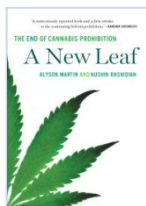


Marijuana Legalization in Washington and Colorado: Selected Resources

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A New Leaf: The End of Cannabis Prohibition, by Alyson Martin and Nushin Rashidian. New York: The New Press, 2014, 264 p.

Written by two investigative journalists, this book presents a deeply researched account of how recent developments tie into cannabis's complex history and politics, especially around legalization in the U.S. Reporting from nearly every state with a medical cannabis law as well as from Washington and Colorado, states which have legalized marijuana use for adults, the authors include in-depth interviews with patients, growers, doctors, entrepreneurs, politicians, activists, and regulators. The author's reporting ranges from the federal cannabis farm at the University of Mississippi to the headquarters of the ACLU to Oregon's "World Famous Cannabis Café." They present an expert analysis of how recent milestones toward legalization will affect the war on drugs both domestically and internationally.



Before the Grand Opening: Measuring Washington State's Marijuana Market in the Last Year Before Legalized Commercial Sales, by Beau Kilmer, Jonathan Caulkins, et al. RAND Corporation, 2013, 68 p. Doc. No. RR-466-WSLCB.

This report addresses two questions: What is the size of the marijuana market of Washington in 2013? How much marijuana do users in Washington consume and how do they obtain it? This report (online only) provides baseline estimates of the total weight of marijuana consumed in Washington in 2013 using data from existing household surveys as well as information from a new web-based consumption survey. Although the principal motivation for the study was estimating the size of the market, the report also describes various characteristics of the market, including traits of marijuana users in Washington and how they obtain marijuana. Co-author Mark Kleiman as hired as the "Pot Czar" for Washington State. http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR466.html



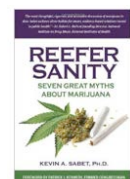
Marijuana Legalization: What Everyone Needs to Know, by Jonathan Caulkins, Angela Hawken, Kilmer, Beau Kilmer, Mark A.R. Kleiman. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 2012, xx, 266 p.

This book offers a non-partisan primer about the topic of marijuana legalization, covering everything from the risks and benefits of using marijuana, to describing the current laws around the drug in the United States and abroad. The authors discuss the likely costs and benefits of legalization at the state and national levels and walk readers through the "middle ground" of policy options between prohibition and commercialized production. The authors also consider how marijuana legalization could personally impact parents, heavy users, medical users, employers, and the drug traffickers.



Marijuana Nation: One Man's Chronicle of America Getting High: From Vietnam to Legalization, by Roger A. Roffman. New York: Pegasus Books, 2014, xvii, 345 p.

This is a personal history by researcher, scholar, therapist, and activist Roger Roffman, Professor Emeritus in the School of Social Work, University of Washington. It follows Roffman's exposure to marijuana while serving as a US Army officer in Vietnam, his personal use (and cessation of use), and his research and activism on behalf of patients who would benefit from medical marijuana. From lobbying in Washington, to talking to doctors and nurses in oncology wards, and watching his brother struggle with addiction, Roffman has experienced the layered and complex relationship Americans have with marijuana first-hand. He was a co-sponsor of Washington State Initiative 502, which legalized recreational marijuana use for adults over age 21.



Reefer Sanity: Seven Great Myths about Marijuana, by Kevin Sabet. Beauford Books, 2013, 210 p.

Kevin Sabet uses research from his own work and policymaking to argue that the United States should not legalize marijuana with all of its attendant social costs, nor damage the future of marijuana smokers by prosecuting and jailing them. Rather, he contends we should shift our emphasis to education about the newly revealed health dangers of marijuana use, as well as focus on intervention and treatment.

WEBINARS

Regulating Non-Medical Marijuana: Lessons Learned and Paths Forward. Network for Public Health Law, April 17, 2014 (archived). This webinar gives an overview of issues related to non-medical marijuana regulation through lessons learned from decades of alcohol and tobacco regulation, along with insights from Washington State's recent implementation of a marijuana law. The webinar examines implications for drug policy and enforcement, as well as health department structure. Webinar and slides are archived. https://www.networkforphl.org/webinars/2014/04/17/421/regulating_non-medical_marijuana_lessons_learned_and_paths_forward

Related article: Pacula RL, Kilmer B, et al. Developing public health regulations for marijuana: lessons from alcohol and tobacco. *American Journal of Public Health*. April 2014.
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/abs/10.2105/AJPH.2013.301766>

Expanding Medical Marijuana Laws: Current Policies and Implications for Public Health. Network for Public Health Law, May 15, 2014 at 1 – 2 p.m. (ET). This upcoming webinar will provide an overview of the current public health and legal landscape of medical marijuana; examines patient registries, product testing, adolescent use, drugged driving and other health and policy concerns; and explores the evaluation of current laws and possible evidence-based strategies to protect public health. FREE – registration required to view live.
https://www.networkforphl.org/webinars/2014/04/24/438/expanding_medical_marijuana_laws_current_policies_and_implications_for_public_health

ONLINE RESOURCES

Colorado Retail Marijuana Information & Resources. <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/marijuana/>

The Cannabist: Denver Post's "home for the ideas, art, food, news and culture of cannabis." Marijuana editor Ricardo Braca. Web: <http://thecannabist.co> FB: <https://www.facebook.com/cannabist> Twitter: @cannabist

Learn About Marijuana: Science-Based Information for the Public. Website created by Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute-UW for Washington State. Web: <http://LearnAboutMarijuanaWA.org> Twitter: @marijuanauw

Washington State Liquor Control Board, I-502 Implementation. <http://www.liq.wa.gov/marijuana/I-502>

U.S. Justice Dept Guidance Regarding Marijuana Enforcement, issued August 29, 2013.
<http://www.justice.gov/iso/opa/resources/3052013829132756857467.pdf>

Huffington Post: Huff Post Marijuana. Good, up-to-date coverage of marijuana legalization issues.
<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/news/marijuana/>

Marijuana Legalization (website by Mark Kleiman et al). <http://marijuanalegalization.info/>

Botec Analysis Corporation. Consultants to Washington state re: legalizing marijuana. <http://botecanalysis.com>

RAND Corporation Published Research on Marijuana. Journal articles, research briefs, reports.
<http://www.rand.org/pubs.html?pub-date=20130425%3A&tag=Marijuana>

Drug Policy Alliance - Reforming Marijuana Laws. News, briefs, toolkit for activists, stock photo library.
<http://www.drugpolicy.org/reforming-marijuana-laws>

Smart Approaches to Marijuana. SAM is an alliance of organizations and individuals dedicated to a health-first approach to marijuana policy. Chaired by former US Rep. Patrick Kennedy; board includes Kevin Sabet (author of *Reefer Sanity*), Dr. Leslie Walker (Seattle pediatrician), David Frum (conservative journalist, blogger) and others. <http://learnaboutsam.org/>