



MARIJUANA

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. THE LEGALIZATION BILL OF MARIJUANA IN THE MARIANAS
2. THE HISTORY OF MARIJUANA IN THE MARIANAS
3. THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF MARIJUANA

SURVEY MONKEY QUESTIONS

Number of Researchers: 1

Numbers of Survey Responses: 25

Demographic: NMC Students between the ages 18-20

Survey Questions:

1. Are you in favor or against the legalization of marijuana in the Marianas?
2. Gender
3. Age
4. With our government, do you think they are able to handle issues with marijuana in the future?
5. Does any of your relatives use marijuana for medicinal purposes?


6. Have you consumed marijuana recreationally?

7. Do you think the usage of marijuana is dangerous or safe?

8. Do you think the legalization of marijuana in the Marianas will reduce violence, car accidents, and decrease the use of other drugs?

9. Do you or anyone you know grow marijuana?

10. Do you think the legalization of marijuana in the Marianas will reduce violence, car accidents, and decrease the use of other drugs?

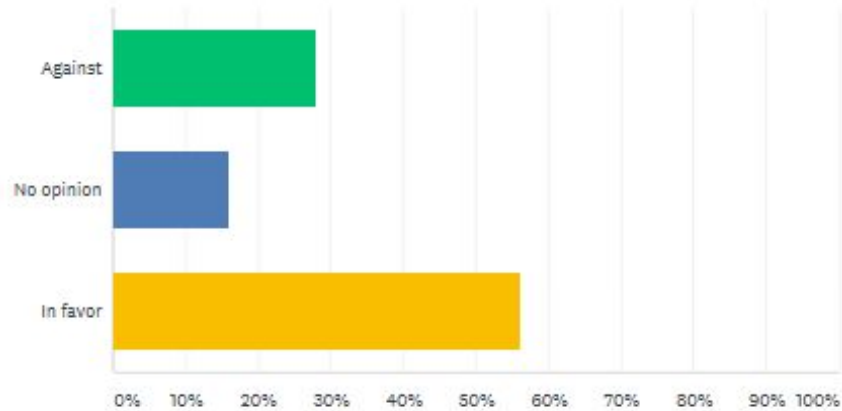


RESULTS



Are you in favor or against the legalization of marijuana in the Marianas?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Against	28.00% 7
▼ No opinion	16.00% 4
▼ In favor	56.00% 14
TOTAL	25

