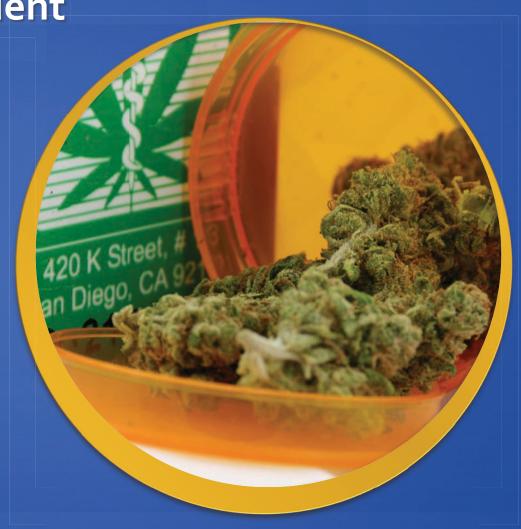
Medical Marijuana, Decriminalization and the College Student

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## More than just medical use



## What is the legal environment?

- Changing
  - More states adding medical use
  - Two states with legal non-medical use
  - Substantial Federal crackdown on dispensaries
  - Gradual acceptance of medical benefits
  - Possible Federal legislation freeing states
- Staying the same
  - Drug Free Schools and Community Act

## **Already Decriminalized**

California Example – An 18 Year Old

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## Motivation for "Card" persists





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#### What do you think of the pot scene in California?

ADAM: It's great.

KYLE: I just got my card, and I'm pretty amped about it. I feel like I just unlocked the treasures of Los Angeles.

ADAM: I need to get mine. I don't know why I haven't.

Kyle: It's just the most amazing thing in the world to go into a fucking store and buy weed with your debit card. I was like ... I couldn't believe it.

ADAM: I actually got caught with por a few years ago, me and Blake. And so I had to do 10 Marijuana Anonymous classes, and I went to these

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# Varying Medical Marijuana Controls



#### **Spectrum of controls**

- California does not require patient registration, list of conditions based upon physician judgment.
- Arizona's new law more specific list of conditions, and requires patient registration.



## Pick your condition



## Conditions That Can Be Treated By Medical Marijuana

**Bipolar Disorder** Autism/Aspergers **Anxiety Disorder** Panic Disorder Agoraphobla **Genital Herpes** Herpetic infection **AIDS Related Illness** Post W.E. Ecnephalitis **Chemotherapy Convales** Shingles (Herpes Zoster) **Radiation Therapy** Viral B Hepatitis, chronic Viral C Hepatitis, chronic Other arthropod borne dis Lyme Disease **Reiters Syndrome** Post Polio Syndrome **Malignant Melanoma** Other Skin Cancer **Prostate Cancer Testicular Cancer Adrenal Cortical Cancer** Brain malignant tumor Glioblastoma Multiforme Cancer, site unspecified Lympho & reticular ca Myeloid leukemia **Uterine** cancer Lymphoma **Graves Disease** Acquired hypothyroidsm **Thyroiditis Diabetes Adult Onset** Diabetes Insulin Depend. Diabetes Adult Ons Unctrl **Diabetic Renal Disease Diabetic Ophthalmic Dis Diabetic Neuropathy** Diabetic PeripheralVascD

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**Tension Headache** 

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Hepatitis-non-viral **Pancreatitis** Nephritis/nephropathy Ureter spasm calculus Urethritis/Cystitis Prostatitis **Epididymitis** Testicular torsion Pelvic Inflammatory Dis Endometriosis **Premenstrual Syndrome** Paln, Vaginal Menopausal syndrome Sturge-Weber Disease Eczema Pemphigus **Epidermolysis Bullosa Erythma Multiforma** Rosacea **Psoriatic Arthritis Psoriasis** Pruritus, pruritic **Atrophy Blanche** Alopecia Lupus Scleroderma Dermatomyositis Eosinophilia-Myalgia Syn. Arthritis, Rheumatold Felty's Syndrome Arthritis, Degenerative Arthritis, post traumatic Arthropathy, Degenerat Patellar chondromalacia Ankylosis Multiple joints pain Intervertebral Disk Diseas L-S disk dis sciatic N irrit IVDD Cerv w Myelopathy Cervical Disk Disease Cervicobrachial Syndrome **Lumbosacral Back Diseas** Spinal Stenosis Lower Back Pain Peripheral enthesopathles Tenosynovitis **Dupuytens Contracture** 

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## Infant's Relief



Visit Brian's Page of Antique Weirdness http://www.teleport.com/~gumball/weird.html

### The Medical User

- Reinarman et al (2011) –
   Survey of patients at medical marijuana assessment clinics.
  - Mostly male, white, 44 and under.
  - 27.1% had some college
  - Overrepresentation of Males
     African Americans, Native
     Americans, and Employed

- Therapeutic Goals
  - Pain 82.6%
  - Improve sleep 70.7%
  - Relaxation 55.1%
  - Muscle Spasms 41.1%
  - Headaches 40.7%
  - Anxiety 37.8%
  - Appetite 37.7%
  - Nausea 27.7%
- Top Three Diagnostic Codes:
  - Back/spine/neck pain
  - Sleep disorders
  - Anxiety/Depression

