27.86%) e.g. Cannabinoid Inflation (8), attractive to children (2), THC inflation (2), obstruction of info label (1), outdated government warning (1)

15 were vape products (24.5%)

4 are prohibited products (6.55%) hot sauce, inhaler, sorbet edibles, acidified beverage (*lemon ice tea*)



Current Trends

Cannabis is still Federally Illegal.

Why it Matters:

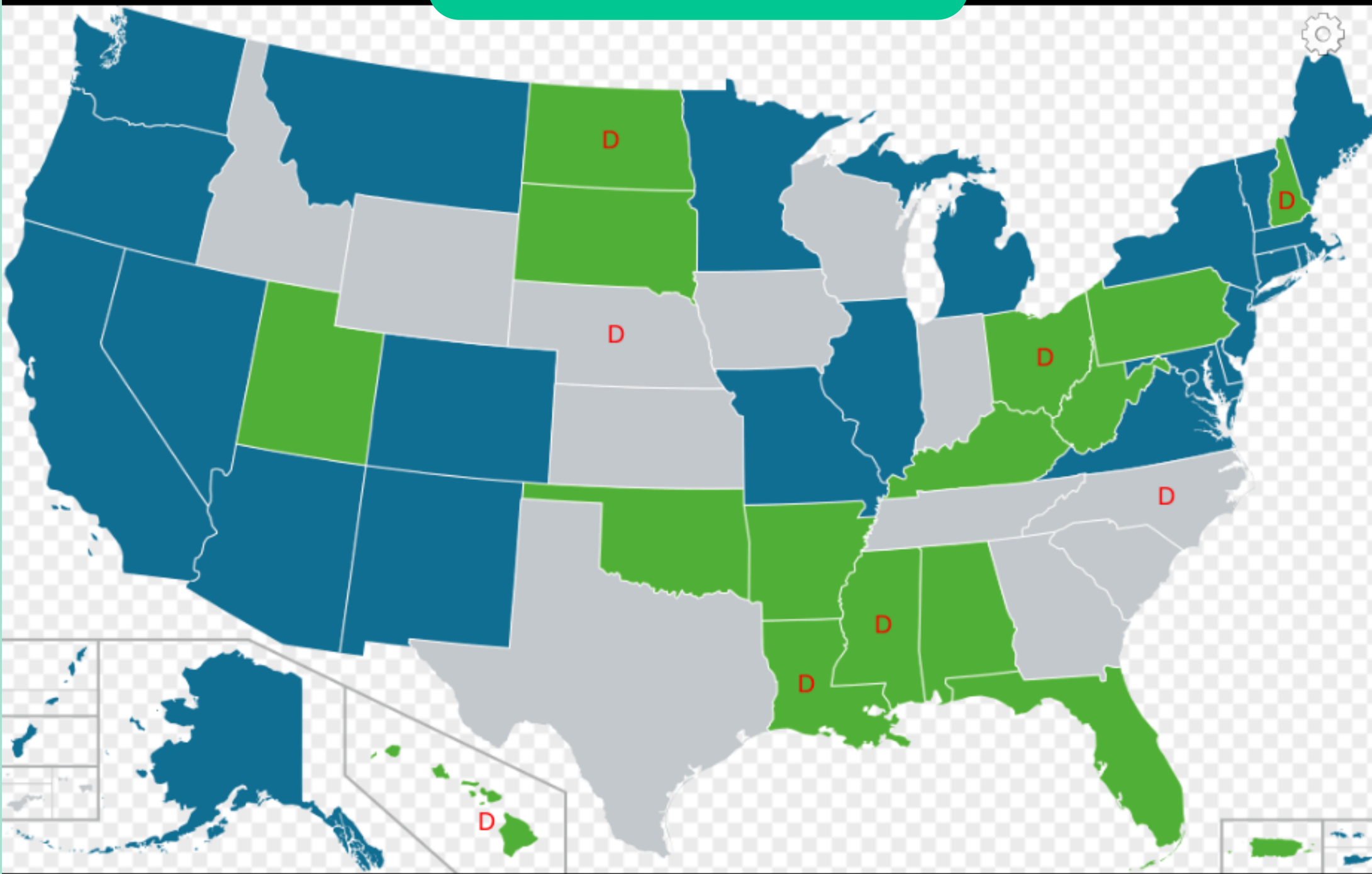
Legalization does not equal decriminalization.

