

My name is Mike Coons from Palmer and I'm speaking for myself.

I'm voting No on Prop 2 for many reasons that have been stated here prior to me and after me. So, I'd like to show my opposition with following.

slow driving increased criticism flag on alcohol/dui by police
I am a retired Paramedic, in that 22 years I have seen far too much trauma, way more than just about any here, unless you are a combat vet. I have been told by those for legalizing pot that it doesn't affect their driving ability. I have even had some say they drive better stoned. When asked about sentencing for driving under the influence or impaired, I have been told that supporters would be in opposition to 1 month in jail for first offense of Driving While Impaired with loss of driving privileges for 1 year. Opposed to 1 year in jail and loss of privileges of 5 years for a minor injury accident while DUI. Opposed to 5 years in jail and revoking of driving privileges for life if multiple people injured and/or serious injuries, such as Intensive Care. Then of course since they oppose the above, they really oppose life in prison for a death caused by DUI. Why is this? Simple. The person who smokes dope and then drives is just as selfish and uncaring for others as those who drive after drinking or using drugs that they know impair their judgment! If you take that personally, fine, then you are part of the problem and I have zero sympathy for you as you sit in jail for injuring or killing others on the road. I don't care if those drivers are stoned, drunk, impaired by prescription drugs, the driver is impaired and putting people in dire jeopardy, period and I call on our justice system to toss you all in jail for far more than we do today!

We know that people cause vehicle crashes for using a cell phone, not to mention texting. We know that people cause vehicle crashes for many reasons, mostly because they aren't paying attention. So, smoking dope isn't going to cause an impairment? Really? I'm not some old man that doesn't have some history of making mistakes. Made my share, and yes, I've gotten stoned on pot, but that was pot of the 1970's, way less THC than today. Could I have functioned normally then? Absolutely not. As a Security Officer on JBER, I've stopped drivers coming on base stoned, because of their driving, actions, not to mention the smell.

In closing, the excuse that dope isn't harmful is as much of a lie today as it was in the 60's. When you have scraped families out of cars because of an impaired driver, then we can talk.

Question to Dr. ^{Phillbert} Has any study relative to FAT comparable to marijuana use ^{driving} pregnancy?