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Hi Maxine,

A political science professor at Amherst began his course asking us what the definition of a law was. After hearing our answers he said "a law is only that which can be enforced." We have a situation today which is much like liquor prohibition in the early part of the last century. Today, it is easier for a teenager to buy an ounce of Cannabis than to buy a six pack of beer. Today, we have no control of the amount of TCP in the product or what else the seller is trying to "upsell." There is no evidence to show that excess use of Cannabis is more damaging than alcohol to an adult. Excessive sugar is likely worse than both.

There is, however, sufficient evidence that alcohol, Cannabis and other drugs can retard the development of a juvenile brain and yet more alcohol and Cannabis are extensively used by youths under the age of 21.

The argument that law officials can not tell who is "stoned" is not a good reason not to legalize Cannabis. Anyone who has been around a Cannabis user knows if they are impaired.

In my opinion, it would be far better to legalize and control the production and sale of Cannabis and like alcohol to make it legal for sale to only those 21 years of age and older. And in conjunction with this to pass stricter felony laws for the sale of either alcohol or Cannabis to one under the age of 21.

Today's situation in my opinion is far worse than what could be with the thoughtful legalization for adults.

Finally, it is very likely that our neighboring States will legalize Cannabis in the near future, and this is the case where being a first mover should be beneficial to Vermont.

Just some thoughts before putting on my skis.

All the best,

Win