We **get to** be excessively pro-cannabis. We should.







United States

Who has
ever lived
in a state
where it
was
Illegal?

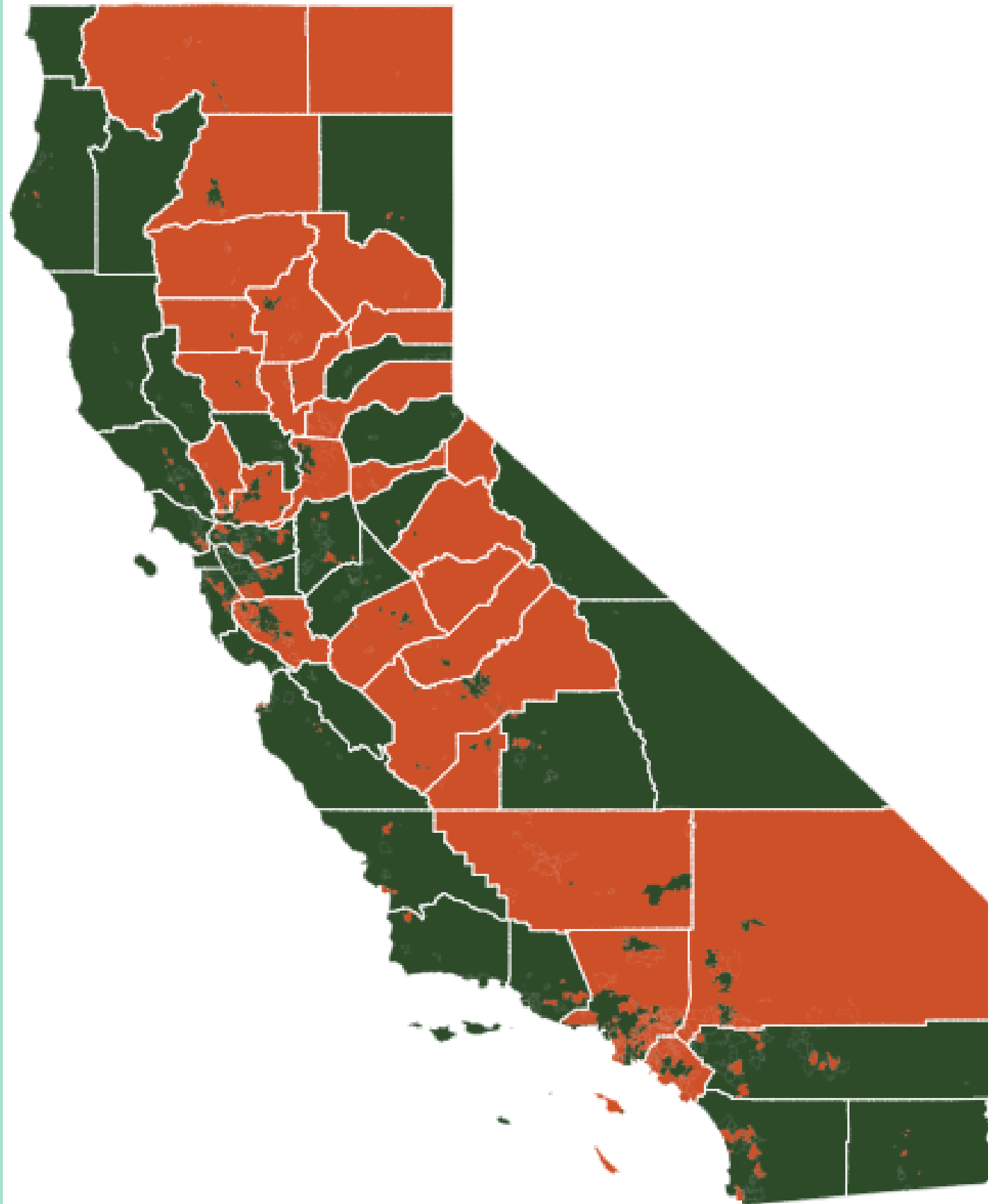


Who has ever
lived in a state
where it was
Decriminalized?

