Public Opinion on Legalisation of Marijuana and Its Impact on the Society

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ABSTRACT:
The main problem of this Research is that whether decriminalisation of the drugs in India allows people to use it in a correct way or it may lead to socialistic problems in the future and the main issue of this research is that whether this decriminalisation influence the students and minors in usage of those drugs and the comparative study of this topic is that several provinces of United States Of America, several drugs including cannabis are legal with several procedures which has to be followed accordingly for the consumption of such drugs, the outcome of the research is that legalisation may lead many socialist problems and may influence into the students and they may use the drugs. To analyse whether this legalisation of drugs are applicable for the society of India, To analyse whether this legislation influence students and minors more, To analyse whether this legalisation bring problems in the society, To analyse whether this legalisation have positive impacts in the society, To analyse whether this legalisation opens up an new sector in the society. This research is analysed by using the sampling method called ‘simple random sampling’ method. This research is made with a sampling size of 200 responses. The conclusion is although legalising drugs has many positive aspects as India is a country with a larger population which shares 34% of the youth population which may result in this legalisation of such drugs may influence the minors and younger population.

KEYWORDS: Addict, Cannabis, Marijuana, Recreational use, NARCOTICS act, Drug.

INTRODUCTION:
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which is provided to individuals to treat or forestall a sickness or illness. Drugs can likewise be characterised as substances that certain individuals take in view of their lovely impacts, yet which are generally illicit. Assuming drug an individual or creature, you give them a synthetic substance to make them drowsy or oblivious. Chronic drug use has radically expanded in the course of recent years, and has turned into a device for wrongdoing associations and administrations, free and heavily influenced by the central government, used to change illicit drug use into a benefit through the section of innumerable laws against substance addiction. Legitimising drugs in India is anything but really smart, truth be told it is pretty much as awful as the compulsion of medication itself. No judicious man who knows about the impacts of enslavement that is brought about by the utilisation of drugs could at any point be agreeable to the help of authorising something similar. Association Minister of Ladies and Child Development Maneka Gandhi likewise recommended sanctioning maryjane at a gathering of priests, which was looking at the draft bureau note on the National Drug Demand Reduction Policy. However the World Health Organisation has recorded various illnesses related with the utilisation of cannabis, remembering impedance for intellectual working, aviation route injury, bronchitis and lung aggravation, it additionally says that few examinations have shown its remedial impacts to treat illnesses like malignant growth, AIDS, asthma and glaucoma. However, it has called for more exploration to set up its clinical utilisation. In addition, the synthetic part that gives pot the purported high has expanded because of the expansion in Woodstock by practically around 30%. Which implies that the impact that pot gives today is much higher than whatever it used to give during the 60s when it was affirmed to be safe for utilisation. Such drugs can just antagonise and debase the general public. Pot is among the most generally utilise unlawful drugs on the planet with a gauge of 120 million individuals burning-through(Steagall et al.) it in some structure or the other. India finds the utilisation of these drugs since days of yore with a legendary confidence joined to it. It is supposed to be a medication that assists the client with accomplishing (Takakuwa and Schears)“euphoria in the first feeling of the word”. India has praised the utilisation and furthermore burned-through drugs like Charas which is hash, Bhang and Weed for celebrations also. Explanation for THESE LAWS: India has, Under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act made laws with connection to controlling the utilisation of drugs. Drug utilisation might have a wide scope of consequences for the human body and psyche. These impacts might be immediate or circuitous impacts and may be present moment or even long haul impacts. The lethal wellbeing impacts of utilising different drugs had become an incredible general wellbeing concern and this was additionally firmly identified with different wrongdoing in the general public which was the purpose for the control of such drugs in India. The conflict on drugs itself alludes to the deliberate endeavours by state run administrations throughout the last numerous years to forbid and punish drug use, ownership, transportation, deal, and creation. The Indian enactment on drugs was authorised numerous years after the marking of the 1961 show. As needs be, many principles and guidelines to clothing the limitation upon development, creation, deal, buy, ownership, use, utilisation, import, and commodity of opiate drugs and psychotropic substances with the exception of when they are utilised for a logical reason or clinical use were figured out. Immense measure of cash inflow has additionally been made towards the most common way of managing drug use. Now, later every one of the interests into it, assuming the Government of India considers cutting down every one of the strategies and decriminalising or authorising all drugs it would just imply that every one of the endeavours would be pointless. (AIM OF THE RESEARCH: To bring awareness about the legalisation of the drugs.
