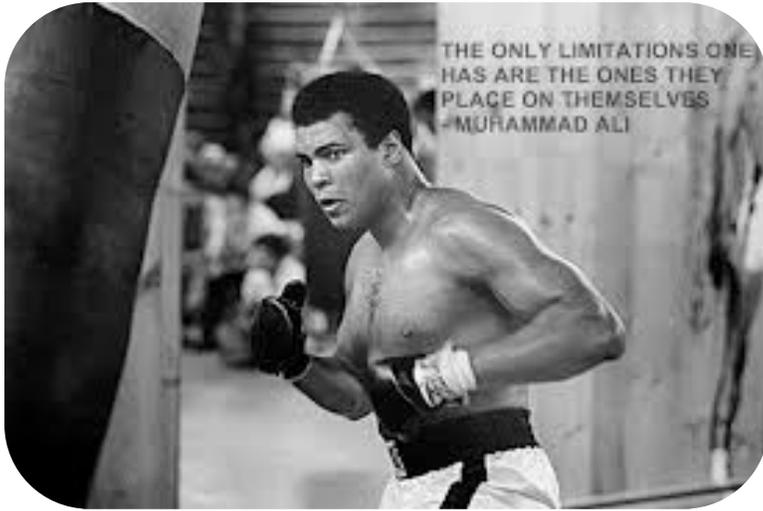


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“Don’t take advantage of it”



“Marijuana should be legal because it would stop drug wars, in Mexico and the U.S. It also would stop getting people arrested for having a joint. Marijuana being legal cartels, drug dealers would stop serving the drug because a pharmacy would sell it. People would find it more safer to get it off a pharmacy then off the streets. It would be more cheaper too. A lot of people would stop getting jail time just because a joint. Jail would be more empty and less people would have criminal records.”

“My message and advice is marijuana can help out a lot with all types of people problems this shouldn’t be called an drug to me, it should be called an med if it was up to me but everytime I smoke this street product it makes me focus on what even um dealing with people saws it make you rob or kill but that’s a lie. That reason why they probably rob is because they want to try robbing or they good at it, and they go kill is because they befein and befein means having dangerous war with an different gang of enemy’s.”

“I think they should legalize marijuana because it would be less crime because people will be more relax and be sleep most of the time. Also for the people with

MARIJUANA

The citizens of a community express the definition of culture. During this month’s Positive Peer Mentoring Program at the Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center a group of male teenagers from Miami-Dade examined the topic of marijuana in the United States of America. Looking into the cultural effects of the substance, the discussion focused on the vulnerabilities in the policy that the justice system currently has assigned to protect communities. The participant’s ideas and thoughts are displayed below.

drug charges will get less time then what they are getting. Another thing is for the people that get very mad easily can just smoke some weed and just calm down and forget about what happen.”

“I think marijuana is not a bad drug because it can help people that are sick and other type things but some people should not be able to smoke it. Because some people cant handle it.”

“I think marijuana should be legal because there would be less arrests for marijuana and there would be less inmates in jail.”

“Should be maintained under control though, everything at an excess is bad.”

“I feel marijuana should be legalized, because it’s already a big cause for arrest, and not only that but’s **it’s a common thing for young youth in my community.** If it continue to be illegal more youth will continue behind bars without a chance of return but if they legalized more youth would be out and wouldn’t be getting in as much trouble cause most youth smoke and to jail for smoking.”

“Marijuana use should depend on the person. If one was to deal with mental issues or health issues they should be able to use it. Based on preference, whether one should use marijuana **I, for one, do not participate in these activities.** It really depends on how it affects the person and the

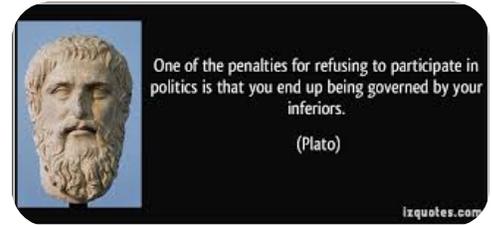
reaction to the drug.”

“I feel weed is a good and bad thing. It can cause bad thing and good such as; chill, calm, and be prescribed.”

“Marijuana is not a bad drug, when abused is when its bad for you, they should **legalize it like liquor,** and liquor actually harms many parts of the body, and you are in less control of yourself when you are drunk than high.”

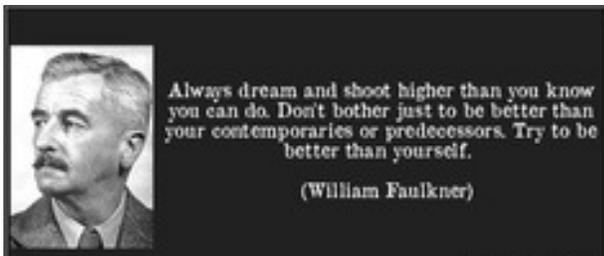
“If weed was legal then a lot of street pharmacy would be out of business.

“I feel weed is good. It makes you chill and layed back it been having your mind consertrate.



- “Youth gone use marijuana to follow their peers.”
- “Could encourage further drug use.”
- “Affect judgment”
- “Make a drug court so each case could

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