

Assembly-Marijuana

Do you favor removing all criminal penalties for possession and use of marijuana?

Assemblyman James W. McCabe Sr., 123rd District Democrat, said no and stated:

"At this time I don't think medical research has shown that marijuana is safe. But the present drug law is too severe. I favor reducing the penalty for possessing or using marijuana to a violation of an offense. Young people especially tend to experiment first and think later. We should discourage the use of marijuana but I do not favor labeling young people as criminals for using it."

His opponent, Republican William Forster did not answer.

In the 125th District, Lloyd S. Riford Jr. checked the no box. Democrat George Sayler did not respond.

Richard Marshall, Republican assemblyman from the 126th District, does not favor the removal of such penalties. Democrat John Keefe agrees and added: "Marijuana has not been proven by medical experts as perfectly harmless or has it proven not to be addictive to stronger or hard drugs. Not until marijuana is proven to be totally harmless in itself would I consider removing criminal penalties."

Charles Henderson, Republican of the 127th District, checked no and said, "If penalties are to be imposed they should be the same nationally."

Democrat J. Ward McConnell Jr. did not respond.

Neither Republican Conservative Gary Lee nor Democrat Liberal Edward Conley answered from the 128th District.

In the 129th, James F. Hurley answered no and stated that "we have enough problems in our society with alcohol. We do not need another legal excuse to cause additional escape from reality."

Democrat William Tatro IV did not respond.

Thomas Hanna, Republican Conservative assemblyman from the 130th District, also is opposed to removing criminal penalties and said, "There is increasing evidence that the continued use of marijuana is injurious to one's health. We must continue to protect society from this scourge."

Neither Democrat Ronald Papke nor Liberal Armand Schaubroek replied.

Assemblyman Raymond Lill of the 131st District said that "penalties for use of marijuana should be reduced" but checked the no box, indicating that he does not favor removing all criminal penalties.

The Republican candidate from the 131st, Ogden Dumas Jr. did not check either box but commented:

"I do not think it proper to remove all penalties for possession and use of marijuana. This a complicated question as present laws directly involve marijuana with other far more dangerous drugs. A new look is being taken scientifically at marijuana and when this research is done we will know more definitely how it should be controlled and in what way those who use or sell it should be dealt with most properly."

Liberal Richard P. Holowka checked the yes box and said, "The law as it exists now is a travesty. It is not succeeding in removing suppliers. Rather it is a form of harassment."

In the 132nd District, Raymond Lang, Republican Conservative,

and Democrat Thomas Frey did not comment. Liberal Nancy Brase checked the yes box.

In the 133rd District, Republican Conservative Assemblyman Frank A. Carroll answered no and added, "Use of marijuana is detrimental to one's health, especially to young growing bodies and potential permanent physical damage to our future generation. — I am opposed to any relaxation of the present law."

Liberal Charles N. Chomyn said yes but qualified it by saying, "Except for minors, all criminal penalties for possession and personal use of marijuana and hashish should be removed."

Democrat Andrew Virgilio did not respond.

Assemblyman William Steinfeldt, Republican, checked the no box. His 134 District opponent, Democrat Conservative Roger Robach also said no. Liberal Ronald Bertie did not respond.

Don W. Cook, Republican assemblyman from the 135th District, said no. Liberal John H. McGee said yes and added, "Since the use of marijuana infringes on no others rights and since I do not believe that government has the power to make rules and regulations in the area of morals. I am in favor of legalizing marijuana and all other 'victimless' crimes." A person, since he is endowed with free will should be free to treat his or her body in whatever manner they wish as long as it does not interfere with any other person's body, rights or property."

Conservative John Stavisky said no and added that "marijuana may have dangerous physical effects as well as leading to the use of 'harder' drugs. As such, I believe that use and possession of marijuana should be treated as a crime."

Democrat Richard Holtzberg answered yes and said:

"Having a great deal of background in the area of drug abuse I believe that the present approach to marijuana under the law is totally inadequate. Although I do not believe society is prepared to accept legislation making marijuana totally legal, I would certainly reduce the penalties and decriminalize the possession of marijuana. I believe to stain someone's future with the blot of a misdemeanor or felony criminal record for the mere possession of marijuana is criminal in and of itself."

Assemblyman James Emery, Republican of the 136th District, answered no. William R. (Bob) O'Mara, the Democrat, did not take a yes or no position but commented, "Penalties we have now are too severe."

Democrat Maynard Reed in the 137th answered no. Republican R. Stephen Hawley could not be reached for comment at pretime.

Mooney Research Aids Writer

At Cardinal Mooney High School last year, physics students were taking decibel readings at school dances and other public functions, and around machinery of all sorts. Their research is incorporated in a paper published in the October issue of The Physics Teacher.