OBJECTIVES:
To analyse the impact of legalisation of drugs in India.
To analyse how this legislation has effects on students and minors.
To analyse whether this legislation helps to reduce the usage of drugs.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE:
Different locales are authorising weed ownership and use, yet additionally huge scope business creation, conveyance and deal. (Asmussen, Vibeke. “Danish Cannabis Policy in Practice: The Closing of ‘Pusher Street’ and the Cannabis Market in Copenhagen.” Drugs in Society, 2019, pp. 14–27, doi:10.4324/9781315382869-2. 2019) Likely issues with that type of legalisation bring up issues concerning how best to execute a legalisation. This paper examines the interests of the providers and controllers to help lawmakers and electors conclude what overall engineering for legalisation may be. (Benoist, Jean. “Réunion: Cannabis in a Pluricultural and Polyethnic Society.” Cannabis and Culture, 1975, pp. 227–34, doi:10.1515/9783110812060.227) The form is philosophical. banter those over who Political the future strain of and drug from for control the those progression strategy who has to a great extent of medication been laws political has the come and philosophical. (Benoist, Jean and et.al, 1975 Cannabis and Culture, 1975, pp. 227–34, doi:10.1515/9783110812060.227.)Political tension for the advancement of medication laws has come from the individuals who use drugs, and from the people who are thoughtful to the predicament of medication clients. Agenda: (A Journal of Policy Analysis and Reform, 333-344, 2000 PloS One, vol. 16, no. 11, Nov. 2021, p. e0260334.) The rules of sport define a level playing field on which athletes compete. Anti Doping policies exist, in theory, to encourage fair play. However, we believe they are unfounded, dangerous, and excessively costly. (Bengt Kayser, Alexandre,Health, Risk & Society, vol. 16, no. 3, 2014, pp. 210–26, doi:10.1080/13698575.2014.911823. 2005.) Drugs, says therapist Thomas Szasz, have assumed control over the lead job from sex in "the terrific profound quality play of human life." 1 "No more," says Szasz,"are men, ladies, and youngsters enticed, defiled, and demolished by the compellingly sweet delights of sex; all things being equal, they are enticed, tainted, and destroyed by the overpoweringly sweet joys of drugs." (Castro-Granell, Vanessa, et al, 2021) Because managing drugs is considered to be an ethical issue, government officials will more often than not contend in their energy to exile evil from the realm. (Richard Smith BMJ 311 (7021), 1655-1656, 1995. There are no drugs in nature.) There are regular toxic substances, some of which are deadly. The ideas of drug and drug dependence are delivered by socially organized definitions.(Di Nunzio, M., et al, 2021) These definitions depend on culture, history, judgment and standards grounded in an elliptic or unequivocal way of talking. With this reason, embarks for his excursion through the contemporary medication peculiarity, uncovering a combination of revile and gift, a mixture of annihilation and joie de vivre. , (Grayson, Del. Pot and Passion: An Examination of Marijuana in Modern Society. 1968.) Without a doubt, however it is feasible to distinguish the idea of a poisonous substance, it should be perceived that not all harmful substances are defined as drugs. The economic arguments put forth by majority of the states is that decriminalising cannabis would largely reduce costs of maintaining the criminal justice and law enforcement systems.(Duff, Cameron, and Patricia G. Erickson ,2014) Legalising cannabis to allow the cultivation and sale would generate a substantial amount of income from taxing cannabis sale ganja will lead to minimum ten years of imprisonment with a fine extending to one lakh rupees. Also the court has the discretion, based on reasonable justification, to impose a fine exceeding two lakh rupees33. (Grayson, Del. Pot and Passion,
1968) It has been calculated by economists such as Milton Friedman and other Nobel prize winners that marijuana legalisation, replacing prohibition with a system of taxation and regulation. (Huntsman, Richard J., et al. “Improving the Regulation of Medical Cannabis in Canada to Better Serve Pediatric Patients.” CMAJ: Canadian Medical Association Journal = Journal de l’Association Medicale Canadienne, vol. 193, no. 41, Oct. 2021, pp. E1596–99.) It may save $7.7 billion per year in state and federal expenditures on prohibition enforcement and produce tax revenues of at least $2.4 billion annually if marijuana were taxed like most consumer goods. (Cannabis and Cannabinoid Research, vol. 2, no. 1, 2017, pp. 247–51, doi:10.1089/can.2017.29010.kka.)

