Why Not Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol?

- Marijuana is far safer than alcohol because it does not stimulate aggressiveness and is not nearly as addictive.¹
- To save $7.7 billion in enforcement costs.²
- To produce $6.2 billion in tax revenue (which could be used to pay for education, treatment and prevention for all drugs.)³
- To deprive cartels and gangs of a major source of revenue.⁴
- To significantly enhance the effectiveness of our police and courts. (Current annual marijuana arrests exceed 700,000 per year.)⁵
- To separate marijuana from far more dangerous illegal drugs, ending the "gateway" to drug dealers we now have.⁶
- To reduce hypocrisy and make drug education more credible and effective.⁷
- To end prisons doing far more damage to users than the drug itself.⁸
- To end the breaking of the law by otherwise law abiding citizens, especially the more than 900,000 children under 18 years old who buy and resell marijuana.⁹
- To remove major barriers to research for medical use.¹⁰
- To reduce violence in general and safeguard law enforcers.¹¹

And because it would not have been banned at all but for a political scoundrel!"  

(“...Anslinger’s campaign may have been just a tool in the beginning, but fueled with this kind of racial tinder, it quickly got out of hand. The Treasury Department was barraged with cries for help from civic leaders: ‘I wish I could show you what a small marijuana cigarette can do to one of our degenerate Spanish-speaking residents...’”) To be continued next month.

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