

Dear Bill,

I spent 30-plus years working with high school students and much of my work was with adolescents who had motivational or behavioral issues. The influence of drugs, particularly marijuana, on young people is inarguable. That influence is nothing but bad. Drug use steals the sense of joy and enthusiasm from kids about their schoolwork and their futures.

Time after time, it was my experience that when kids could be moved away from smoking marijuana, they did better in school and at home... People who argue for legalization, or who deny the impact of substance abuse, have never watched someone they care about throw away their future because of drug use.

I have numerous specific stories I could relay to you if you wished.

Dave in FL

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