



STATES ARE NOT SOVEREIGN POWERS THEY CANNOT LEGALIZE MARIJUANA

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States are not sovereign nations. It is folly to think that any state could legalize the production, distribution and sale of marijuana without inviting the full wrath of the federal government, including economic sanctions.

There would be no justification for the federal government to subsidize states who contribute to the problems of health, education, welfare, crime and traffic safety. Federal law, the supreme law of the land, exists to protect the health, safety and economic well being of all Americans. Should the citizens or government of any state choose to live under a different set of rules, then certainly they should forego any and all benefits of being an American.

The hoax of “medical marijuana” that now exists in 14 states is indicative of the infiltration of pro-drug forces that inflict more death, destruction and harm on America than all other forms of terror combined. Truth in advertising laws alone should ban the term “medical marijuana,” because it is not medicine, as defined by the FDA. It does not become medicine because of popular vote, or because of campaign donations that flow from and through George Soros. It can provide relief because of certain isolated components, but with the good come the harms.

The term “medical marijuana” was created by Keith Stroup, founder of NORML, in 1979 as a means of giving pot a good name, as a first step toward legalization for recreational use ... because people like to get high. It is interesting to note that in the 40 years since, the THC content is 2 to 15 times stronger. It is no longer a soft drug. As evidenced by experience all over the world, it is a major cause of mental illness and criminality, aside from impacts on health, welfare, traffic safety and devastation of young people.

While the US spends hundreds of millions more to stem the flow of marijuana and other drugs from Mexico, we now have Mexican cartels growing pot in our national forests. Humboldt and Mendocino Counties base their economies on production of an illegal drug; and just passed an ordinance to allow individuals to grow 99 plants. They are also strategizing how to cope when prices fall because of legalization, and how to brand their counties as the source of the best pot around. Incredible!

Maybe they should be concerned about eradication efforts by the U.S., or that competing growers will start loping off heads, as in Mexico. In any event, it doesn't make sense for the US to continue to spend billions to eradicate illicit drugs abroad and allow production to flourish at home?

The proposed legalization in California would also allow individuals to grow 10 plants at home, about 11,340 joints per person. Between the cartels who won't stop, the surge in a new home based growing operations in addition to farming operations, there will be a flood of marijuana that will have to seek new black markets for young and old, in-state and throughout the United States.

It isn't going to happen. Even if California builds a “Berlin wall” around the perimeter to keep the pot and potheads in, it isn't going to happen.