Legality of cannabis in the United States  Legal for recreational use  Legal for medical use  Illegal  Decriminalized Notes: · Reflects law of states and territories, including laws which have not yet gone into effect. Does not reflect federal, tribal, or local laws. · Hemp and hemp-derived products have been legal since the enactment of the [2018 Farm Bill](#). [v](#) [t](#) [e](#)

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California State



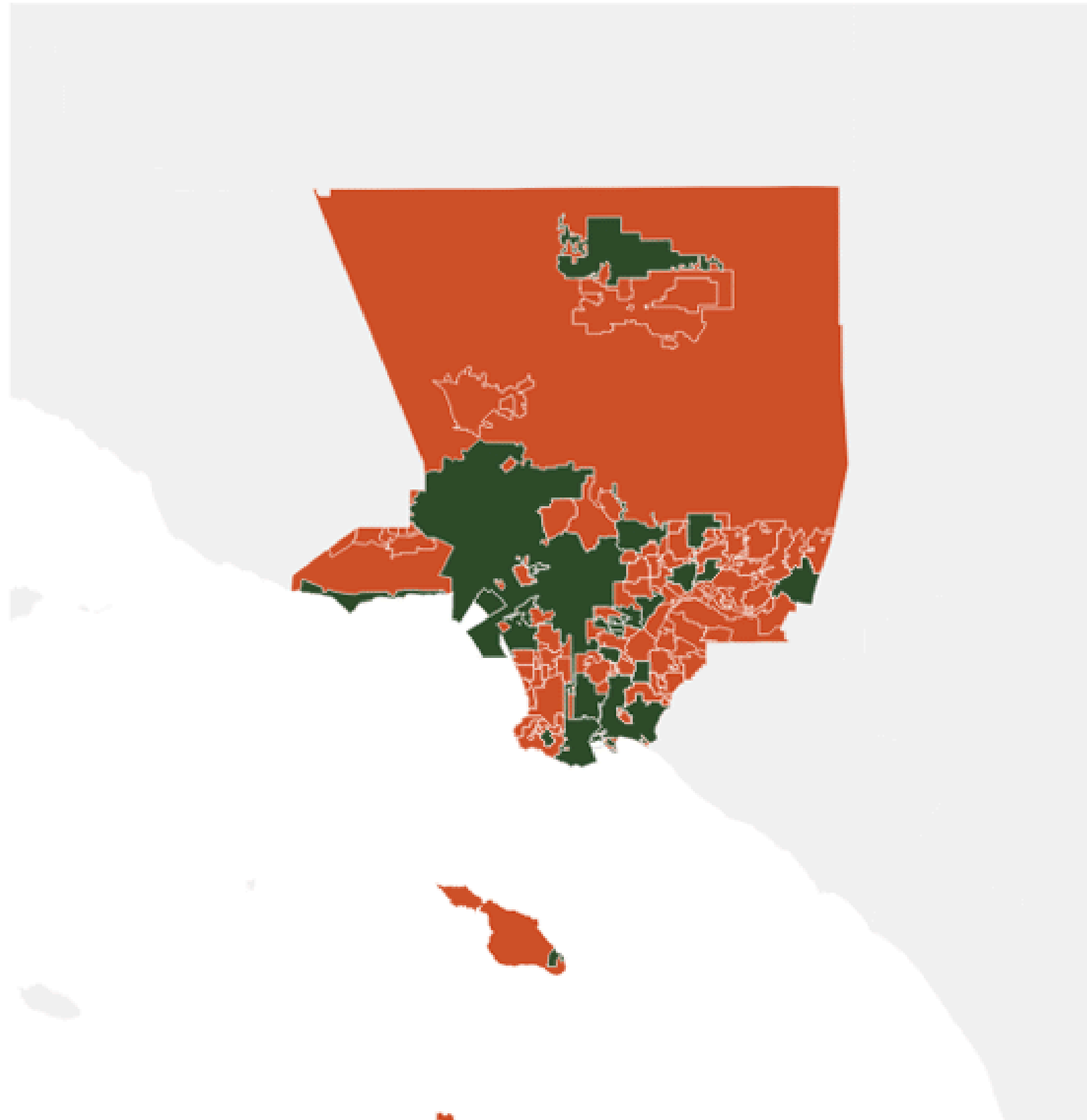
✓ **Allow: 44%**

Cities and counties allow at least one cannabis business type.