Q2

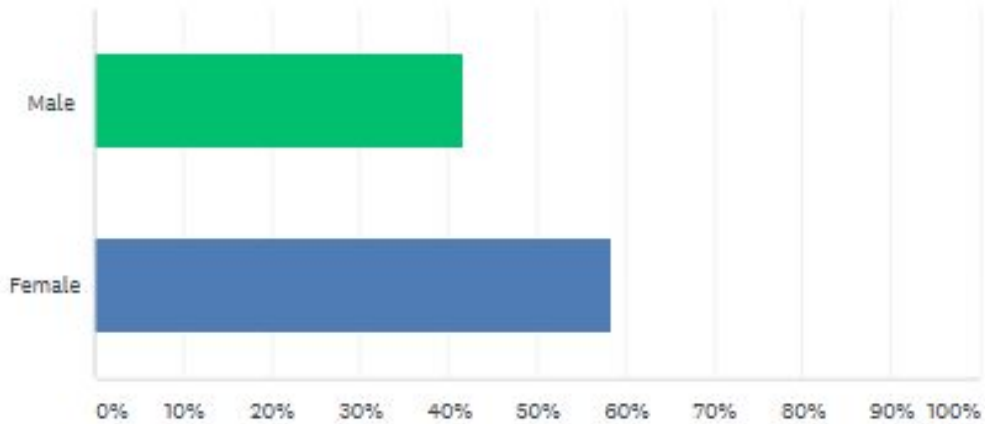


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Gender

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES ▾

RESPONSES ▾

▾ Male

41.67%

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▾ Female

58.33%

14

Total Respondents: 24

Q3

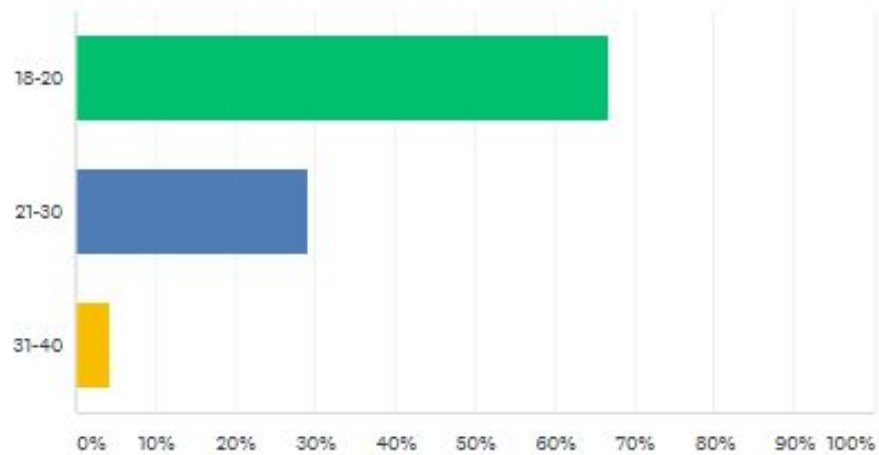


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Age

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
18-20	66.67% 16
21-30	29.17% 7
31-40	4.17% 1
TOTAL	24

Q4

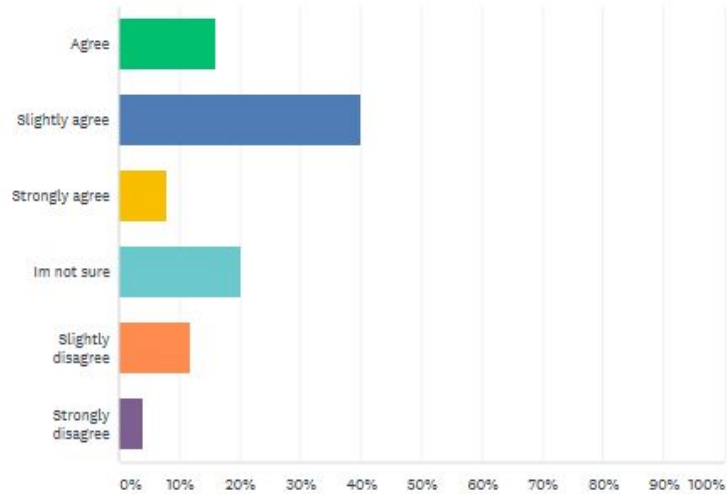


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With our government, do you think they are able to handle issues with marijuana in the future?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	16.00% 4
Slightly agree	40.00% 10
Strongly agree	8.00% 2
Im not sure	20.00% 5
Slightly disagree	12.00% 3
Strongly disagree	4.00% 1
TOTAL	25

Q5

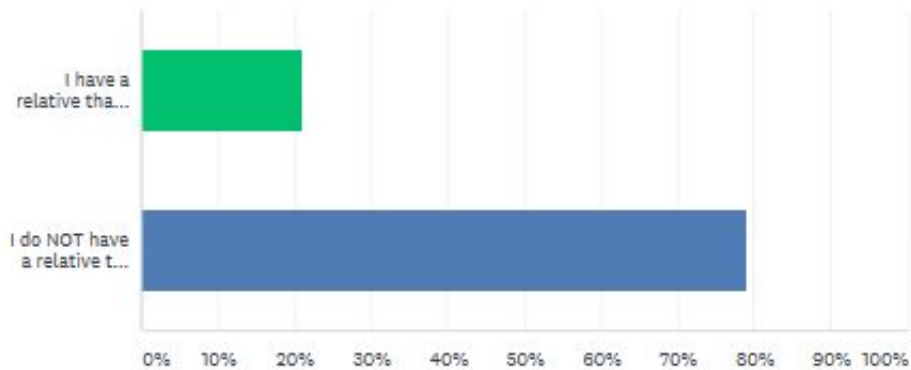


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Does any of your relatives use marijuana for medicinal purposes?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

