

ANSLINGER QUOTES (location in A.J. Anslinger collection, Pennsylvania State University)

“Despite the fact that medical men and scientists have disagreed upon the properties of Marihuana, and some are inclined to minimize the harmfulness of this drug, the records offer ample evidence that it has a disastrous effect upon many of its users” (undated).

Box 9, File 7, “Marijuana Related Arrests 1931-47” (actual document undated; document refers to 1935 and 1936 as “during the past several years”)

“I find that the conclusions reached by persons who have had practical experience with the drug present a much stronger case against Marihuana than those formed by a study of literature on the subject” (10/18/1937) .

Box 2 “Correspondence”, Letter to Dr. Michael V. Ball, October 18, 1937

“There must be constant enforcement and constant education against this enemy, which has a record of murder and terror running through the centuries” (1938).

Box 1, File 11: Articles on Narcotics by Harry J. Anslinger (1933-61)

“Recently we have received many reports showing crimes of violence committed by persons while under the influence of Marihuana” (undated).

Box 9, File 7, “Marijuana Related Arrests 1931-47” (actual document undated; document refers to 1935 and 1936 as “during the past several years”)

“We are daily receiving reports of its abuse, and of violent crimes committed by persons while under its influence. Its user is quickly reduced to insanity” (1936).

Box 1, File 7: Speeches by Harry J. Anslinger (1930-38)

“I am surprised to learn that certain police officers have been inclined to minimize the effects of the use of Marihuana. These officers should review some of the cases that are reported to the Bureau. They would, I am sure, be convinced that the drug is adhering to its old world traditions of murder, assault, rape, physical demoralization and mental breakdown. A study of the effects of Marihuana shows clearly that it is a dangerous drug, and Bureau records prove that its use is associated with insanity and crime” (1938).

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“Therefore, from the standpoint of police work, it is a more dangerous drug than heroin or cocaine” (1938).

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“I consider marihuana the worst of all narcotics – far worse than the use of morphine or cocaine. Under its influences men becomes beasts...Marihuana destroys life itself” (1937).

Box 2 “Correspondence”

SESSIONS QUOTES (links to sources, and videos where available)

“I think medical marijuana has been hyped, maybe too much” (3/15/2017).

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/jeff-sessions-medical-marijuana-has-been-hyped-maybe-too-much/2017/03/15/2a15bb1a-0999-11e7-93dc-00f9bdd74ed1_story.html?tid=a_inl&utm_term=.3cb2ed27d5f0

“Marijuana is a cure for opiate abuse. Give me a break. This is the kind of argument that's been made out there to just — almost a desperate attempt to defend the harmlessness of marijuana or even its benefits. I doubt that's true. Maybe science will prove I'm wrong” (2/28/2017).

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2017/02/28/attorney-general-sessions-wants-to-know-the-science-on-marijuana-and-opioids-here-it-is/?utm_term=.5c74072fde0c

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?424665-1/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-delivers-remarks-national-association-attorneys-general>

“I'm astonished to hear people suggest we can solve our heroin crisis — have you heard this? — by having more marijuana. I mean, how stupid is that? Give me a break. So we're going to have to stand up and confront that, tell the truth here. And our nation needs to say clearly once again that using drugs is bad, that it will destroy your life” (3/15/2017).

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2017/04/17/on-marijuana-trumps-homeland-security-secretary-and-the-ag-could-hardly-be-farther-apart/?utm_term=.1443b285d104

“Experts are telling me there's more violence around marijuana than one would think and there's big money involved. You can't sue somebody for drug debt. The only way to get your money is through strong-arm tactics, and violence tends to follow that” (2/27/2017).

<https://apnews.com/4eb30a0569c440429e6c7da7589d630c/sessions-more-violence-around-pot-one-would-think>

“I believe it's an unhealthy practice, and current levels of THC in marijuana are very high compared to what they were a few years ago, and we're seeing real violence around that” (2/27/2017).

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/under-the-radar/2017/02/jeff-sessions-marijuana-235461?cmpid=sf>

“We need grown-ups in charge in Washington saying marijuana is not the kind of thing that ought to be legalized, it ought to be minimized, that it is in fact a very real danger... And you'll see cocaine and heroin increase more than it would have, I think” (4/5/2016).

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/video/c/embed/bab3b09a-add8-11e6-8f19-21a1c65d2043>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-watch/wp/2016/11/21/jeff-sessionss-ridiculous-anti-drug-crusade/?utm_term=.b9ab72df64a0

“I think it's a more dangerous drug than a lot of people realize” (3/6/2017).

<http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/california-playbook/2017/03/pelosi-on-gop-health-care-cruelty-newsoms-single-payer-move-vidak-wants-probe-of-obscenity-laced-tirade-219204>

<http://www.hughhewitt.com/attorney-general-jeff-sessions/>

“And I am astonished to hear people suggest that we can solve our heroin crisis by legalizing marijuana – so people can trade one life-wrecking dependency for another that’s only slightly less awful” (3/15/2017).

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-delivers-remarks-efforts-combat-violent-crime-and-restore>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2017/03/15/two-years-after-the-dea-admitted-marijuana-is-less-dangerous-than-heroin-jeff-sessions-would-like-to-reconsider/?utm_term=.5ab8ab52f13e

“I won’t commit to never enforcing federal law” (1/10/2017).

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2017/01/10/sessions-on-enforcing-federal-marijuana-laws-it-wont-be-an-easy-decision/?utm_term=.648d50b35915

“It is a core principle that prosecutors should charge and pursue the most serious, readily provable offense... We’re on a bad trend right now. We’ve got too much complacency about drugs. Too much talk about recreational drugs” (5/10/2017).

<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/05/12/mandatory-minimum-drug-sentences-jeff-sessions-238295>

“Good people don’t smoke marijuana” (4/5/2016).

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/video/c/embed/bab3b09a-add8-11e6-8f19-21a1c65d2043>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/11/18/trumps-pick-for-attorney-general-good-people-dont-smoke-marijuana/?utm_term=.e05371f089ef

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/04/05/senators-one-sided-marijuana-hearing-is-heavy-on-anecdote-light-on-data/?utm_term=.1c60e86094e6

QUOTE FROM VERMONT GOVERNOR SCOTT

“I’m not sure the time is right now.” (5/17/17)

<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/story/news/politics/2017/05/17/gov-scott-marijuana-i-have-do-what-think-right/327650001/>