If, however, marijuana were taxed similarly to alcohol or tobacco, it might generate as much as $6.2 billion annually.45 Other arguments point out that the funds saved from cannabis decriminalisation could be used to enforce laws for other, more serious and violent crimes. (Lyman, Michael D. Drugs in Society: Causes, Concepts, and Control. Routledge, 2016.)

Illegal cultivation of cannabis (Cannabis sativa) is an offence under the NDPS Act. Anyone cultivating cannabis for any purpose other than medical and scientific purposes is liable under Section 20 which states that cultivation or production or sell or purchase ganja will amount to five years of imprisonment with a fine extending to fifty thousand rupees; and for any other forms of cannabis other than (Moffitt, Athol, et al. Drug Precipice: Illicit Drugs, Organised Crime, Fallacies of Legalisation, Worsening Problems, Solutions. University of New South Wales, 1998.) I submit that this section unfairly classifies ganja, charas with bhang. Why is it that if charas and ganja are illegal, bhang is consumed legally on a large scale? Isn’t this discrepancy meant to confuse the citizens of India (Nelson, Julie. Marijuana in Society. 2018.) The government has failed to draw a line between the hardcore dangerous drugs and mild intoxicants. If at all a line should be drawn either the entire categories of cannabis should be prohibited or nothing should be prohibited as this is an unreasonable classification. (Trends in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Nov. 2021, doi:10.7626/2237-6089-2021-0263. Ransing, Ramdas and et.al, 2021 ) Moreover, the use exception granting medical use of cannabis is make-belief provision as it is almost impossible to seek permission for its scientific and medical use. Sinclair , (Justin and Endometriosis-Associated Pelvic Pain and Related Symptoms.” PloS One, vol. 16, no. 10, Oct. 2021, p. e0258940. et.al , 2021 ) The government's strict zero tolerance policy has blinded it from noticing the obvious and made it lose its focus from effectively fulfilling its duties and responsibilities. (Stea gall, Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery, vol. 24, no. 1, Jan. 2022, pp. 4–30.). (Jonathan,Stevenson, Richard. The Economic Case for the Legalisation of Drugs.) have analysed the effect of cannabis main objective is to Various jurisdictions are legalising not just cannabis possession and use, but also large-scale commercial production, distribution and sale. In particular, it suggests banning for-profit companies and/or vested regulatory authority in an agency that views its mission as protecting heavy users from suppliers. (” Cureus, vol. 13, no. 11, Nov. 2021, p. e19641. Routledge, 2014), have analysed that This text offers a major contribution to existing debates and provides an authoritative and much-needed overview of the range of issues associated with drugs-related crime. (The Health and Social Effects of Nonmedical Cannabis Use. World Health Organization, 2016.) have analysed that drugs have more positive aspects. The objective of this research is that legalisation is the way to fire off all the drugs in which have been found and interpreted that There will be no legalisation of any currently controlled drugs.” But some legislation would help to reduce the usage of them so here by concluding that legislation is a way to reduce drug usage. (Philip, Medical Cannabis and Cannabinoids, vol. 4, no. 1, June 2021, pp. 1–12.) the author analysed that Those who support legislation argue that the problem is prohibition and that legalisation will solve all the problems, such as crime, ill-health, and so on
and doctrinal study has been used in this research and it has been found that most of the people hold up to legalise the drugs and it have been concluded that legalisation of have many positive effects.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:
This research is an empirical research done by the author. The author visited public places such as bus stands in order to take some surveys to analyse this topic. This research is analysed by using the sampling method called ‘simple random sampling’ method. This research is made with a sampling size of 200 responses. The independent variables which are used in this research analysis are age, gender, occupation, educational qualification. The dependent variables which are used in this research analysis are: whether the legalisation of drugs has positive effects on society? Does the legalisation of drugs have an influence on minors and students.

ANALYSIS

![Figure 1: Legend](image1)

**Legend** This figure shows that on the scale of 1-10 how much do you support legalisation of marijuana in the society which is compared with age.

![Figure 2](image2)
LEGEND  This figure shows how much you agree legalisation of marijuana is the way of increasing the usage of drugs among society which is compared with age.

**FIGURE 3**

LEGEND  This figure shows whether legalisation of marijuana will affect the younger generation which is compared with age.

**FIGURE 4**

LEGEND  This figure shows what can be done in order to control the usage of marijuana in actions of its legislation which is compared with age.
FIGURE 5

This figure shows on the scale of 1-10 how much do you support legalisation of marijuana in the society which is compared with gender.