I have a relative that uses marijuana for medicinal purposes

20.83%

5

I do NOT have a relative that uses marijuana for medicinal purposes

79.17%

19

TOTAL

24

Q6

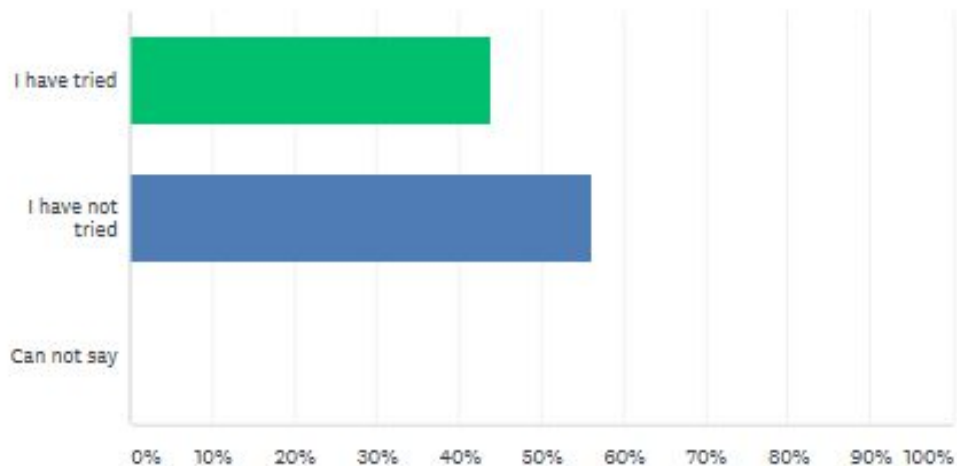


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Have you consumed marijuana recreationally?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I have tried	44.00% 11
I have not tried	56.00% 14
Can not say	0.00% 0
TOTAL	25

Q7

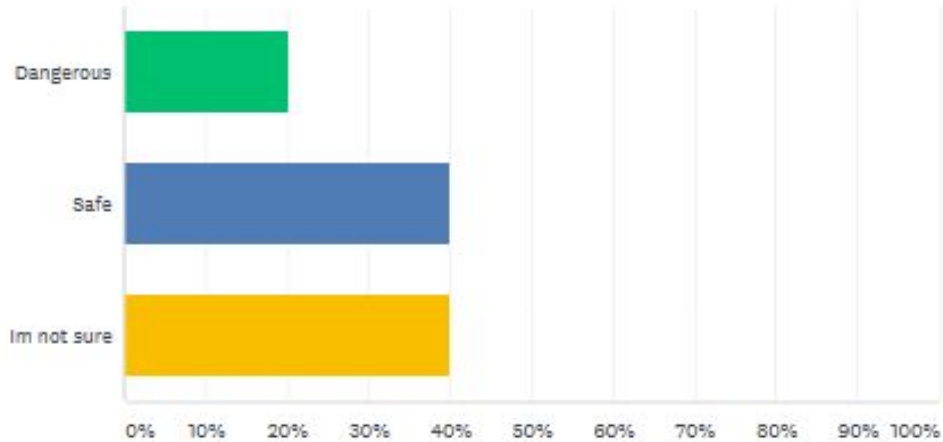


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Do you think the usage of marijuana is dangerous or safe?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES ▾	RESPONSES ▾	
▼ Dangerous	20.00%	5
▼ Safe	40.00%	10
▼ Im not sure	40.00%	10
TOTAL		25

