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Analyzing the Differentiation among State Medical Marijuana Policies by Examining State Policies & Trends

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Medical Marijuana and the State

- ▶ Generate tax revenue
- ▶ Fight opioid addiction
- ▶ Gaining a lot of support
- ▶ Been an interesting focal point of past and current administration

Literature Review Summary

- ▶ Has been a big topic of conversation since the 1960s and 70s
 - ▶ War on Drugs
 - ▶ Controlled Substance Act
 - ▶ 1972 commission appointed by Nixon
- ▶ United States v. Randall (1975)
 - ▶ Medical necessity
- ▶ Proposition 215 (1996)

Literature Review Cont.

- ▶ Supremacy Clause and Preemption
 - ▶ Commandeering
- ▶ Still federally illegal
- ▶ Movement has been spreading
- ▶ Commonalities

Reason for Policy Change

- ▶ Economic and Moral Policy
 - ▶ Level of gun restrictions
 - ▶ Level of Religiosity
 - ▶ Prison Population
- ▶ Internal Factors
 - ▶ Percentage of Minorities
 - ▶ Level of Democrats/liberalness
- ▶ 2014 Congressional Spending Bill - HA 272

Methodology

- ▶ SAGE Publications
 - ▶ Percentage of Minorities
 - ▶ Level of gun restrictions
 - ▶ Level of Democrats/liberalness
 - ▶ Level of Religiosity
- ▶ Bureau of Justice Statistics
 - ▶ Prison Population
- ▶ National Conference of State Legislature
 - ▶ Marijuana Laws
- ▶ Cross-tabulation analysis

Table 1: Crosstabulation State Combustion of Marijuana by Percentage of Minority Residents

			Percentage of Minority Residents				Total
			0-11.8%	11.81-17.6%	17.7-32.5%	32.6+%	
States that allow the combustion of marijuana for medical purposes	Yes	Count	8	5	8	6	27
		Percent	66.7%	45.5%	66.7%	50.0%	57.4%
	No	Count	4	6	4	6	20
		Percent	33.3%	54.5%	33.3%	50.0%	42.6%
Total		Count	12	11	12	12	47
		Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Lambda=.055 Sig=.6 Chi Square=1.754 Sig=.625

Table 2: Crosstabulation State Combustion of Marijuana by State Level of Gun Restrictions

		Gun Rank 2011			Total	
		More restrictions	Mid	Less restrictions		
States that allow the combustion of marijuana for medical purposes	yes	Count	13	6	8	27
		Percent	86.7%	46.2%	42.1%	57.4%
	no	Count	2	7	11	20
		Percent	13.3%	53.8%	57.9%	42.6%
Total		Count	15	13	19	47
		Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Lambda=.188 Sig=.273 Chi Square=7.747 Sig=.021

Table 3: Crosstabulation State Combustion of Marijuana by State Level of Democrats

			Level of Democrats/Liberalness				Total
			Most Conservative	Conservative	Liberal	Most Liberal	
States that allow the combustion of marijuana for medical purposes	yes	Count	2	5	9	11	27
		Percent	18.2%	45.5%	69.2%	91.7%	57.4%
	no	Count	9	6	4	1	20
		Percent	81.8%	54.5%	30.8%	8.3%	42.6%
Total		Count	11	11	13	12	47
		Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Lambda=.278 Sig=.069 Chi Square=14.071 Sig=.003

Table 4: Crosstabulation State Combustion of Marijuana by Number of Incarcerated People

			Number of incarcerated people in 2015					Total
			0-5625	5626-11934	11935-21315	21316-40515	40516+	
States that allow the combustion of marijuana for medical purposes	Yes	Count	7	5	8	0	7	27
		Percent	87.5%	55.6%	80.0%	0.0%	70.0%	57.4%
	No	Count	1	4	2	10	3	20
		Percent	12.5%	44.4%	20.0%	100.0%	30.0%	42.6%
Total		Count	8	9	10	10	10	47
		Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Lambda=.316 Sig=.002 Chi Square=19.194 Sig=.001

			Incarceration per 100k persons					Total
			0-281	282-367	368-427	428-521	522+	
States that allow the combustion of marijuana for medical purposes	yes	Count	7	6	5	5	4	27
		Percent	70%	75%	55%	50%	40%	57.4%
	no	Count	3	2	4	5	6	20
		Percent	30%	25%	45%	50%	60%	42.6%
Total			10	8	9	10	10	47

Lambda=.088 Sig=.365 Chi Square=3.138 Sig=.535

Table 5: Crosstabulation State Combustion of Marijuana by Level of Religiosity

			Religiosity			Total
			Low	Mid	High	
States that allow the combustion of marijuana for medical purposes	yes	Count	15	11	1	27
		Percent	88.2%	64.7%	7.7%	57.4%
	no	Count	2	6	12	20
		Percent	11.8%	35.3%	92.3%	42.6%
Total		Count	17	17	13	47
		Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Lambda=.420 Sig=.001 Chi Square=20.123 Sig=.000

Summary

- ▶ Constitutional
- ▶ Well supported
- ▶ Strong correlating variables
 - ▶ Morality and economic policy, and some internal factors
- ▶ Trend will continue