✗ **Prohibit: 56%**

Cities and counties prohibit all cannabis business types.

Los Angeles County



- ✓ 23 cities allow at least one cannabis business type.
- ✗ 65 cities prohibit all cannabis business types.
- ✗ All cannabis business types are prohibited in unincorporated parts of the county.

[City Details Available here](#)

Image Source: Department of Cannabis Control

Why does only 26% of Los Angeles County allow Cannabis businesses?

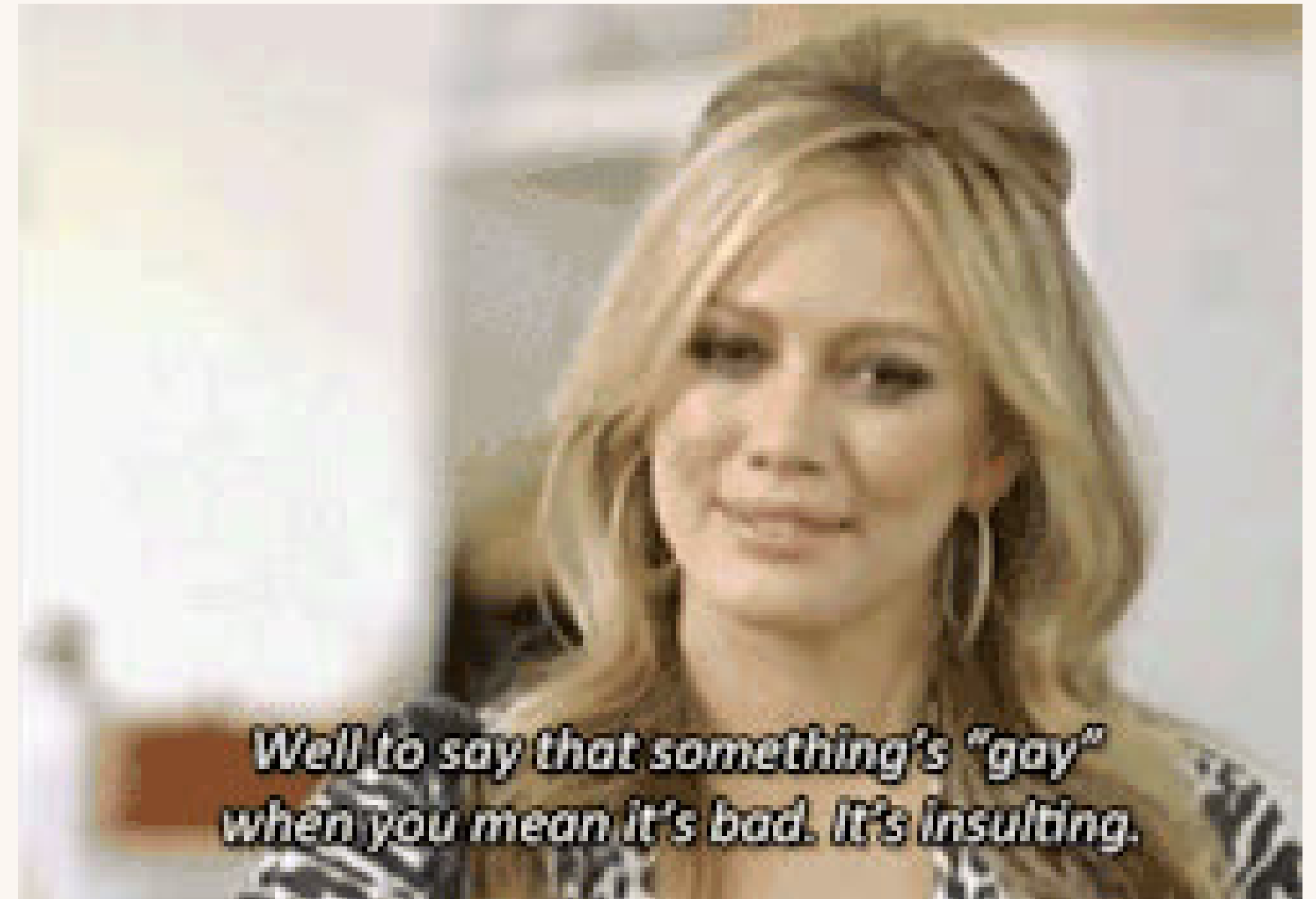
Who lives in a city where cannabis business is prohibited?