Q8

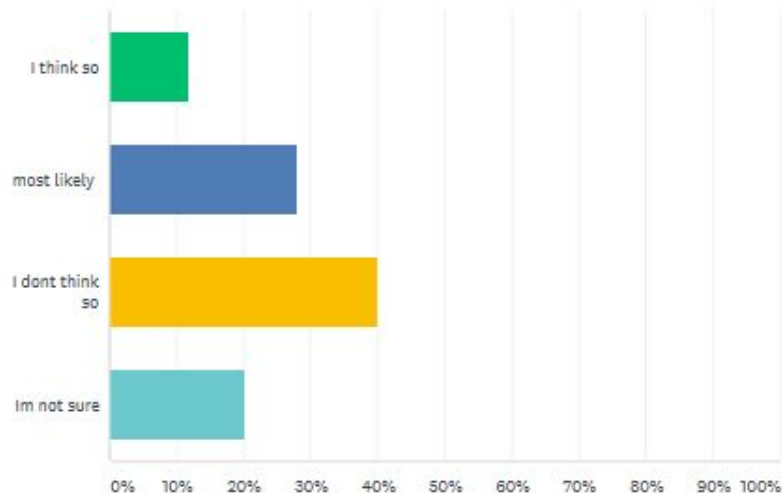


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Do you think the legalization of marijuana in the Marianas will reduce violence, car accidents, and decrease the use of other drugs?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I think so	12.00% 3
most likely	28.00% 7
I dont think so	40.00% 10
Im not sure	20.00% 5
TOTAL	25

Q9

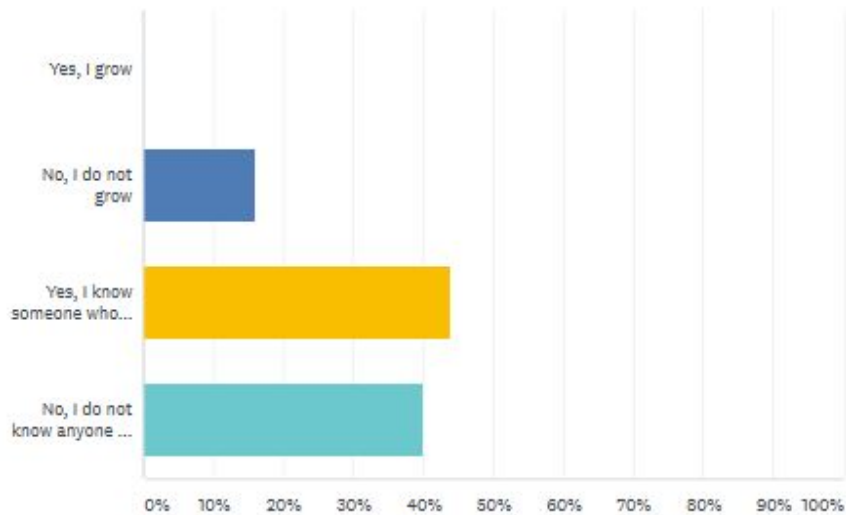


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Do you or anyone you know grow marijuana?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes, I grow	0.00% 0
▼ No, I do not grow	16.00% 4
▼ Yes, I know someone who grows	44.00% 11
▼ No, I do not know anyone who grows	40.00% 10
TOTAL	25

Q10

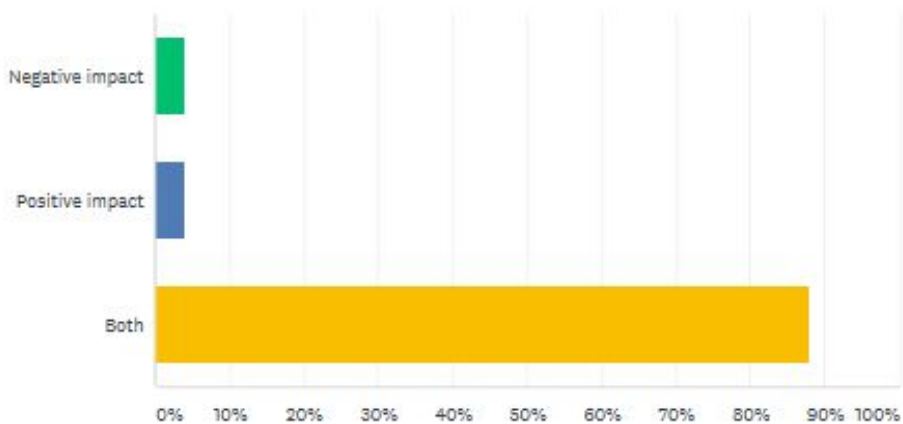


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Do you think marijuana has a negative or positive impact in others lives?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▾ Negative impact	4.00% 1
▾ Positive impact	4.00% 1
▾ Both	88.00% 22
TOTAL	25

