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Pew Research Center. Oct. 15-20, 2014. N=2,003 adults nationwide. Margin of error ± 2.5.

"Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?"

	Yes, legal %	No, illegal %	Unsure/ Refused %
10/15-20/14	52	45	3
2/12-26/14	54	42	3
3/13-17/13	52	45	3
2/22 - 3/1/11	45	50	5
3/10-14/10	41	52	7

Gallup Poll. Oct. 12-15, 2014. N=1,017 adults nationwide. Margin of error ± 4.

"Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?"

	Yes, legal %	No, illegal %	Unsure %
10/12-15/14	51	47	2
10/3-6/13	58	39	3
11/26-29/12	48	50	1
10/6-9/11	50	46	3
10/7-10/10	46	50	4
10/1-4/09	44	54	2
10/13-16/05	36	60	4
11/10-12/03	34	64	2
8/3-5/01	34	62	4
8/29 - 9/5/00	31	64	5
8/28-30/95	25	73	2
10/2-7/69	12	84	4

CBS News Poll. May 14-18, 2014. N=1,011 adults nationwide. Margin of error ± 3.

"Do you think that the use of marijuana should be legal, or not?"

1/14 & earlier: "Do you think that the use of marijuana should be *made* legal, or not?"

	Legal	Not legal	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%
5/14-18/14	48	47	5
Men	54	41	5
Women	43	53	4
18 to 29 years	60	37	3
30 to 44	57	39	4
45 to 64	41	54	5
65 & older	37	58	5
2/19-23/14	51	46	3
Republicans	34	64	2
Democrats	60	37	3
Independents	55	42	3
1/17-21/14	51	44	5
Republicans	35	61	3
Democrats	59	36	5
Independents	54	40	6
4/13	45	45	11

NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll conducted by Hart Research Associates (D) and Public Opinion Strategies (R). March 5-9, 2014. N=1,000 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.1.

"Which of the following substances would you say is the MOST harmful to a person's overall health: tobacco, alcohol, sugar, or marijuana?" If all: **"Now, if you had to choose just one, which substance would you say is the MOST harmful?"** Options rotated

	%
Tobacco	49
Alcohol	24
Sugar	15
Marijuana	8
All (vol.)	3
Unsure	1

Pew Research Center. Feb. 14-23, 2014. N=1,821 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 2.6.

"In dealing with drug policy, should government focus more on prosecuting people who use illegal drugs such as heroin and cocaine, or do you think it should focus more on providing treatment for people who use these types of drugs?" Options rotated

	Prosecuting	Providing treatment	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%
2/14-23/14	26	67	7

"Some states have moved AWAY from the idea of mandatory prison sentences for non-violent drug offenders. Do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?"

	A good thing	A bad thing	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%

2/14-23/14	63	32	5
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"Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults? It should be legal for personal use. It should be legal only for medicinal use. OR, It should not be legal."

	Legal for personal use %	Legal for medicinal use %	It should not be legal %	Unsure/Refused %
2/14-23/14	39	44	16	2

"If marijuana use is not legalized, do you think people convicted of possessing small amounts of marijuana should serve time in jail, or not?"

	Should %	Should not %	Unsure/Refused %
2/14-23/14	22	76	2

"In your view, would legalizing marijuana lead to more underage people trying it, or not?"

	Would lead to more %	Would not %	Unsure/Refused %
2/14-23/14	54	44	2

"Which do you think is more harmful to a person's health: alcohol or marijuana?" Options rotated

	Alcohol %	Marijuana %	Neither/Both (vol.) %	Unsure/Refused %
2/14-23/14	69	15	14	3

"If marijuana were as widely available as alcohol, which do you think would be more harmful to society: alcohol or marijuana?" Options rotated

	Alcohol %	Marijuana %	Neither/Both (vol.) %	Unsure/Refused %
2/14-23/14	63	23	11	2

"Regardless of your opinion about marijuana, do you think that the sale and use of marijuana eventually will be legal nationwide, or not?"

	Will be legal %	Will not be legal %	Unsure/Refused %
2/14-23/14	75	22	2

"Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself, ever happened to try marijuana?"

	Yes %	No %	Unsure/Refused %
2/14-23/14	47	52	1
3/13-17/13	48	51	1
3/10-14/10	40	58	2

"Do you think doctors should be allowed to prescribe small amounts of marijuana for patients suffering from serious illnesses, or not?"

