



Drug Legalization

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Background

The issue of drug regulation has been going on for some time and still continues. What should the regulation be on drugs? Should some be regulated, unregulated, or prohibited? For our survey we wanted to know what UVU students thought about these important issues since they, as the rising generation, will be the ones dealing with and voting on these issues.



Things to take note of:

106 Participants

17 Questions

Average Age: 24

Majority: Female

1 Tiger



Q17_3_TEXT - Other

Other

I'm a tiger

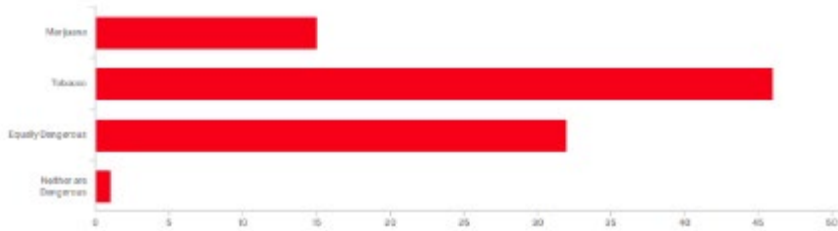
Marijuana, Tobacco and Alcohol

The question of whether or not marijuana should be legalized has been at the forefront of public opinion and government for the last decade. Because of this conflict of opinions, this was a main focus for our survey.



Marijuana vs. Tobacco

Q5 - Would you consider the use of Tobacco, or Marijuana, to be more dangerous



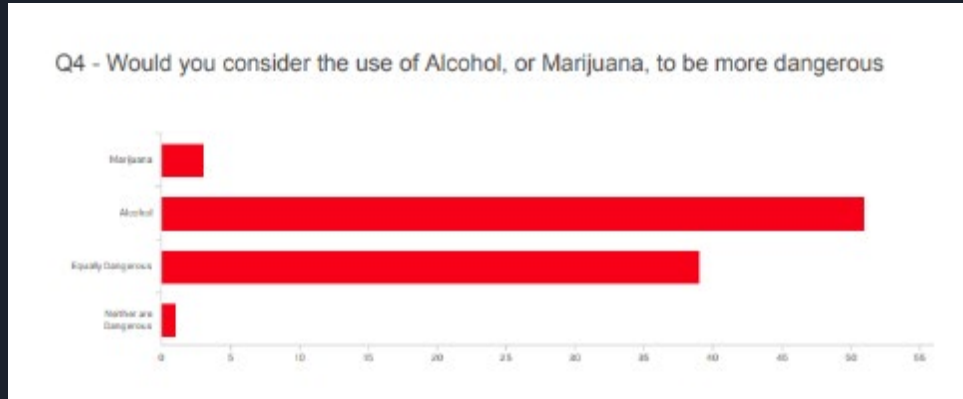
Tobacco is a legalized drug in every state. It is regulated at the federal level (FDA), while it is taxed federally and by state. The age restrictions varies by state, with 16 being the youngest legal age, and 19 the oldest.

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Marijuana vs. Alcohol

Alcohol is a legalized drug in every state. It is regulated at the federal level (BATF), while it is taxed federally and by state. The age restriction is 21 in every state.

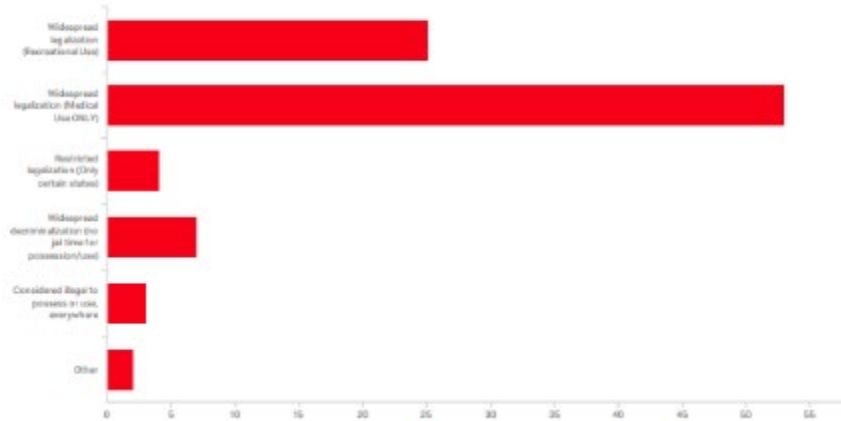
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Opinion on Marijuana Legalization

Q3 - Regarding the Legalization/Decriminalization of Marijuana, which option do you

most support?



