

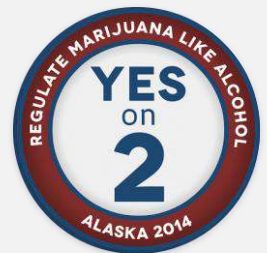
# Ballot Measure 2

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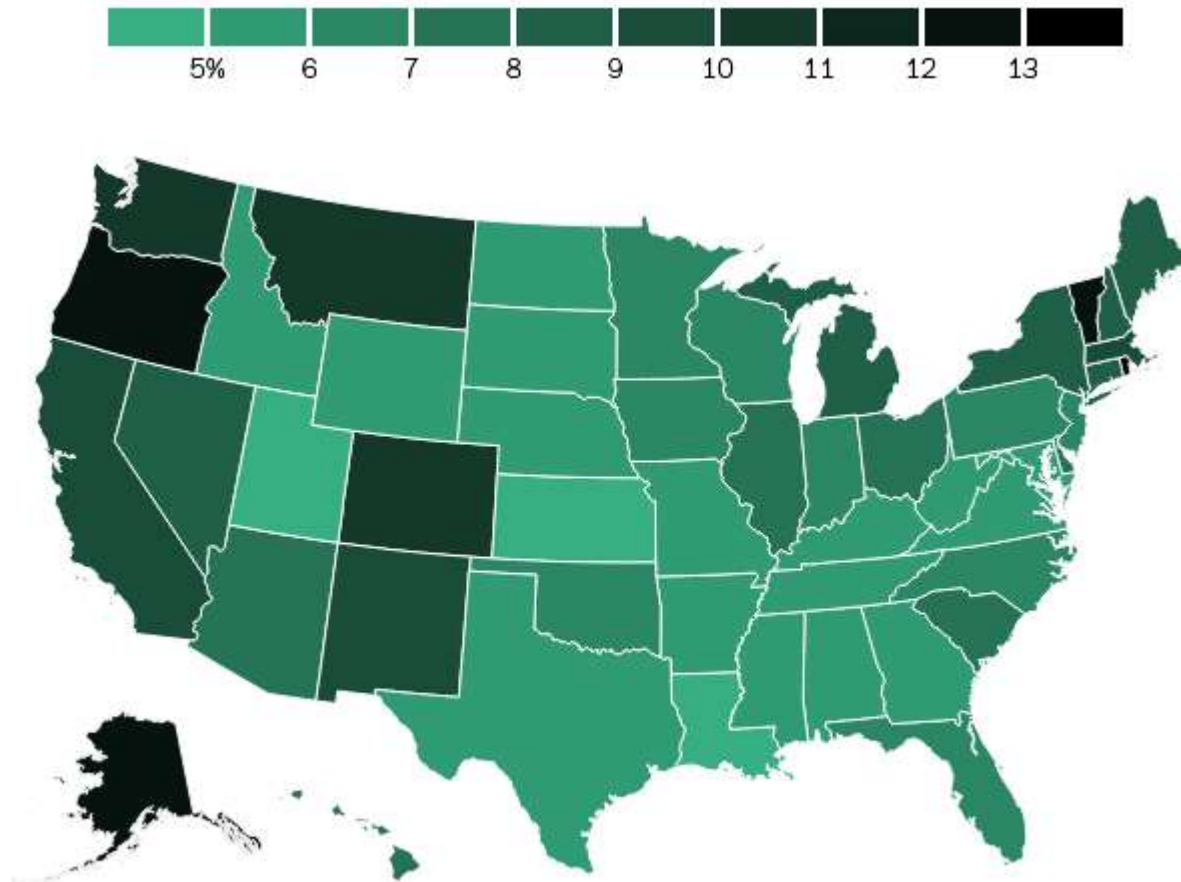
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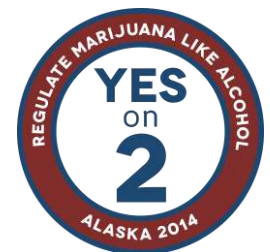
# Alaska marijuana use



# Alaska Marijuana Use



SOURCE: 2011 and 2012 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health



