



Marijuana to Help Raise Your Children. Huh?

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This morning, I watched the TV segment about mothers who claim they must use recreational marijuana to better enable them to raise their children. I was stunned by the segment. Why is this better than using alcohol and being an alcoholic while taking care of your kids? They claim it mellows them out, slows them down and makes them more even tempered, and that's why marijuana is better. Wouldn't alcohol do the same thing? Now I'm not advocating for alcohol and as a matter of fact, I think people who are drunk and are taking care of their kids should have their kids taken away from them because they certainly cannot be good parents while they're under the influence of alcohol. And I would say the same thing applies to marijuana. After all being a parent requires you to be alert and levelheaded and not have your brain addled by drugs. Marijuana does this just as much as alcohol does.

Let's say, your kid must be driven to some activity, but you're on marijuana. The question I have is, do you then get in your car and drive your children under the influence of a drug? Do you put their lives at risk in case they have a medical emergency and you really can't respond because you're so laid-back and high? Can you really take care of your kids when you are intoxicated on marijuana, alcohol or other drugs? In the past, when people were alcoholics and endangered their kids, they ran the risk of having their kids taken away. This raises an even bigger question of our society, why can't people cope with life? Why does one require drugs to live life? For everyone, there are stresses throughout the years in our lives and there are ways to deal with it. Certainly, mental health issues can occur, but marijuana is not the drug of choice. Treating postpartum depression or bipolar disorder with marijuana may be worse for these health issues. People shouldn't be turning to marijuana, but rather to a professional who can diagnose their problem and treat it with the appropriate drugs as necessary.



We live in a society that is way too permissive. We allow things to happen that never should. I strongly object to the removal of the restrictions on marijuana and its reclassification by the government. Using marijuana in a recreational sense where you then go ahead and drive is certainly beyond the pale and should be considered dangerous. But people don't believe this. And why should marijuana smokers pollute the air? After all we don't tolerate cigarette smoking in public why do we tolerate marijuana smoke? Do you think it's any better for your lungs than nicotine and cigarette smoke? Do you think it's any less intoxicating on your brain than alcohol? Studies have shown that in young children and teenagers, it affects their normal development. That is a huge issue for society, especially after 50% of kids from New York schools can't read at the appropriate grade level. Maybe this is because of parental non-involvement.

The younger generation has been taught that you can't face life issues and stresses unless you're on a drug. Marijuana and alcohol have never helped you deal at the end of the day. Maybe that's why there's so many young adults are stuck living in their parents' basements because they lose the incentive to go out and live life, drug free and be ambitious and successful in life. Guess what, life is not against you. Do it for your kids.