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Judiciary Committee
LOB Room 3500
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Hello, Honorable Chairman Eric Eric Coleman, Chairman Gerald Fox, Ranking Member John Kissel, Ranking Member John Hetherington and other distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Susie Dugan. I have been involved in drug prevention efforts and have been fighting for drug-free youth for over 32 years.

I urge you to defeat all of the marijuana legalization legislation before you, including SB 953, SB 1014, SB 1015 and SB 952.

Crude marijuana is not medicine. It is a dangerous drug. In the states that have approved it being called "medicine", only about 3% of "medical" marijuana users have verifiable, serious, or debilitating diseases or maladies. The other 97% of users list vague maladies that cannot be confirmed, such as chronic pain, to justify their use of marijuana. Please look closely at those other states. Look into the many social and criminal problems that "medical" marijuana has brought to the citizens of those states.

The whole movement to push for "medical" marijuana is really about full legalization of marijuana for recreational use. You only need to look to California and Colorado, to see how this is playing out. The "medical" marijuana issue opens the door to that slippery slope toward full legalization. Full legalization of marijuana would be disastrous because it would make marijuana so available and so normal for so many people, including children.

Our society should be working to prevent the use of marijuana, not promoting its use.

In my 32 years of drug prevention, I have watched the marijuana users and promoters gain much power and influence. They now have many resources and finances to push for their pro-drug agenda.

We need only to look at the youth of Connecticut to know that we must fight all efforts to declare marijuana to be "medicine". Ask any adolescent about the dangers of marijuana, and you will likely hear the response that marijuana can't be so bad for them since it is "medicine." History has demonstrated to us that, when young people have a low perception of harm regarding any drug, their use of that drug increases. We now know how dangerous marijuana is to the developing brains of adolescents. Can we take the chance of increased marijuana use by the young people of Connecticut?

I would be happy to provide you with any background documentation on this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

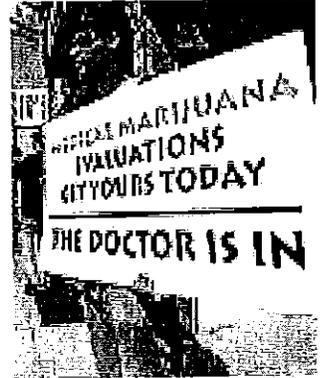
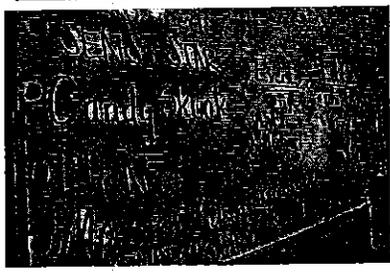
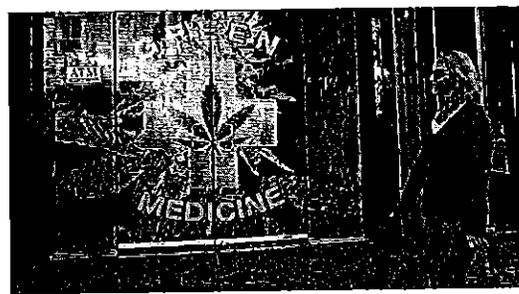
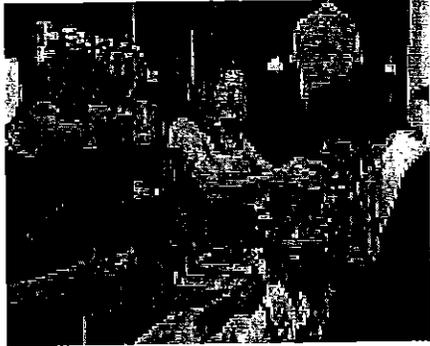
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“Medical” marijuana doctors and dispensaries in California and Colorado in 2010 ~ 2011.

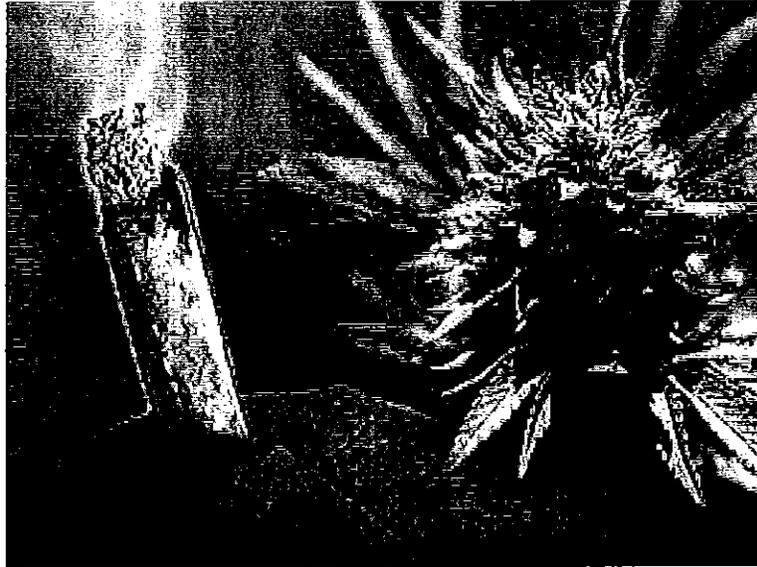
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Why marijuana isn't real medicine



Don't buy the "medical marijuana" lie!

HOW MANY OTHER MEDICINES THAT PEOPLE TAKE:

- Are smoked? **ZERO**
- Come in unmeasured doses? **ZERO**
- Have unknown strengths? **ZERO**
- Are taken as often as the patient thinks is needed? **ZERO**
- Are taken in crude form (like aspirin from tree bark, penicillin from bread mold, etc.)? **ZERO**
- Are voted on by the public? **ZERO**
- Circumvent the safety of FDA testing? **ZERO**
- Contain no warnings on harm? **ZERO**
- Are recommended by doctors, not prescribed? **ZERO**
- Allow a person to grow or produce his/her own medicine **ZERO**
- Allow some unnamed dooper dude to hold your stash? **ZERO**

One exception to any of the above would be amazing, but all of them?
UNBELIEVABLE ! Don't buy the lie !

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