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Mayor, the Other Side...How many incremental Pot related fatal crashes among the 28Million California Drivers are OK as long as we Legalize Pot For Pleasure, and Money for Government , Pot Shop and Pot Smocking Parlors ? Larry Boland

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As I read the PT Editors Endorsement for legalizing Marijuana ,Prop 64, it appeared to me that if you inserted the word **Cocaine**, where the word **Marijuana** appeared, one could come to the conclusions to Support , Legalize, Decriminalize and Control the Sale and Distribution of **Cocaine**, or for that matter, almost any other Popular Drug with Growing Demand! The editors correctly pointed out that the war on Drugs and Marijuana has been a " *Costly and, failed experiment that lies in the face of the Growing **demand** for the Substance .* " (Marijuana) So, are the Editors suggesting that the solution to the growing **demand** for Cocaine, Oxycontin , Meth, Heroin...is to Regulate, Control and Decriminalize it ??? Yes, the failed War on illegal Drugs allows the Mexican Cartels to export over \$ 30 Billion of ill eagle Drugs into the U.S. each year, that Americans DEMAND ! So ,because Americans Demand and consume Billions and Billions of Dollars of illegal drugs, it is in the best interest o f our society to give into their demands for POT pleasure ! In the mid 1800s, The British brought Chinas' 6000 year old civilization to it's knees

by meeting Chinese popular Demand for Opium ! Demand based Legalization of any Controlled substance is beyond a Bad Idea!

The Editor's stated that Marijuana is " **Less Harmful than Alcohol**. That is True, Marijuana is less Harmful, and addictive than Alcohol. What the Editors failed to do was to Quantify their statement , and tell you that about 15% of Alcohol drinkers become addicted , and about 10% of Marijuana users become addicted. According to the US CDC, Excessive Drinking by the 15% of alcohol abusers costs the U. S. economy about \$225 Billion per year ! Couldn't find the Marijuana number.

The Editors also stated in their Endorsement that personal use of Marijuana is Victimless . Tell that to the Families and friends who have to deal with the hidden pain and suffering of a love one who succumbed to the ravages of Marijuana Addiction.....Lost job, Health, Marriage, the same devastation we have all seen in friends or family addicted to Alcohol ! One universal truth about Marijuana addiction..... it makes you super lazy, robs you of that Zest for life that fuels our being the Best we can be ! Is that OK with the PT Editors ?

Victimless.....finally, the deadly consequences of Driving under the influence of Marijuana is raising it's ugly head. Washington DC, May 2016.....A recent study conducted by the AAA Foundation, shows that between 2013 and 2014," The percentage of drivers involved in fatal crashes who had recently used Marijuana more than doubled from 8 to 17 %,! One study conclusion, " Legal Limits for driving and Marijuana are Meaningless" University of Colorado researchers found that drivers involved in fatal crashes who tested positive for Marijuana has risen to 10%, up from 5.8% from 2009 to 2011.

Consider this, Colorado has 3.8 Million Drivers, California has 24.8 Million Drivers. Do the Dead People Math!.....Can you imagine the Highway carnage that will occur by the time the California Legislature wakes up to make adjustments to the Law?

PT Editors , how many body bags do we have to fill with Victims of fatal crashes involving Marijuana to convince you to drop your Endorsement for Victimless Pot for Pleasure.

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