

## Should Marijuana Be Legalized

Marijuana can help people in many different ways. It can create businesses and jobs. It can help with medical conditions. I agree that marijuana should be legalized.

Per the article written in ProCon.org, "More than half of US adults, over 128 million people, have tried marijuana, despite it being an illegal drug under federal law. Nearly 600,000 Americans are arrested for marijuana possession annually – more than one person per minute."

First, There are many ways marijuana can help. Marijuana also known as Cannabis helps people with many different medical issues. One of the health conditions that it helps with is cancer. Some cancer patients have problems with having an appetite after going through treatment. Medical Marijuana help with giving them an appetite so that they can consume healthy and nutritious foods.

Secondly, The article from ProCon.org states, "Proponents of legalizing recreational marijuana say it will add billions to the economy, create hundreds of thousands of jobs," Marijuana help people become entrepreneurs by opening up Marijuana dispensaries. Within that dispensary, there will be many jobs that will need to be filled such as, Cashiers, lab technicians, managers, people to work in the shipment department and overnight workers just to name a few.

Although, all of this is known still there are some dangers to the legalization of marijuana. It could be easy access to young children and adults that can be used to get high. It can also be sold on the streets. Marijuana does create memory loss and if driving while under the influence of marijuana it can be just as dangerous as driving drunk.

In conclusion, There are many good reasons why Marijuana should be legalized. It helps people in many different ways. It helps with health issues such as, Cancer. Furthermore, It helps create entrepreneurship and jobs for many people.

**Commented [1]:** Good job! You presented your thesis statement to include your position and main ideas. However, it is in the wrong position. Commonly, it should be the last sentence in your introduction. More seasoned writers may include it at the beginning or middle of the introduction. In preparations for the testing, let's present it as the last sentence of the introduction. Also, a suggestion for rewording it is: Marijuana can help people in many different ways such as by creating businesses and jobs and helping with medical conditions. Yes, marijuana should be legalized. Remember, in formal writing, you want to stay away from using "I."

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**Commented [3]:** I assume that this is your background information. If so, you need to connect it to your position and main ideas. I suggest reviewing the lesson on introduction to get a better understanding of this paragraph.

**Commented [4]:** Excellent job on using a transition here (however, it should be "Firstly"). You will want to make sure that you present your ideas (in the body of your essay) in the manner in which you stated them in your introduction (thesis). As the reader of your essay, I was expecting you to discuss how it creates businesses since this was the first idea presented in your thesis. Keep this in mind. The test scorer will be expecting the same. This is a good developing paragraph; however, you are missing a closing

**Commented [5]:** Check spelling. Be sure to make the correction.

**Commented [6]:** Secondly... (review the list of transitions for adding ideas: [http://www2.eit.ac.nz/library/ls\\_guides\\_sentencestarter\\_s.html](http://www2.eit.ac.nz/library/ls_guides_sentencestarter_s.html)). You will find this list under the lesson on using transitions.

**Commented [7]:** Here, you are presenting examples. As such, you need to connect your ideas. No period needed. You can connect your ideas by saying: (...such as cashiers, lab technicians...) See the list of transitions for giving an example:

**Commented [8]:** You need a closing sentence here. In other words, you need to wrap up this paragraph. How does this topic idea reinforces your position? Check out this video on closing sentences: <https://youtu.be/OuqHBifnR54> Also, see the list of

**Commented [9]:** This is not an effective transition to present your counterargument. However, it does appear that you have acknowledged your opposing side (i.e. the opposing argument). However, you also need to rebuttal the opposing side. This information

**Commented [10]:** Good job! You transitioned into your closing paragraph. You can review the list of transitions to see other ways in which you can transition into this paragraph. [http://www2.eit.ac.nz/library/ls\\_guides\\_sentencestart](http://www2.eit.ac.nz/library/ls_guides_sentencestart)