# Alaska Marijuana Landscape

13% to 16%

Alaska has the highest rates of marijuana use in the country

*National Surveys on Drug Use and Health*



# Alaska Marijuana Landscape

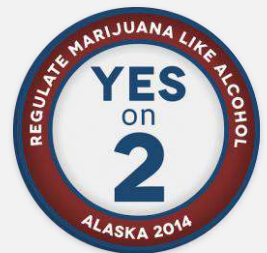
100,000

Approximate marijuana users in Alaska, based on population estimates

*2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Survey*



# Prohibition vs. Regulation

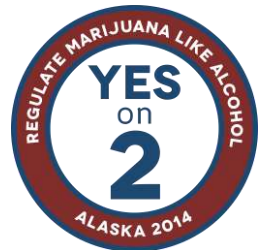


# Marijuana prohibition



**Harry Anslinger**  
*Federal Bureau of Narcotics*

“Marijuana leads to pacifism and communist brainwashing.”

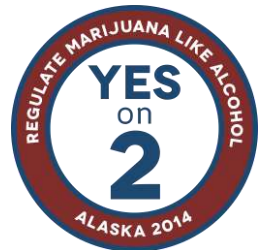


# Marijuana prohibition



**Harry Anslinger**  
*Federal Bureau of Narcotics*

“...the primary reason to outlaw marijuana is its effect on the degenerate races.”



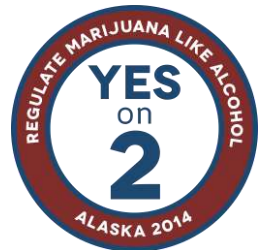


# Marijuana prohibition



**Harry Anslinger**  
*Federal Bureau of Narcotics*

“You smoke a joint and you’re likely to kill your brother.”



# Marijuana prohibition



**Harry Anslinger**  
*Federal Bureau of Narcotics*

“Reefer makes darkies think they are as good as white men.”

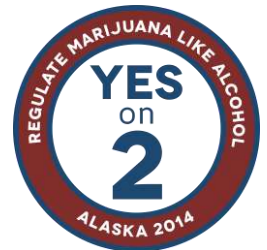


# Marijuana prohibition



**Carlton Turner**  
*Former White House Drug Czar*

“Marijuana leads to homosexuality and therefore to AIDS.”



# Marijuana prohibition

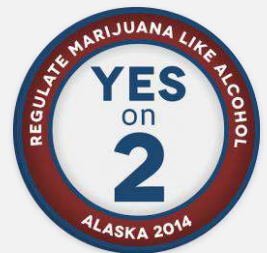


*Michelle Leonhart*  
*DEA Administrator*

Holds the position that marijuana is equally as harmful as heroin, methamphetamine, and crack



# Effects of Prohibition



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**John Havelock**  
*Former Alaska Attorney General*

“Continuing with the war on marijuana now is like staying in Afghanistan for another decade in the hope that we can declare victory.”



