

# **A Study on the Need for Legalizing Drugs**

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**Abstract:** *There has been defence for legalization of abusable substances, but systematic data on societal beliefs regarding such legalization are limited people that use substances may have unique beliefs about legalization, and this study assessed whether or not they would be in favor of drug legalization/decriminalization. It had been theorized that those that use particular drugs would support its legalization/decriminalization, but that this is able to not be the case across all classes. A sample of about 210 respondents were surveyed online to assess demographic characteristics, legalization/decriminalization beliefs for specific drugs were assessed particularly for medical and recreational uses. The results from this particular research suggests that folks strongly support legalization of medical marijuana but are slightly hesitant, yet agree on legalization of recreational marijuana. The research method followed here is empirical research. A total of 210 samples have been collected through convenient sampling method. The data has been collected from secondary data sources such as articles, journals, online websites and literature sources. The independent variables are age, gender, marital status, educational qualification and occupation. The dependent variables are Do you think there's a need to legalize drugs, Do you consider drugs a good recreational activity, Do you think legalization of drugs will have a positive effect on the suffering addicts, In your opinion, how does legalized recreational marijuana affect those recovering from addictions from other drugs, should Marijuana be legal for medicinal use, should Marijuana be legal for recreational use. The statistical tool used here is graphical representation. The result obtained from this study is that decriminalizing marijuana would be the right thing to do right now and further legalizing marijuana for medical purposes would not only be beneficial for the medical industry, but also for the economy of the state*

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