

"Just Say No": A Comparative Analysis of the perspectives of Marijuana Users in Japan and California

Disclaimer:

This survey and the following questions are intended for people who have native knowledge of America, HAVE used marijuana, and are willing to share their experiences and perspectives. The responses collected will remain anonymous and confidential.

We are Shannon Liuag, Tyrus Torres, and William Wolfkiel from the California State University Monterey Bay. The purpose of our study is to learn about contemporary perspectives in Japan and America regarding Marijuana usage to understand the culture of opposition towards marijuana usage and its effects on society.

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1. 1) Gender *

Mark only one oval.

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say
- Other: _____

2. 2) Age *

3. Nationality

Mark only one oval.

- American
- Other: _____

4. 3) How old were you when you first started using marijuana? *

Mark only one oval.

- 13 years and under
- 14 - 17 years
- 18 - 21 years
- 21 - 29 years
- 30 - 40 years
- 40 years and over

5. 4) How many times in your life have you used marijuana? **Mark only one oval.*

- Once
- 2 - 9 times
- 10 - 19 times
- 20 - 99 times
- 100 times and over

6. 5) How often do you currently use marijuana? **Mark only one oval.*

- Daily
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- Rarely
- Never
- Prefer not to say
- Other: _____

7. 6) Why do you use marijuana? (check all that apply) **Check all that apply.*

- Recreation
- Better sleep
- Pain relief
- Improved mental health
- Stress and anxiety relief
- Medical reasons
- To look cool
- Peer Pressure
- Other: _____

8. 7) At what age did you first learn about marijuana? **Mark only one oval.*

- 9 years and under
- 10 - 13 years
- 14 - 17 years
- 18 years and over

9. 8) When were you taught about marijuana in school? (Check all that apply) *

Check all that apply.

- Elementary
- Middle school
- High school
- College
- Never

10. 9) How helpful was the education you received in school regarding marijuana? *

Mark only one oval.

- Very helpful
- Helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Somewhat unhelpful
- Not helpful

11. 10) How reliable was the education you received in school regarding marijuana? *

Mark only one oval.

- Very reliable
- Reliable
- Somewhat reliable
- Somewhat unreliable
- Not reliable

12. 11) What was covered in your education in school regarding marijuana? (check all that apply)

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Check all that apply.

- Legislation on marijuana
- History of cannabis
- Biological science of marijuana
- Positive health effects
- Negative health effects
- Dangers or risks of using marijuana
- Nothing
- Other: _____

13. 12) Did you learn about marijuana from the following sources? (check all that apply) **Check all that apply.*

- Family
- Friends
- Internet (Social media networks, blogs, forums)
- Media or News
- Community organizations (church, boy scouts)
- None of the above
- Other: _____

14. 13) Did you learn about any of the following things concerning marijuana outside of school?*Check all that apply.*

- Legislation on marijuana
- History of cannabis
- Biological science of marijuana
- Positive health effects
- Negative health effects
- Dangers or risks of using
- Nothing

15. 14) Where did you learn MOST of your knowledge concerning marijuana from? **Mark only one oval.*

- School
- Family
- Friends
- Internet (Social media networks, blogs, forums)
- Media or News
- Community organizations (church, boy scouts)
- Other: _____

16. 15) Are any of the following people aware that you have used marijuana? (check all that apply)

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Check all that apply.

- Friends
- Siblings
- Parents
- Extended family
- Past or current significant other
- Employers
- Coworkers
- School or professors
- Doctors
- None of the above
- Other: _____

17. 16) From your experience, how accurate are these positive effects from using marijuana? *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Extremely accurate	Accurate	Somewhat accurate	Somewhat inaccurate	Not accurate at all
Pain relief	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stress and anxiety relief	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved sleep	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved mental health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alleviated addiction of other substances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alleviated chronic symptoms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alleviated eating disorder	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhanced creativity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. 16) From your experience, how accurate are these negative side effects from using marijuana? *

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Mark only one oval per row.

	Very accurate	Accurate	Somewhat accurate	Somewhat inaccurate	Not accurate at all
Short-term memory loss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anxiety or paranoia	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Psychosis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hallucinations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Slower reaction time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coordination loss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lung damage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Addiction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. 18) Have you ever experienced any of the following social impacts because marijuana?(check all that apply) *

Check all that apply.

- Performed poorly in school or at work
- Been ostracized by coworkers or peers
- Lost a relationship (friends, family, significant other, etc...)
- Been fired
- Been suspended or expelled from school
- Been prevented employment
- Faced legal repercussions
- Been incarcerated
- None of the above
- Other: _____

20. 19) In your country, how prevalent are the stereotypes below concerning marijuana users? *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Very prevalent	Prevalent	Somewhat prevalent	Not very prevalent	Not prevalent at all
Cool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easy going	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Liberal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mature	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rebellious	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lazy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dumb	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Degenerate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dangerous	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. 20) Why do you believe marijuana was originally made ILLEGAL? *

Thank you for taking the time to take our survey!
