In our government there are many problems that cause our government to go down hill and creates many issues. Many of our governmental issues causes our country to go in debt, war, and even can kill. Out of all of the governmental issues one issue that effects our government the most is marijuana and its addictions. Marijuana is not only bad because its illegal but it also cause issues in the long run for example memory lost, damage to the brain, start to other drugs, and many more.

There are many problems in our government that cause us distress for example our economic down fall, oil in the mid east, and even drugs. Drugs have a big factor not just in the United States but also around the world. Statistics say that 39.8 percent of Americans ages 12 and up has tried marijuana at least once. Marijuana is more famous at ages 16-25 mostly high school and college. 30.2 percent of college students had used marijuana at least once through out the year 2010. From 2006 the statistics of marijuana use for eighth graders has drop from 15.7 percent to 2007 14 percent and for twelfth graders the uses on marijuana has risen from 18.3 percent to 20.5 percent.

Marijuana is illegal because of the many problems it causes. Governmental views on marijuana is the damages it causes on the body like brain damage, damage to the brain and its cells, the heart, immune system and the lungs. Marijuana has proven that it impairs with peoples learning affects memory their perception on things and even their judgment. Marijuana has proven to cause problems to the lungs making it very to breath and later causing cancer. It has been proven that smoking 3-4 joints a day is equal to 20 cigarettes, which will destroy the immune system. After smoking marijuana couple minutes later it causes the heart to beat more rapidly and blood pressure drops. The heart rate increases from 20-50 beats per minute. Marijuana also damages the immune system, which makes you more prone to other deadly health problems such as infections and even tumors.

Marijuana is also the start to other drugs and is a gateway drug. Smoking marijuana a lot becomes an obsession and something people depend on. When you get use to smoking weed you want to explore and try other bigger “Highs”. For example cocaine, meth, heroin, pills and other threating “harder” drugs. In 2010 statics on marijuana users 39.8% of smokers in the state of California have transferred to other “harder” drugs such as cocaine and LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide).

Marijuana has been proven to be addicting and something that will take over ones life. Marijuana is very addicting because of a little chemical inside marijuana called tetrahydrocannabinol also known as THC. People are really prone to chemicals so once addicted to marijuana/THC your body starts to rely on it more, which makes you wanting to smoke more and more. Some smokers mix marijuana with tobacco called a “spliff”. When you mix these two ingredients it doesn’t just make it unhealthy but it also makes it very addicting. Marijuana having “THC” and having tobacco, which is mixed with nicotine, makes smoking a “spliff” enjoyable to some but ten times more addicting to all.

Marijuana is something I’ve seen and been around. I see all the bad affects that happen to these people and what happens to them in the long run. When I was little and going to elementary I was thought that drugs was bad and what it can do to you. All those D.A.R.E. programs and those commercials really made me believe that drugs are bad. Growing up in Ewa Beach drugs was a big factor of my childhood. Marijuana was all around me. I had my best friends kicked out of St.Louis because of use of drugs more specifically marijuana. Now that they all go to public schools such as Campbell, Kapolei, and Waianae I see all the down falls coming along with the uses of marijuana. I see them go on to harder drugs such as “crack” and even “acid”. I see how drugs affect their relationship with others and even with their own family. All these drugs also lead to other illegal things such as stealing. When drug users runs out of money they have the need to steal and and sell stolen goods in order to keep up with their addictions.

In conclusion in this bad government there are many issues but one problem I feel that is destroying our government and is causing governmental issues is drug abuse but more specifically marijuana abuse. Marijuana is illegal because of its many issues that comes with smoking. For example the health issues it causes to the heart, the brain, the lungs, etc. also the other drugs it leads to like cocaine, meth, and heroin. It also leads to stealing and affects relationships with families and others.

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