For what reasons would cannabis be prohibited?

Marijuana Use and Public perceptions in Los Angeles County

36.5%

Think before you speak (October 2008)



[Link](#)

May 15, 2008 - Gay Marriage

Current Trends

LA Times: The dirty secret of
California's legal weed. (06/24)



Why it Matters:

Cannabis Workers have been ignored about this issue but as soon as it is a consumer issue, then reporting on it happens? Upton Sinclair much?



LEGAL \neq SAFE

Now that recreational marijuana is legal in New York, here are some things you need to know:

21

IF YOU'RE UNDER 21 IT IS ILLEGAL TO USE OR POSSESS MARIJUANA

Who is allowed to use marijuana?

Anyone age 21 and older can legally possess or consume marijuana. It is illegal to give anyone under the age of 21 marijuana



HIGHER THAN YOU MIGHT THINK

Careful, it can sneak up on you

The potency level of marijuana has increased over the years and the concentration is often unknown



YOU CAN'T DRIVE IMPAIRED. DRIVING HIGH IS A DUI

Don't consume and drive

Driving while impaired is illegal. It doesn't matter what substance you are using. If you are not sure if you are impaired, don't drive



MARIJUANA CAN AFFECT PEOPLE DIFFERENTLY

Know your risks

Marijuana affects people differently based on body type, health conditions, type of marijuana used and prior history of use



THE YOUNGER YOU START, THE MORE PROBLEMS IT CAN CAUSE

Marijuana can be addictive

People who begin using before the age of 18 are at greater odds for addiction to marijuana and other drugs, as well as mental health concerns



To learn more visit:
<https://ncadd-ra.org/>

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Other names for Cannabis:

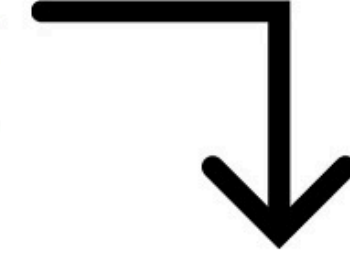
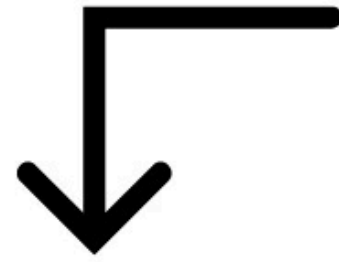
- Weed
- Za
- Tree
- Devil's Lettuce
- Flower
- Pot
- Ganja
- Dank
- Grass
- Mary Jane
- Reefer

MARIJUANA





Recreational Marijuana Road Blocks



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

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

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.

1848
End of the Mexican American War

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

1917
Mexican Immigrant Population TRIPLED
End of the Mexican Revolution War

1930

1943
Zoot Suit Riots

1937

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.

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

1970

John Erlichman Quote 5:30 - 6:20



ТХОУСНТ?

Being a Cannabis
Consumer, Lover, or
Ally is POLITICAL.

Who Represents Me?



“The Green Closet”

Why be Closeted?

1. the safety of the inside
2. forced in by The Closet Doors™

Presented by Madison Hernandez

The Closet Doors

Analyzing the Systems of Oppression that keep people in the Green Closet.





Institution

Ideology

Systems of Oppression

Hetero
Patriarchy.

White
Supremacy.

Patriarchy.

Capitalism

Colonialism

Institution

Heteropatriarchy
White Supremacy
Patriarchy
Capitalism
Colonialism

In the Closet

Heteropatriarchy
White Supremacy
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Capitalism
Colonialism

Ideology

Out of the Closet



Call to Action

Coming Out Green

THE SYSTEM IS NOT BROKEN, IT IS FIXED.
Who Benefits from our Silence?