# National Impact

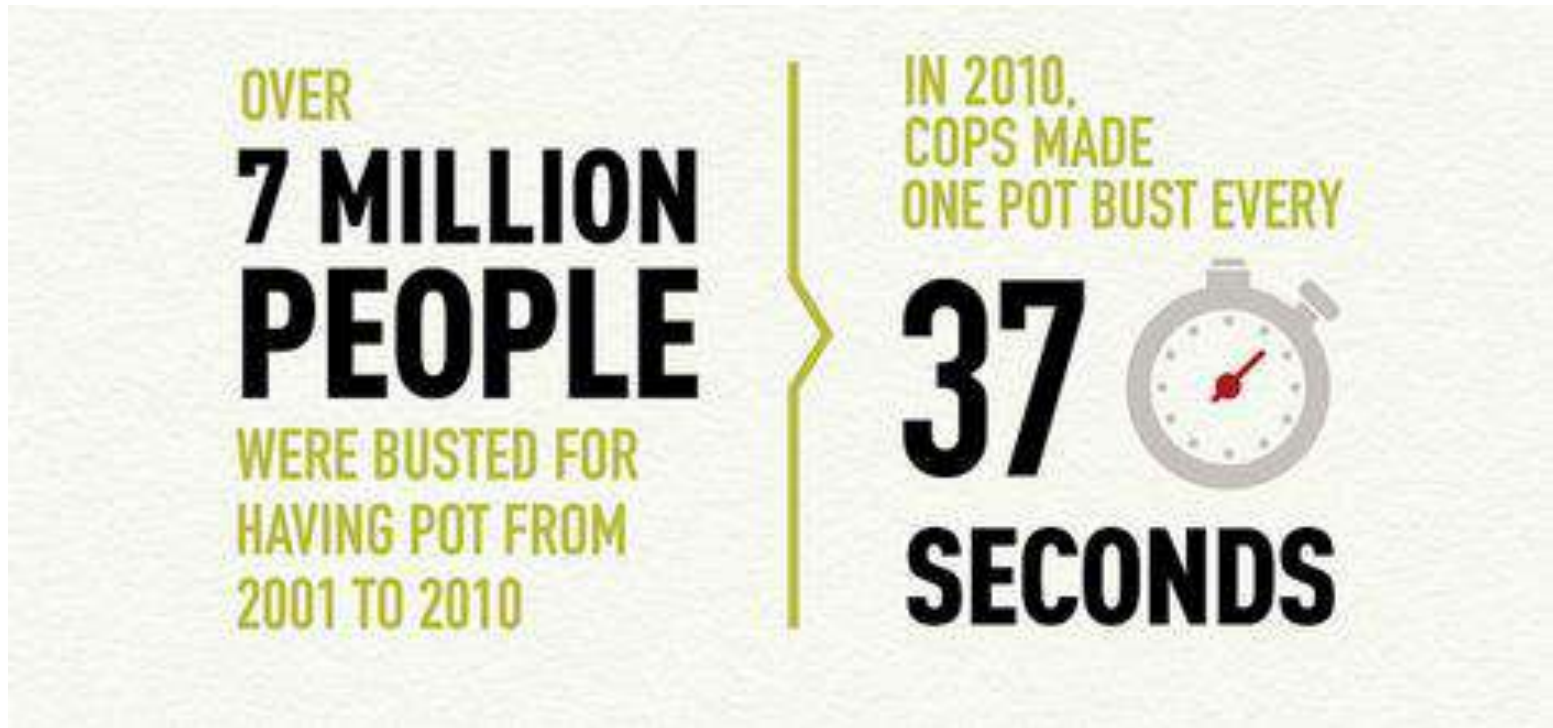
~\$7.7B spent yearly on enforcement



According to Milton Friedman and 500 leading economists



# National Impact



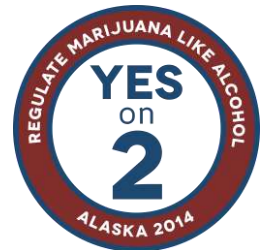


# Local Impact



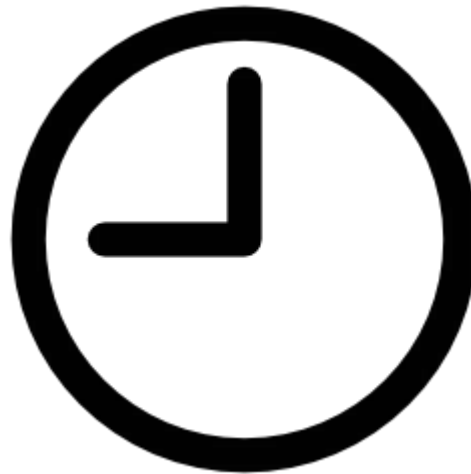
Walter Carpeneti  
Former Chief Justice  
Alaska Supreme Court

“The danger of federal prosecution for simple marijuana possession in Alaska is vanishingly low, **whereas the danger of state prosecution for simple possession is real and substantially higher.**”