Majority Vote: Widespread Legalization for Medical Use ONLY

Second: Widespread Legalization of Marijuana

Small Minority: Considered to be Illegal to Possess/Use Everywhere

Marijuana's Impact on Society

Pretty Even Distribution

Majority Vote: Positives outweigh the negative

Second: Equal positive and negative impact

Small Minority: No negative impact on society

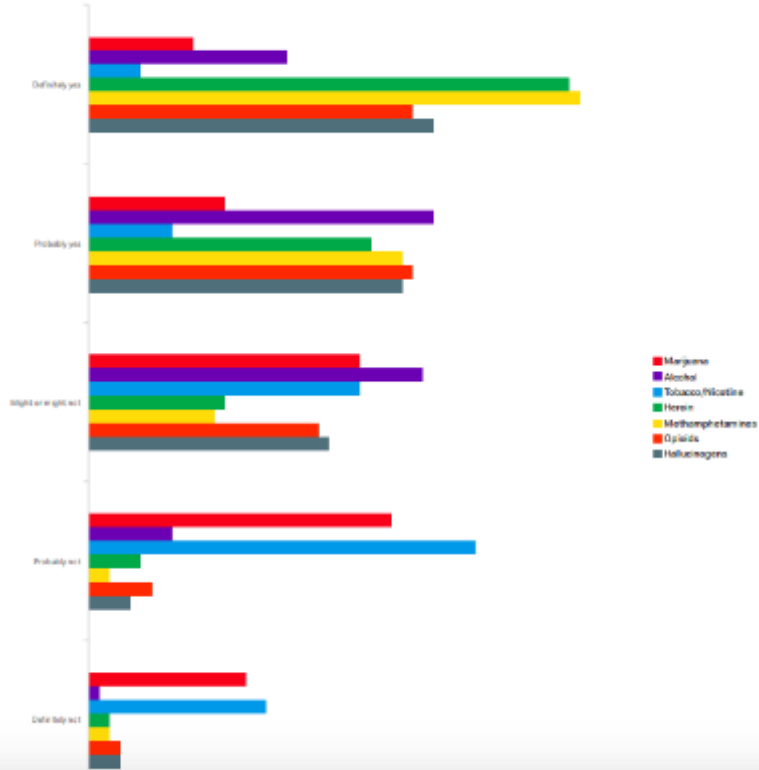
Q7 - If legalized, do you think that the legal use of marijuana would negatively impact

society/the community?

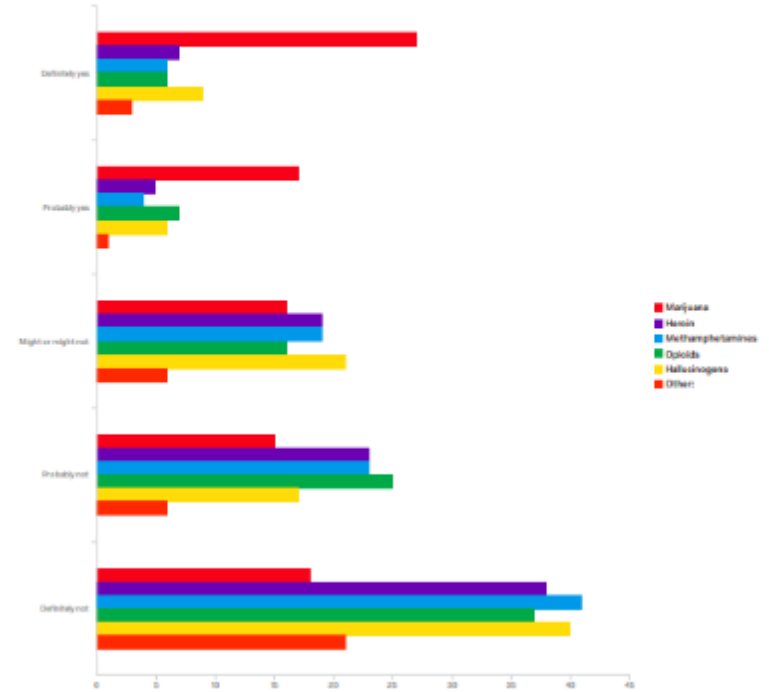


Effect on Criminal Activity

Q10 - What drugs do you think may make someone more likely to commit crime?

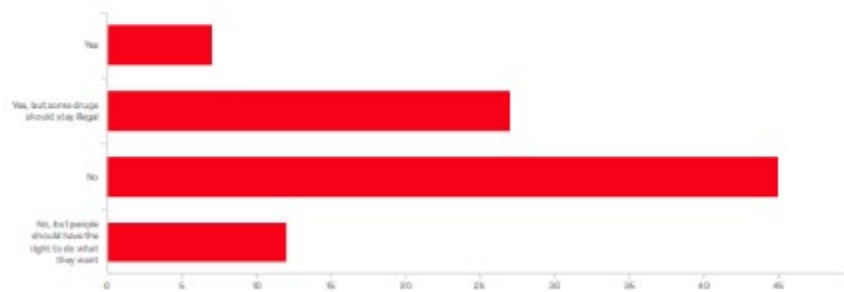


Q9 - IF LEGALIZED, are there any illicit drugs you think would result in a decrease in crime committed?



Blanket Drug Legalization

Q15 - Do you think that the legalization of all drugs would result in better overall human life in society?



Majority Vote: No (Half)

Second: Yes, but some drugs should stay illegal

Third: No, but people should be able to do what they want

Small Minority: Yes



Based on this survey...

About 95% thought that alcohol was either more dangerous or equally as dangerous as marijuana.

About 80% thought that tobacco was either more dangerous or equally as dangerous as marijuana.

About 25% supported the legal recreational use of marijuana with another 50% supporting legalization for medical use only.

44% leaned towards legalizing marijuana decreasing crime rates and 33% leaned towards legalizing marijuana not decreasing crime rates. The rest were unsure.

About 28% said that in legalizing marijuana there would be more positive outcomes than negative. About 27% said the outcome would be equally positive and negative. About 23% said that there would be some positive outcomes but majority would be negative.

About 45% said that legalizing all drugs would not result in better overall human life and society with 6% saying it would. About 26% said it would be better but some drugs would have to remain illegal and about 12% said that it would not result in a better life but that people have the right to do what they want.