SURVEY FINDINGS

Many of the responders did not have relatives that use marijuana medicinally. The majority of 56% have not consumed marijuana in any type of way. Regarding whether marijuana was dangerous or safe, the survey takers voted 40% for dangerous and safe. Also, 40% of the survey takers voted that they do not think that the legalization of marijuana in the Marianas will reduce violence, car accidents, and decrease the use of other drugs. It was unpredictable to state whether it was safe or not, and if it will reduce violence, car accidents, and the use of other drugs because legalization was not fully enacted in the Marianas. Many of the responders have the knowledge to grow marijuana which was beneficial to them and the majority of them also think that marijuana was a negative and positive impact in the life of others in which it can be both depending on their health condition and amount of consumption.



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LETTER TO EXPERT

Dear Mrs. Peter,

I am a student at Northern Marianas College and majoring in Liberal Arts Emphasis in Education. I am writing this letter to request for an interview with on the legalization of marijuana in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

I am seeking answers from the legislators to answer my question on how the legalization of marijuana affects the Marianas. This interview should only take about less than 30 minutes of your time. I hope that you're able to put me on your schedule to meet with you. If you do not have the time to meet with me than video chatting on Facebook will do as well.

Please get back to me to let me know whether or not you're able to be interviewed. If you're able to be interviewed, provide your time and day of availability. I would try my best as well to fit with your schedule. An attachment comes along with this email providing you with questions just in case that you are not able to be interviewed. I really look forward to meeting with you and having the opportunity to meet the daughter of David Peter.

Sincerely,

Jaylene Reyes

OBSERVATION NOTES

Answered by a medicinal patient

1. How does the use of marijuana help your financially?

→ Yes, marijuana is cheaper than medicine especially because I do not have insurance.

2. Is the use of marijuana more affordable than the medication prescribed by the doctor?

→ Yes, I grow my plants which do not cost me anything but the amount of prescribed medication is too much, I can not afford it. My marijuana supply lasts long enough until my next harvest.

3. How do you feel towards the change of using marijuana medicinally?

→ Using marijuana as my medicine made me feel more relieved and health because I know that it does not contain chemicals like other medicines.

INTERVIEW FINDINGS

During the interview with the patient who uses marijuana medicinally, she stated that marijuana helps her financially, makes her relieved, and feels that it was safer than the medication prescribed from the pharmacy. She mentioned that she grows her plants to save money from buying it. The maintenance of growing a marijuana plant would take time, but if a person wanted chronic plants then one must put effort and time into taking care of their plant. Growing a plant does not cost a person much compared to the medications that costs more than \$20 depending on the prescription. Furthermore, she felt relieved and content when she stopped taking prescription medication and started using marijuana. She believed that prescription medicines contain chemicals that affects your body to react to it, depending on your health condition, and it could cost more damage to one's health especially if they have various health issues.