### The Student Medical User

- Survey of 729 undergraduates
  - 4.8% report some doctor recommended use of marijuana in past 12 months
  - 3.5% report having a current valid recommendation

#### Past 12 Month Marijuana Smokers

- 11.4% have valid recommendation
- 33.3% 50+ smokers have valid recommendation

#### **Card Holders**

- 94.2% have had card for 3 or fewer years
- Of 19 students who reported medical reasons:
  - 86.9% for anxiety, PTSD, depression, insomnia or ADD
  - 50% Pain management or nausea
- 50% purchase marijuana weekly, 66.7% report smoking before noon, and 84.8% smoke daily or almost daily.
- 24% used alcohol currently with their marijuana the last time they smoked.
- 58.9% drove while under the influence of marijuana in the past month
- 60.8% began using marijuana at age 16 or younger.

# Indirect Measure: Analysis of National Ads

- Sampled 100 of 335 ads placed in major weekly newspapers from all states with medical marijuana laws as of June 2010.
- Coded them using a variety of methods: Trained coders and Amazon Mechanical Turk
- Found three main themes:
  - Traditional medicine (15.6%)
  - Holistic/alternative medicine (30.8%)
  - Counterculture/recreation (16.8%)
  - Mixed (36.8%)
- Varies substantially by state.

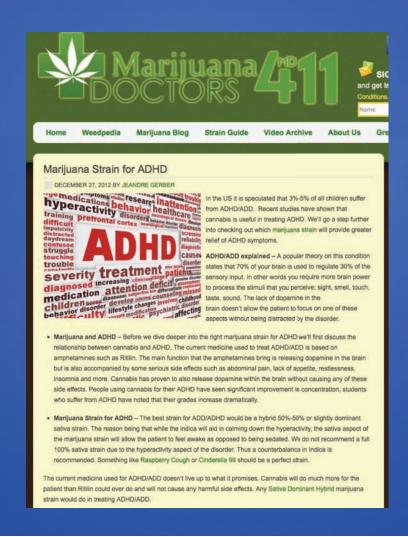
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# Not just newspaper ads



# Changing Environment: Advertising

#### Crackdown effects

- Dispensaries are just about gone
- Ads for Delivery Service persist
- Physician ads persist

#### **Persisting questions**

- College newspaper perspectives
- Are these ads reflective, persuasive, neither or both

### Standardization: Medical

"Cannabis as an herbal medicine poses serious challenges to modern medicine, which operates according to the 'single compound, single target' paradigm of pharmacology" (p. 660).

- Hazekamp, A., & Fischedick, J. T. (2012). Cannabis - from cultivar to chemovar. *Drug Testing and Analysis*, 4(7-8), 660–667

# Hear about this one?: Myths on Campus



## It looks like good science:

#### But it's not!

estimating a model that includes both state and year fixed effects. Specifically, the baseline estimating equation is:

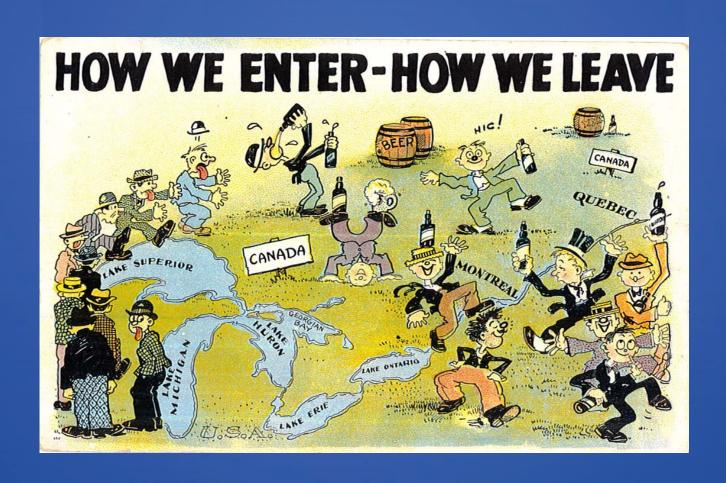
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$$\ln(Fatalities\ Total_{st}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 MML_{st} + X_{st}\beta_2 + v_s + w_t + \varepsilon_{st},$$

where s indexes states and t indexes years.<sup>21</sup> The variable  $MML_{st}$  indicates whether a MML was in effect in state s and year t, and  $\beta_l$ , the coefficient of interest, represents the marginal effect of legalizing medical marijuana. In alternative specifications we replace  $Fatalities\ Total_{st}$  with the remaining dependent variables listed in Table 5.

# Roadside Breath and Saliva Survey of Weekend Drivers in CA (N=1,314)

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#### Standardization: Border Towns



### Questions that arise

#### Research issues

- Definitions of medical vs. recreational use: The Viagra problem
- Determining "legitimate" recommendations.
- Mixed use

#### **Campus Policy**

- Court decisions can change compliance requirements:
  - ADA type concerns
  - Legislative actions both federal and state
  - NCAA testing