

Topic/Prompt: Should recreational marijuana be legal?	
Hook: What's more important: letting our problems fester or passing laws that are beneficial.	
Background Information: The legalization of marijuana has been a topic of discussion for many years. However, today, many states consider the proponent's argument in favor of legalizing marijuana to be more persuasive.	
Position Statement: Undoubtedly, proponents have a better argument than the opponents because they assert that marijuana has a positive impact on the economy, crimes, and traffic deaths.	
Main Idea 1: Firstly, proponents argue that legalizing marijuana would help boost the economy.	Main Idea 2: Secondly, proponents argue that legalizing marijuana would also reduce crime.
Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 1: (Textual Evidence) For example, they claim that "the marijuana industry could exceed 24 billion in revenue by 2025" (ProCon.org, Pro1)	Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 2: (Textual Evidence) For example, they provide research that shows "medical marijuana dispensaries decrease crime in the neighborhoods because of an increase in security presence and more people walking around the area" (ProCon.org, Pro7)
Supportive Sentence for M.I. #1 (Explanation of Textual Evidence) This implies that the marijuana industry would produce more jobs by creating small businesses. It will also generate more revenue for other businesses, like the medical industry.	Supportive Sentence for M.I. # 2 (Explanation of Textual Evidence) This suggests that legalizing marijuana would reduce violent crimes because there would be more cameras and security in neighborhoods, thereby making people feel safer and deterring crime.
Counterargument (The other side's opinion with evidence) On the contrary, opponents believe that marijuana should not be legalized. They argue that "Traffic accidents and death increase when marijuana is legalized".	Rebuttal (Evidence to disprove the other side) However, proponents have a better argument. They affirm that traffic deaths dropped 11% on average in states that legalized medical marijuana. This suggests that legalizing marijuana in all states will result in less traffic deaths nationwide, thus making the roads safer for everyone.

<p>Conclusion: To sum things up, the proponents for legalizing marijuana have a better argument than the opponents because they support their argument more effectively. The proponents use evidence that disprove the opponents' claims. They show the benefits of legalizing recreational marijuana by arguing that it boosts the economy by increasing revenues. It reduces crime by increasing neighborhood security where dispensaries are located, and it decreases the traffic deaths associated with marijuana use. As such, it is clear that there are more benefits to legalizing recreational marijuana than not. Therefore, marijuana should be legalized.</p>	