The paper, entitled Sound Intensity and Good Health, is by Brother Hugh Haggerty, CSC, former Mooney teacher who now is at Holy Cross High School in Flushing, investigating the uses of the computer in the teaching of mathematics and science. The Physics Teacher, the journal of the American Association of Physics Teachers, has international circulation.

Marijuana-Senate

Do you favor removing all criminal penalties for possession and use of Marijuana?

On the issue of the decriminalization of marijuana, it is clear that most Senate candidates from this diocese are opposed.

There were 11 nos to only four yeses. Those who did not answer the survey numbered 10.

In the 45th District, Democrat J. Donald Nolan said no, saying:

"The possession of a small quantity of marijuana should not be a criminal offense but I regard the pushing of drugs a criminal offense. I think there is something lacking in our social system when people have to have drugs to control their feelings and emotions."

Republican Conservative H. Douglas Barclay did not answer.

Republican Warren M. Anderson of the 47th District did not comment. His opponent, Donald W. Kramer, Democrat, said he is opposed to the decriminalization.

"I do not favor the legalization of marijuana. I would favor making mere possession of marijuana in any except large amounts an offense punishable merely by a fine or civil penalty," Kramer said.

Republican Conservative Tarky J. Lombardi Jr. in the 50th District, indicated he is opposed to such decriminalization, as did Democrat Edward J. Nowakowski who added:

"Not one shred of evidence has ever been produced that marijuana is not as dangerous as any other drug. Much evidence has been produced to show harmful effects of this same drug."

Liberal James H. Napierski checked yes; he would favor such decriminalization.

Sen. William T. Smith of the 51st District is opposed to removing criminal penalties and declared:

"I am for strict enforcement of the controls New York State has enacted into law. Recent scientific studies have revealed

that the long-term effects of marijuana use are very damaging. It would be an act of irresponsibility to remove penalties."

Smith's Democratic opponent takes a similar stance. Andrew Mazzella commented:

"While the present penalties for possession of marijuana may in some instances be severe, I would not favor the legalization of the use of marijuana."

In the 52nd District, Frederick L. Warder, Republican Conservative, does not favor lifting such criminal penalties. Liberal Robert G. Cunningham takes the opposite position. He commented:

"I do not believe that the government should make illegal the so-called 'victimless' crime. The use of marijuana is in the same category as use of tobacco and alcohol. Attempts to legislate against alcohol were disastrous and history is repeating itself with marijuana."

The 52nd District Democratic candidate, Jack Lee Bricker, did not answer.

In the 53rd District, Conservative Sen. Gordon DeHond said no. Republican Thomas Laverne also replied no and commented:

"However, I would favor reclassification of marijuana to a soft drug."

The Liberal candidate, Louis Crawford, is "definitely" in favor of removing such penalties.

"Opposition to marijuana, as I see it, for the most part is politically motivated and has nothing to do with medical facts."

or scientific investigation," Crawford said.

Democrat John Perry did not comment.

H. Everest Clements, Albany party, did not comment.

In the 54th District, Republican Conservative Fred Eckert and Democrat Frank Lamb did not reply. The Liberal candidate, George S. Tucker, answered yes, adding, "As in the case of all victimless crimes, prostitution, homosexuality, etc., this is a moral and individual issue and should be handled in the education and social fields not in the field of justice and law."

The 58th District's Thomas F. McGowan, Republican, is opposed to such a change and explained his position:

"Many marijuana users eventually go to 'hard' drugs. The law now provides (Section 170.56 Criminal Procedure Law) for a defendant to be conditionally discharged on a first offense for a small amount of marijuana. In my five years as an assistant district attorney, ten years as a police officer and nine years as a member of the Legislative Committee on Crime, I have been told by all witnesses that there never has been an addiction to heroin, cocaine, or other hard drugs, without first there being excessive use of marijuana."

His opponent, William P. Rogowski, also is against removing the criminal penalty for possession and use of marijuana.

In the 59th District, Republican James T. McFarland is opposed to such a change in the law. His election foes, Democrat Thomas Santa Lucia and Liberal Keith Curcio did not reply.

CDA Funds History Chair

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — The Catholic University of America has received the pledge of a \$750,000 endowment from the Catholic Daughters of America to fund a Chair in American Catholic Church History.

Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans, chairman of Catholic University's board of trustees, said, "We cannot have a full appreciation of our Church or its contributions to the country unless we know its history."

"The action of the Catholic Daughters of America will help to inspire the people of God by the discovery of their rich heritage and help them be conscious of their enormous contribution to the country," said Archbishop Hannan, national chaplain of the CDA.

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