FIGURE 6

This figure shows how much people agree that legalisation of marijuana is the way of increasing the usage of drugs among society which is compared with gender.
FIGURE 7

What can be done in order to control the usage of marijuana in actions of its legalisation.

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FIGURE 8

Do you think legalisation of marijuana will affect the younger generation.

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RESULT
RESULT 1 The result of the survey shows that respondents of age group 41-50, 20% have rated 1 and respondents of age group 21-30, 5% have rated 2 and respondents of age group 31-40, 15% have rated 1 regarding the legalisation of marijuana in the society.

RESULT 2 The result of the survey shows that respondents of age group 41-50, 30% answered agree and respondents of age group 21-30, 10% have answered neutral and respondents of age group 31-40, 10% answered agree and respondents of age group 51 and above 15% answered agree that legalisation of marijuana is the way of increasing the usage of drugs among society.

RESULT 3 The result of the survey shows that respondents of age group 41-50, 50% answered yes and respondents of age group 31-40, 10% answered maybe and respondents of age group 21-30, 5% answered yes and respondents of age group 51 and above 20% answered yes that legalisation of marijuana will affect the younger generation.

RESULT 4 The result of the survey shows that respondents of age group 41-50, 20% answered maintenance of records and respondents of age group 31-40, 10% answered limit supply per individuals and respondents of age group 21-30, 5% answered maintenance of records and respondents of age group 51 and above, 10% answered authorised supplier can be done to control the usage of marijuana in actions of its legalisation.

RESULT 5 The result of the survey shows that male respondents 30% rated 10 and female respondents 5% rated 6 support legalisation of marijuana in the society.

RESULT 6 The result of the survey shows that respondents male respondents 50% answered agree and female respondents 10% strongly agree that legalisation of marijuana is the way of increasing the usage of drugs among society.

RESULT 7 The result of the survey shows that male respondents 10% answered maintenance of records and female respondents 30% answered proper inspections in authorised sectors.

RESULT 8 The result of the survey shows that female respondents 10% answered no and male respondents 60% answered yes that legalisation of marijuana will affect the younger generation.

DISCUSSION
RESULT 1 The result of the survey shows that respondents of age group 41-50, 20% have rated 1 and respondents of age group 21-30, 5% have rated 2 and respondents of age group 31-40, 15% have rated 1 regarding the legalisation of marijuana in the society. So it is found that people do not support the legalisation of marijuana in the society people view that if drugs are legalised youngsters would be more influenced to use them because of the bad elements in the society in which they are living.

RESULT 2 The result of the survey shows that respondents of age group 41-50, 30% answered agree and respondents of age group 21-30, 10% have answered neutral and respondents of age group 31-40, 10% answered agree and respondents of age group 51 and above 15% answered agree that legalisation of marijuana is the way of increasing the usage of drugs among society. So it is found that people agree that legalisation of marijuana would increase the usage of drugs in the society as legalisation spurs use of marijuana it would be a new strategical tool to reduce crimes only when effective regulatory laws has been brought with specific legislation.

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affect the younger generation. People view that legalisation spurs marijuana and other drug or alcohol use, and would increase the number of children using drugs.

**RESULT 4** The result of the survey shows that respondents of age group 41-50, 20% answered maintenance of records and respondents of age group 31-40, 10% answered limit supply per individuals and respondents of age group 21-30, 5% answered maintenance of records and respondents of age group 51 and above, 10% answered authorised supplier can be done to control the usage of marijuana in actions of its legalisation. People view that if the government has control over the production and distribution of marijuana in order to control the usage of marijuana in actions of its legalisation people answered maintenance of records limiting supply per individual would be efficient to control the usage of drugs.

**RESULT 5** The result of the survey shows that male respondents 30% rated 10 and female respondents 5% rated 6 support legalisation of marijuana in the society. So it is found that women aren’t as likely to smoke marijuana on a daily basis as men and marijuana affects women who are pregnant so women mostly don’t support legalisation of marijuana in the society.

**RESULT 6** The result of the survey shows that respondents male respondents 50% answered agree and female respondents 10% strongly agree that legalisation of marijuana is the way of increasing the usage of drugs among society. So people answered agree that legalisation would increase the usage of drugs in the society, potential consequences may include high addiction rates, spikes in traffic accidents and reduction in IQ level if the usage of marijuana is increased in society.

