

MYTH: SMOKED OR EATEN MARIJUANA IS MEDICINE



We don't smoke opium for the benefits of morphine.

So why do we need to smoke marijuana to get its medical benefits?



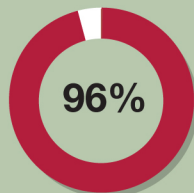
8.6% of teens in states with medical marijuana laws use marijuana, compared to **6.9%** in states without such laws.

Residents of states with medical marijuana laws have abuse/dependence rates almost **twice as high** as states with no such laws.

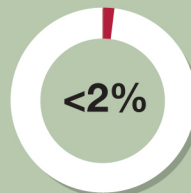
AVERAGE PATIENT PROFILE

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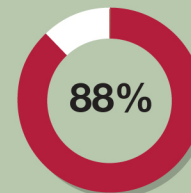
The average patient in California is a 32-year-old, white male



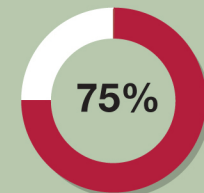
of medical marijuana users in Colorado report using to treat chronic pain



of patients have cancer, HIV/AIDS, or any life-threatening illness



had tried marijuana before age 19



of Caucasian patients in California had used cocaine in their lifetime