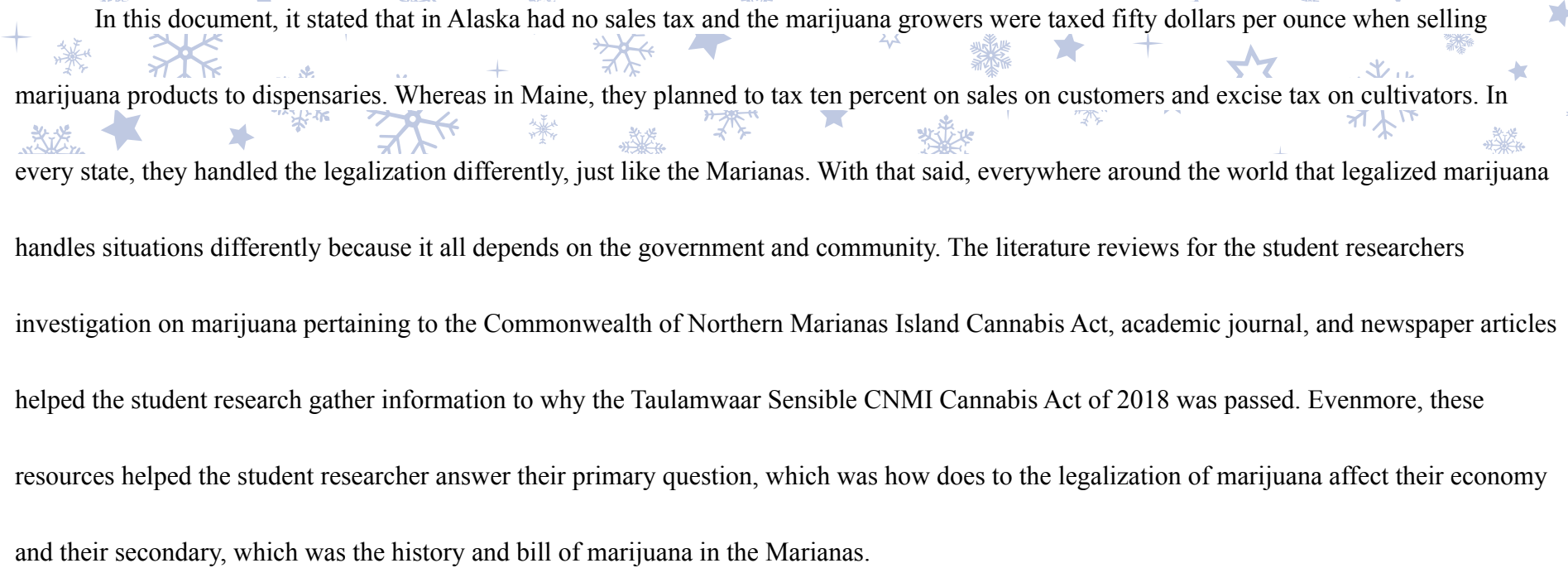
LITERATURE REVIEW FINDINGS

As of October 16, 2019, the search of marijuana resulted of 64,000,000, on Google. On Google Scholar, about 666,000, results appeared with the search of marijuana. The articles from Google web were non-academic resources. The Google Scholar articles were academic resources that were peer-reviewed and had conducted studies regarding marijuana. Aside from these resources, the local news articles of marijuana were on Saipan Tribune and Marianas Variety. The bill was provided online and anyone was allowed to access this file. This literature review will discuss the various non-academic and academic resources relating to marijuana providing information from the Commonwealth Cannabis Act, Saipan Tribune, Marianas Variety, and academic resources.

Igisomar bagarts anew for responsible use of marijuana stated that Senator Sixto pushed to legalize marijuana in the Marianas for patients who were deeply in need of this medication. Sixto stated that boiling the leaves, roots, or any part of the herb could be consumed as a tea. This would treat those with chronic diseases or epilepsy. In another article called *Marijuana bill passes house*, it stated that Senator Sixto Igisomar was the first to introduce this bill. Even more, this bill was called Taulumwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018, which was named after the late David K. Peter.

Public Law 20-66 (CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018), as of September 21, 2019, the CNMI governor Ralph Deleon Guerrero signed the Taulumwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018 that legalized marijuana in the Marianas for recreational, medicinal, and commercial use. This bill stated the purposes as to why Taulumwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018 was legalized, the types of licenses, limitations, and penalties to specific violations. There were about 7 types of licenses which included: production, processor, wholesale, retail, lounge, testing facility, and delivery. To each license, there were limitations in regards to the number of marijuana products, form of cannabis products, age, and purpose. If any of these licenses were to be violated, there are penalties. The penalties depend on the violation and the degree of violation.

Economic Effects of National Marijuana Legalization was a document that stated the history of marijuana in America, taxes, criminal action cost, medicinal effects, medicinal versus recreational marijuana, effects of financial markets, and banking institutions. This document was useful for the student researcher because it can be a comparison to how America and the Marianas handled marijuana in terms of taxes, banking, effects, and history. The student researcher gained information on how other states handle this situation and why it was handled that way.



