

<b>Topic/Prompt:</b> Should recreational marijuana be legal?	
<b>hook:</b> What's more important: letting our problems fester or passing laws that are beneficial?	
<b>Background Information:</b> The legalization of marijuana has been a topic of discussion for several years. However, today, many states consider the proponent's argument in favor of legalizing marijuana to be more persuasive.	
<b>Position Statement:</b> Undoubtedly, proponents have a better argument than the opponents because they assert that marijuana has a positive impact on the economy, crimes, and <del>people who use it</del> .	
<b>Main Idea 1:</b>  Firstly, proponents argue that legalizing marijuana would help boost the economy.	<b>Main Idea 2:</b>  Secondly, proponents argue that legalizing marijuana would also reduce crime.
<b>Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 1:</b> <b>(Textual Evidence)</b> For example, they claim that "the marijuana industry could exceed 24 billion in revenue by 2025". (ProCon.org, pro 1)	<b>Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 2:</b> <b>(Textual Evidence)</b> For example, they provide research that shows "medical marijuana dispensaries decrease crime in neighborhoods because of an increase in security presence and more people walking around the area" (ProCon.org, pro 7)
<b>Supportive Sentence for M.I. #1</b> <b>(Explanation of Textual Evidence)</b> 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.	<b>Supportive Sentence for M.I. # 2</b> <b>(Explanation of Textual Evidence)</b> 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.
<b>Counterargument</b> <b>(The other side's opinion with evidence)</b>	<b>Rebuttal</b> <b>(Evidence to disprove the other side)</b> However, proponents have a better argument. They

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**Commented [1]:** Change to "traffic deaths" since your counterargument/rebuttal discuss this idea. Remember, your ideas have to be mentioned (or listed) in your thesis statement (aka position statement).

On the contrary, opponents believe that marijuana should not be legalized. They argue that "Traffic accidents and death increase when marijuana is legalized".

~~say~~ that traffic deaths dropped 11% on average in states that legalized Medical marijuana. This suggests that marijuana would bring less traffic deaths and also safer.

**Commented [2]:** Replace with "affirm"

**Commented [3]:** Overall, you did a good job with your counterargument/rebuttal. Let's restate your explanation. You can say: This suggest that legalizing marijuana in all states would result in less traffic deaths nationwide, thus making the roads safer for everyone.

**Conclusion:**

Be sure to take note of how I reworded your idea so that you'll be able to do this the next time, and most importantly, when you test.