INQUIRY INTO USE OF CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

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I am a year old male whose only crime in life is I am a cannabis user.

I first drank alcohol and got very pissed aged sixteen and a half in
. I was a weekend teenage binge drinker until when I had my
first cannabis experience. I did not drink any alcohol after that for decades
until I started drinking about five beers a week in my fifties.

My daily use of cannabis is for several reasons. The main self medication purpose is one that is not in the literature. This lack of knowledge about this particular property of cannabis is entirely due to the fact when a valuable drug (e.g. cannabis, LSD, DMT, MDMA) is declared as having no value important research is impossible.

I am hypomanic. The major emotional downside to hypomania is irritability. I have the capacity to be cheerful and irritable simultaneously! I am forever spitting chips. Regrettably the medical profession lumps irritability in with anxiety. This is wrong. I do not have any anxiety or stress in my life. The medical profession will prescribe anti-anxiety drugs for people who are merely irritable.

Cannabis medically puts a lid on the irritability. I trade off a bit of my manic energy for a lessening of the irritability.

It is a genetic imperative for humans to take mind altering drugs for the purposes of performance enhancing (the stimulants caffeine and cocaine for example. Coca leaf being the choice stimulant throughout South America including all of Amazonia), spiritual (99.9% of world's cultures have used drugs for visionary religious reasons), and finally recreational.

it is genetic because it is a universal trait. How many humans do you know who do not use a stimulant every day in their adult life? What is cultural is what drugs are acceptable and which are not. This cultural acceptance and rejection bears no relationship to science and safety.

To have legal alcohol and tobacco --drugs with worse effects on the individual and society than cannabis--- while criminalizing cannabis users, growers, and merchants is PERSECUTION.

There is more emotional trauma and turmoil experienced by persecuted cannabis affeciandos and their network than there would be negative emotional effects if women were again denied the right to vote. We know denying the right to vote for women is persecution. Why don't you recognize and realize what is happening to cannabis people right now today is PERSECUTION?