In this document, it stated that in Alaska had no sales tax and the marijuana growers were taxed fifty dollars per ounce when selling marijuana products to dispensaries. Whereas in Maine, they planned to tax ten percent on sales on customers and excise tax on cultivators. In every state, they handled the legalization differently, just like the Marianas. With that said, everywhere around the world that legalized marijuana handles situations differently because it all depends on the government and community. The literature reviews for the student researchers investigation on marijuana pertaining to the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Island Cannabis Act, academic journal, and newspaper articles helped the student research gather information to why the Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018 was passed. Evenmore, these resources helped the student researcher answer their primary question, which was how does to the legalization of marijuana affect their economy and their secondary, which was the history and bill of marijuana in the Marianas.

FUTURE PLANS

★ The student researcher plans to share this research report to various relatives, friends, anyone who was interested in gaining knowledge based on the history, economy effects, and marijuana legalization bill of the Marianas. It was important that individuals are aware of this report because the bill has been passed that legalizes marijuana in the Marianas for recreational, medicinal, and commercial use. In addition, one should be informed and aware of what marijuana can provide to the economy.

STRENGTHS

- ➔ MAXIMUM RESOURCES AVAILABILITY
- ➔ INTERESTING TOPIC TO WORK ON
- ➔ WAS AN ISSUE IN THE MARIANAS
- ➔ MANY PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO SHARE WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT MARIJUANA
- ➔ MANY PEOPLE WERE WILLING TO FILL OUT THE SURVEY

WEAKNESSES

- ➔ HARD TIME SCHEDULING TO MEET WITH LEGISLATORS TO INTERVIEW THEM
- ➔ HARD TIME TO FIND MEDICINAL PATIENTS WHO ARE WILLING TO SHARE THIS EXPERIENCE

WHAT I WOULD'VE DONE
DIFFERENTLY

- ASKED DIFFERENT QUESTIONS
- INTERVIEWED MORE PEOPLE
- HAD MORE PEOPLE FILL OUT THE SURVEY

SUGGEST TO INTEREST OTHERS

- MARIJUANA IS LEGAL IN THE MARIANAS
- IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN AN ISSUE FOR A LONG TIME
- MANY PEOPLE NEED AND CAN AFFORD IT

WHAT I'VE LEARNED

1. THE BILL
 - ➔ DIFFERENT TYPES OF LICENSES
 - ➔ REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION
 - ➔ PENALTIES
 - ➔ LIMITATIONS

3. ECONOMIC BENEFITS

LEARNED ABOUT ACADEMIC WRITING

- ➔ FORMAT
- ➔ LENGTH
- ➔ COVER PAGE
- ➔ FONT
- ➔ SIZE

ORGANIZATION OF REPORT

1. COVER PAGE
2. ABSTRACT
3. INTRODUCTION
4. BACKGROUND
5. LITERATURE REVIEW
6. METHODOLOGY
7. ANALYSIS
8. FINDINGS
9. DISCUSSION

10. FUTURE PLANS
11. CONCLUSION
12. REFERENCE LIST
13. APPENDIX
 - PILOT SURVEY
 - RESULTS OF SURVEY
 - LISTS OF EXPERTS
 - OBSERVATION NOTES



CONDUCTING A WELL WRITTEN
REPORT ON MARIJUANA



GATHER AS MUCH INFORMATION
REGARDING MARIJUANA

ADDITION KNOWLEDGE

1. LEARN DEEPLY MORE ON ECONOMIC EFFECTS
2. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MARIJUANA COMMISSION IN THE MARIANAS

WORK ON SKILL

1. BRAINSTORMING QUICKER
2. HIGHER VOCABULARY WORDS

IMPROVED SKILLS

1. WRITING BETTER
2. BETTER GRAMMAR
3. BETTER ESSAYS
4. WRITING FORMAT
5. SENTENCE STRUCTURE

SHARE TIME!

I ENJOYED THE JOURNEY
THROUGHOUT THIS COURSE WORKING
ON MY REPORT BECAUSE I LOVED MY
TOPIC.



THANK YOU!