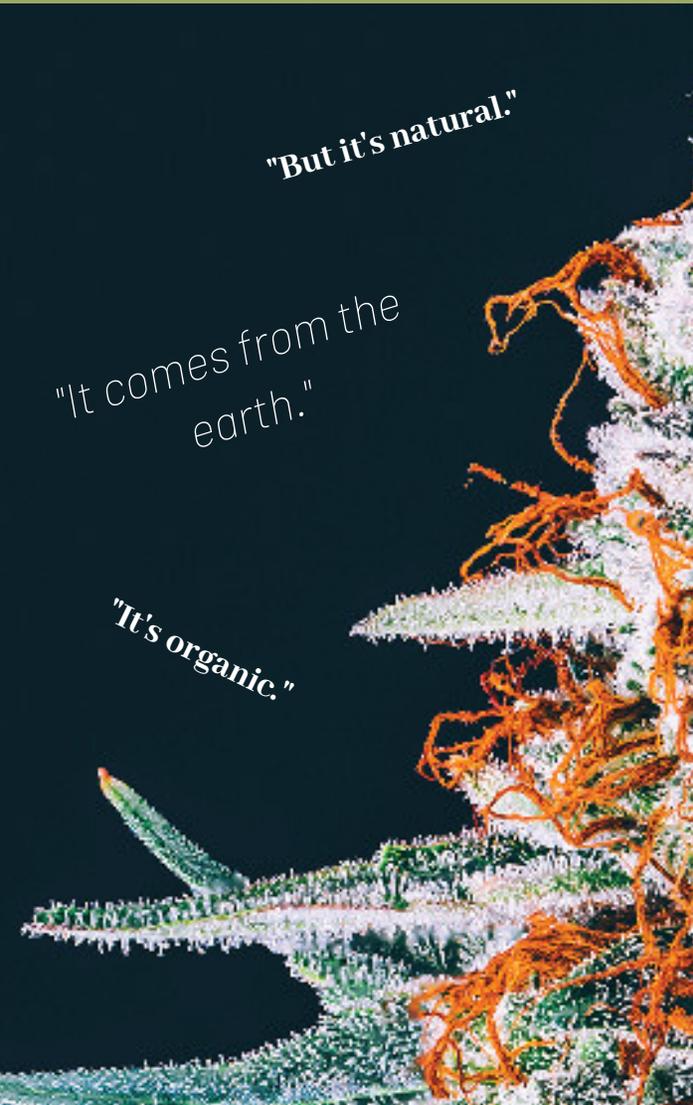


- Like other crops, pesticides are regularly used during cultivation (legal and illegal).
- Legal marijuana from dispensaries have tested positive for mold, mildews, fungi, and bacteria (recreational and medical).

-National Collaborating Center for Environmental Health  
 -A microbiome assessment of medical marijuana  
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"But it's natural."

"It comes from the earth."

"It's organic."

## Is your marijuana cruelty free?



*North America's demand for marijuana and other drugs contributes to human trafficking by way of forced labor (marijuana cultivation) and forcing migrants to smuggle drugs. Sex traffickers often use drugs to coerce and control their victims.*

**Drug trafficking and human trafficking go hand-in-hand.**

-Office for Victims of Crime  
 -TheJournal.ie  
 -Humantraffickingsearch.org



## Cannabis Consumption:

Its impact on the world around us

# Health Impacts

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-getsmartaboutdrugs.org  
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-Frequent use beginning in adolescence is associated with a loss of 6- 8 IQ points that cannot be regained.

-Babies born to mothers who smoked marijuana during pregnancy have more opioid receptors in their brain, increasing the likelihood of drug addiction later on.

-In legalized states, poisonings in children have dramatically increased as many edibles are branded to look like candy and have high levels of THC--the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana.



*"But what about the tax benefits?"*

-In 2017, marijuana tax revenues accounted for only 0.8% of Colorado's state budget.

-Tax revenues have been used to create drug rehabilitation centers, increase law enforcement, and support hospitals in response to the drastic incline in use.

-Colorado Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting  
-Pueblo County Sheriff, Kirk Taylor

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS



The black market industry still thrives after legalization. The Forest Service spends millions of dollars cleaning up after illegal grow sites in legalized states. They often contain illegal pesticides, harming wildlife, the land, rivers, and outdoor recreation.

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