

# How Many Politicians Does It Take to Smoke a Joint?

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## **SO FAR IN THE NEWS IN DECEMBER 2018:**

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada was visiting Denver City, Colorado, during the first week in December, 2018. They are selling their version of “InSite Injection” stations for addicted heroin and opioid substance abusers to a state that has the most extended legalized recreational use of marijuana. The opioid abuse is down in Colorado since the legal recreational use. Why would they want to legalize opioid addiction? And why did Canada? Interesting...

I live in NY State. We have minimal medical marijuana use. In the Syracuse, NY area where I live, there are less than 50 doctors licensed, and only a few that write prescriptions. Most doctors are not licensed to dispense with written prescriptions for an epi-pen type injection, or drip for an IV, or smoked, or ingested in any way. I called several doctors, including one I’m related to, and all said they don’t want anything to do with that licensing. I did find two pharmacies that can dispense it, but only a handful of doctors have written prescriptions for medical marijuana products.

Denver City is complaining that their Prop 300 isn’t in use in their city. It specifies that all smoking areas must be more than 1000 feet from “vulnerable” businesses and organizations. Are they referring to schools? Restaurants? Hospitals or nursing homes? It was unclear to me. Some are asking the city to stop dancing and allow those who want to smoke marijuana in public places sequestered to the same areas as cigarette smokers. Ok, so what is the holdup? No one seems to have an answer and it’s been a law for two years.

I loved reading about all the discount dispensaries. They are offering customers that wish to purchase pot products in Colorado, 10% off for seniors. (Gotta Love It!) 10% off for all Veterans, (well, Yeah!) Pediatric patients receive half-off all medical marijuana products. (Wow...) And in New Jersey, you don’t need an appointment, just your Medical Marijuana card and id, (and I imagine some money?)

And last, but certainly not least, in Colorado, Aspen High Summit offered a four-day “journey” with “thought leaders and disrupters” in the music and cannabis fields. An annual event sponsored by Arcview Group. They focus on Best Practices in creative and economic growth — all this and skiing for \$1150.