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

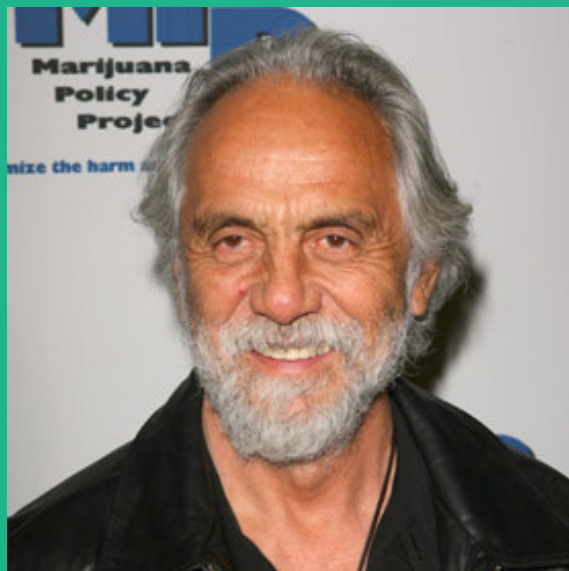
Dennis Peron - Cannabis Advocate



Harm Reduction 0:42 - 2:20



WHO IS OUT GREEN?



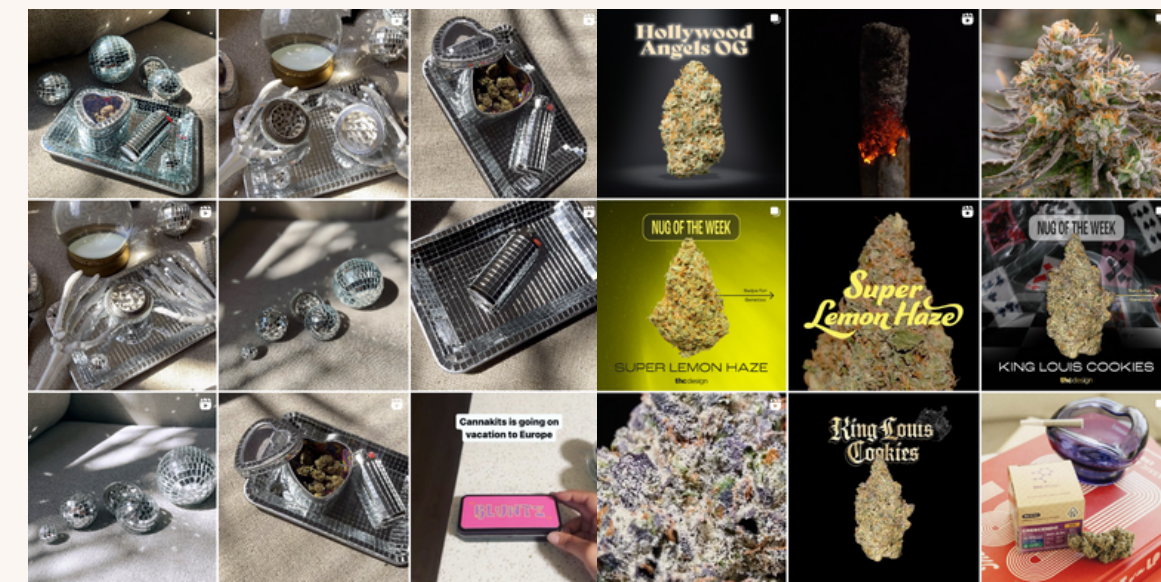
coming up: sharing segment

SHARING SEGMENT

SHOW AND TELL

YOU: “Hi, My name is _____ .
I am a Cannabis Consumer/Lover/Ally
and this is my _____product/device_____”

EVERYONE: “Yay Cannabis”



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Thanks to GROUND FLOOR

COMMUNITY MANAGERS

Thank you for the work that you all do to keep this space **beautiful** and **comfortable**.

Thank you for another GROUND FLOOR Cannabis Event

SHOUT OUT TO DOMINIQUE, CHRISTINE, DEJA AND TALYSSA

Thanks to Viewers Like
You. Thank You.

SAVETHE DATE

12/17/2024
Today Edition

Thank you Friends!

Shout Outs

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