	Allowed	Not allowed	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%
1/17-21/14	86	12	2
11/16-19/12	83	13	4

"Do you think most of the marijuana that is being purchased in this country through state authorized medical marijuana programs is being used to alleviate suffering from serious medical illnesses, or do you think most of it is being used for other reasons?"

	Serious illnesses	Other reasons	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%
1/17-21/14	34	56	10
11/16-19/12	29	53	18

"Do you think laws regarding whether the use of marijuana is legal or not should be determined by the federal government, or left to each individual state government to decide?" Options rotated

	Federal government	State governments	Both (vol.)	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%
1/17-21/14	35	62	1	2
4/13	33	54	4	9

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. Jan. 8-12, 2014. N=1,011 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.5.

"Overall, do you support or oppose legalizing the possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use?"

	Support	Oppose	Unsure
	%	%	%
1/8-12/14	49	48	3
11/7-11/12	48	50	1

CNN/ORC Poll. Jan. 3-5, 2014. N=1,010 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.

"Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?"

	Should be made legal	Should not be made legal	Unsure
	%	%	%
ALL	55	44	1
Democrats	62	37	1
Independents	59	41	1
Republicans	36	61	2

"Do you think the sale of marijuana should be made legal, or not?"

	Should be made legal	Should not be made legal	Unsure
	%	%	%
1/3-5/14	54	45	2

"Assuming marijuana is not legalized, do you think people arrested for possession of small amounts of marijuana should be put in jail, or just have to pay a fine but without serving any time in jail?"

	Jail %	Just a fine %	Both (vol.) %	Neither (vol.) %	Unsure %
1/3-5/14	12	79	2	5	2

"Do you think adults should be allowed to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it, or do you think that marijuana should remain illegal even for medical purposes?"

	Should be allowed %	Should remain illegal %	Unsure %
1/3-5/14	88	10	1

"Would you say the use of marijuana is a very serious problem in this country today, a moderately serious problem, not too serious, or not really a problem at all?"

	Very serious %	Moderately serious %	Not too serious %	Not really a problem %	Unsure %
1/3-5/14	19	32	22	27	1

"Which of the following do you think is more dangerous for people in this country to use: marijuana or alcohol?"

	Marijuana %	Alcohol %	Equally dangerous (vol.) %	Unsure %
1/3-5/14	12	73	14	1

"Which of the following do you think is more dangerous for people in this country to use: marijuana or tobacco products such as cigarettes or cigars?"

	Marijuana %	Tobacco products %	Equally dangerous (vol.) %	Unsure %
1/3-5/14	23	64	12	1

"As you may know, Colorado now allows anyone over the age of 21 to purchase small quantities of marijuana for their own use from businesses that have been licensed by the state government to sell marijuana. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea, or do you want to see what happens in Colorado and other states that legalize marijuana before you decide how you feel about this matter?"

	Good idea %	Bad idea %	See what happens %	Unsure %
1/3-5/14	33	29	37	1

"As you may know, the use and sale of marijuana is still illegal under federal law. Do you think the federal government should or should not enforce the federal law by arresting as many users and sellers of marijuana in Colorado as possible?"

Should	Should not
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	enforce	enforce	Unsure
	%	%	%
1/3-5/14	28	70	3

"I'm going to read you a list of actions. For each, please tell me whether you think this is something you consider to be morally wrong, or not morally wrong. Smoking marijuana."

	Morally wrong	Not morally wrong	Unsure
	%	%	%
1/3-5/14	35	64	1

"Do you think the use of alcohol should be legal, or not?"

	Should be legal	Should not be legal	Unsure
	%	%	%
1/3-5/14	81	18	1

"Do you think the use of tobacco products such as cigarettes or cigars should be legal, or not?"

	Should be legal	Should not be legal	Unsure
	%	%	%
1/3-5/14	71	27	1

"Keeping in mind that all your answers in this survey are confidential, have you yourself ever happened to try marijuana?"

	Yes	No	Unsure
	%	%	%
ALL	52	44	3
Democrats	53	46	1
Independents	55	40	6
Republicans	46	53	1

Public Religion Research Institute, conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates. Nov. 12-Dec. 18, 2013. N=4,509 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 1.7.