**RESULT 7** The result of the survey shows that male respondents 10% answered maintenance of records and female respondents 30% answered proper inspections in authorised sectors. People view that if the government has control over the production and distribution of marijuana in order to control the usage of marijuana in actions of its legalisation people answered maintenance of records, proper inspection in authorised sectors would be efficient to control the usage of drugs.

**RESULT 8** The result of the survey shows that female respondents 10% answered no and male respondents 60% answered yes that legalisation of marijuana will affect the younger generation. So male respondents view legalisation reduces crimes and raise tax revenues, lowers criminal justice and stimulates the economy whereas female respondents feel that legalisation spurs marijuana and other drug or alcohol use which would lower teens educational achievements and would increase the number of children using drugs.

**LIMITATION**

The major limitations of the study is the sample frame and the places where it is restricted. The sample frame of my research is 200 samples and the mode that is restricted to my research is the convenient sampling method.

**SUGGESTION**

According to the findings of this paper I suggest that there are large number of positive impacts on the legalisation of drugs for example as our society have defeated in the war of getting rid of the drugs we have to find a new strategy and way to get rid of this usage of trust and to reduce the usage of drugs so that this legalisation may bring lot of regulatory laws for the usage of drugs so this regulatory laws may reduce the usage of drugs among the society but this specific legislation they also have some negative impacts of these negative impacts may be reduced by bringing up effective regulatory laws into our society.
CONCLUSION

The legitimization of drugs is a dubious and an extremely different issue that has been around for some time now. There are numerous prominent characters inside and outside the political circle who support the legitimization of drugs and comparably an enormous gathering against it. The utilisation of drugs has asserted enormous measures of lives up to this point and the conflict against drugs has likewise found a sense of peace with the way that it has scarcely turned out to be useful. It is an overall saying that “people created BEER before BREAD” this might be a result of the way that the human body and psyche responds in a particular way when it interacts with synthetic synthesis found in normal plants. Legitimization of the utilisation of such drugs which were broadly utilised in the days of yore and are declared to be extremely helpful by our precursors is put on banter. There have been elective contemplations for authorising drugs because of the disappointment of the conflict on drugs, for example, Decriminalisation: The evacuation of criminal approvals for minor drug offences. Depenalization: The maintenance of drug offences as a wrongdoing however with optional requirements dependent on commonsense contemplations and local area needs. The suggestion made by me here is although legalising drugs have many positive aspects as india is an country with larger population which shares 34 % of youth population which may result in this legalisation of such drugs may influence the minors and younger population which may bring lots and lot of socialistic problems which may increase the crime rate too so my suggestion is to there should be procedural legislation which has to be made for such consumption of drugs and many supervision committees should be helded for such buying and selling of such drugs.

REFERENCE


PLAGIARISM REPORT
REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Difficult situations involving breach of confidentiality and trust, and additionally huge scope business creation, compromising arid death, pharmacists, Velmus and others, (2018) likely better warn that type of legislation firms on laws concerning how best to execute a legalisation. The idea of maintaining the integrity of the pharmacist, however, raises concerns. The dangers of manual and other automatic process records may be significant. Hence, Journal of Health Economics and Development (10), 378-39 (2013) from these two perspectives. There is reason to believe that this progression strategy has to a great extent of medication been too political has the come and prompted political rhetoric, (2018, and others 2018). Political pressures for the advancement of medication laws were a major factor in 2014, leading to a significant increase in the use of medications to 140 billion in 2014. In such a situation, the challenge is to determine whether it is more cost-effective to depersonalize the physician-patient relationship or to use the information it has collected in the vital role it should play in the relationship.

These deficiencies depend on culture, patience, judgment and standards are grounded in an implicit or explicit system of ethical values. While contemporary medicine is characterized by a broad range of ethical values, such as respect for autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice, these ethical values are often in conflict and must be weighed against competing interests. The challenge is to develop a system of values that respects the ethical values of all stakeholders while ensuring that the system is fair and just. The system should be based on principles of ethical values, such as respect for autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice, and should be designed to ensure that all patients receive appropriate care. The system should also be designed to ensure that all stakeholders are treated fairly and justly.

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CONCLUSION

The legalization of drugs is a complex and extremely different issue that has been around for some time now. There are numerous prominent characters inside and outside the political circles who support the legalization of drugs and are in favor of working to reduce the usage of drugs among the society. However, there are some who believe that legalization would only lead to increased usage and harm to the society. In conclusion, the legalization of drugs is a complex issue that requires careful consideration and the development of effective regulatory laws to ensure that the usage of drugs is reduced and the health of the society is protected.