# Criminal Justice

A person in Alaska is arrested every 4.32 hours for having marijuana



2,028 Alaskans were arrested for marijuana possession in 2010

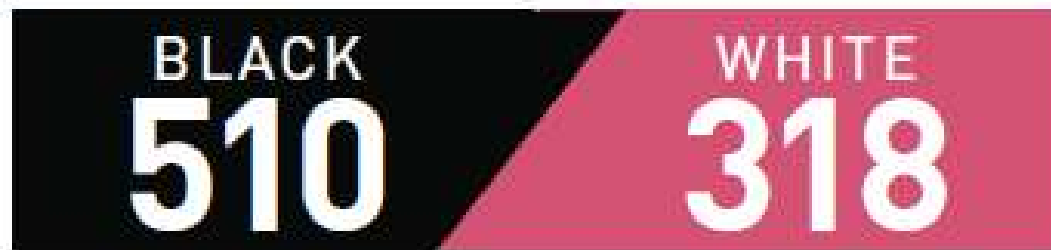
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# Criminal Justice

African Americans are 1.6x more likely than whites to be arrested for marijuana possession in Alaska

## Arrest Rates

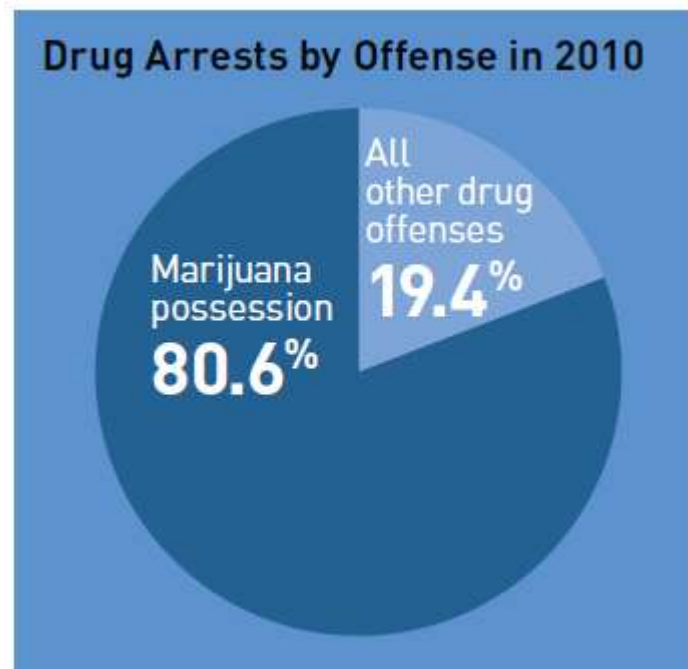


Numbers are per 100,000 residents



# Criminal Justice

The overwhelming majority of drug arrests in Alaska are for marijuana



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# Criminal Justice

Enforcement of marijuana laws in Alaska costs \$8m - \$14m a year

## Cost

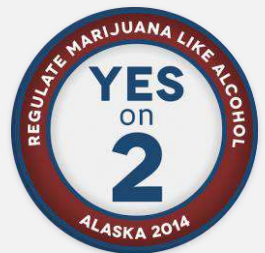
Money spent enforcing marijuana possession laws in 2010: **\$8,466,300**

ACLU





# Initiative framework



# Initiative framework

- **Regulate marijuana like alcohol**
- **9 month rulemaking process**
- **Advertising will be banned**
- **Child-friendly edibles will be banned**
- **Manage the industry through a regulated business environment rather than criminal underground**





# Rulemaking

## Sec. 17.38.090. Rulemaking.

(a) Not later than nine months after the effective date of this act, the board shall adopt regulations necessary for implementation of this chapter.

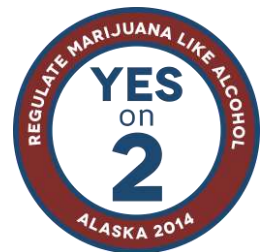


# Rulemaking

## Sec. 17.38.090. Rulemaking.

Such regulations shall include:

(5) Requirements to prevent the sale or diversion of marijuana and marijuana products to persons under the age of 21;



# Rulemaking

## Sec. 17.38.090. Rulemaking.

Such regulations shall include:

(6) Labeling requirements for marijuana and marijuana products sold or distributed by a marijuana establishment;



# Rulemaking

## Sec. 17.38.090. Rulemaking.

Such regulations shall include:

(8) Reasonable restrictions on the advertising and display of marijuana and marijuana products;



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