"Now, I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose making the use of marijuana legal?"

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Unsure/Refused
	%	%	%	%	%
11/12 - 12/18/13	20	31	25	19	4

Gallup Poll. July 10-14, 2013. Adults nationwide.

"Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself, ever happened to try marijuana?" N=972 (Form A), margin of error \pm 4

	Yes	No	No answer
	%	%	%
7/10-14/13	38	61	1

9/23-26/99	34	66	-
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"Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, do you, yourself, smoke marijuana?" N=1,055 (Form B), margin of error \pm 4

	Yes	No
	%	%
7/10-14/13	7	93

Public Religion Research Institute/Religion News Service. April 17-21, 2013. N=1,000 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.5.

"All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose making the use of marijuana legal?"

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%
4/17-21/13	45	49	6

"All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose making the use of marijuana legal?" If oppose or unsure: **"And do you favor or oppose making the use of marijuana legal to treat certain medical conditions if prescribed by a doctor?"** Combined responses.

	Favor	Favor only if prescribed by a doctor	Oppose	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%	%
4/17-21/13	45	35	19	1

"Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself, ever happened to try marijuana?"

	Yes	No	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%
4/17-21/13	42	57	1

"Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, please tell me whether you personally believe using marijuana is morally acceptable or morally wrong."

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%	%	%
4/17-21/13	49	40	3	3	5

"Do you personally believe that using marijuana is a sin, or not?"

	Is a sin	Is not a sin	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%
4/17-21/13	23	70	7

"And do you personally believe that using marijuana is prohibited by the Bible, or not?"

	Is prohibited	Is not prohibited	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%
4/17-21/13	20	62	18

"And do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statement? New laws legalizing the use of marijuana are a sign of the moral decline of America."

	Agree %	Disagree %	Unsure/ Refused %
4/17-21/13	35	60	5

Pew Research Center. March 13-17, 2013. N=1,501 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 2.9.

"Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. (First,) do you agree or disagree that for most people the use of marijuana leads to the use of hard drugs?"

	Agree %	Disagree %	Unsure/ Refused %
3/13-17/13	38	58	4

"Do you agree or disagree that government efforts to enforce marijuana laws cost more than they are worth?"

	Agree %	Disagree %	Unsure/ Refused %
3/13-17/13	72	23	6

"If people were using marijuana around you, would that make you feel UNcomfortable, or not?"

	Would %	Would not %	Unsure/ Refused %
3/13-17/13	51	48	1

"Do you think marijuana does or does not have legitimate medical uses?"

	Does %	Does not %	Unsure/ Refused %
3/13-17/13	77	16	7

"As you may know, some states have decided to allow marijuana use, but it is still prohibited under federal law. Do you think the federal government should or should not enforce federal marijuana laws in these states?"

	Should %	Should not %	Unsure/ Refused %
3/13-17/13	35	60	5

Fox News Poll conducted by Anderson Robbins Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R). Feb. 25-27, 2013. N=1,010 registered voters nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.

"Do you favor or oppose legalizing marijuana?"

Favor	Oppose	Unsure
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	%	%	%
2/25-27/13	46	49	6

"Do you think it's more dangerous to drive a car after smoking marijuana, or after drinking alcohol?" Options rotated

	After smoking marijuana %	After drinking alcohol %	Both (vol.) %	Neither (vol.) %	Unsure %
2/25-27/13	4	51	35	2	8

"Do you think adults should be allowed to use marijuana for medical purposes if a physician prescribes it?"

	Yes %	No %	Unsure %
2/25-27/13	85	13	2

"Do you think most people who smoke medical marijuana truly need it for medical purposes or just want to smoke marijuana?"

	Truly need it %	Just want to smoke marijuana %	Depends on person (vol.) %	Unsure %
2/25-27/13	30	47	12	11

Pew Research Center. Jan. 9-13, 2013. N=1,502 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 2.9.

"Do you personally believe that smoking marijuana is morally acceptable, morally wrong, or is it not a moral issue?"

	Morally acceptable %	Morally wrong %	Not a moral issue %	Depends (vol.) %	Unsure/Refused %
1/9-13/13	12	32	50	2	4
2/06	10	50	35	4	1

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