



## Legalizing and Regulating Recreational Marijuana

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Description: Should marijuana be legalized throughout the US, and what would happen if it was?

Estimated time: 1.5 hours

### (1) Getting acquainted and comfortable

5 - 10 min.

#### Welcome

- Thank you for coming...
- We are a part of The Great Reset, which was born out of a shift we're seeing in our country. We have been in a place where we don't tend to speak 'beyond our bubbles' and across perspectives. The Great Reset has been opening up a grey space for such conversations since 2018. You are now part of keeping the conversation going and we thank you.

#### The Pillars of The Great Reset

- To share our own thoughts and perspectives with humility
- To learn from others and listen with respect

#### Ground Rules

- Every comment is valid and deserving of respect
- We show respect by speaking one at a time, putting our phones on silent and staying engaged, even when we are not speaking
- In the interest of time, I may cut in to ask you to 'top-line' something if we need to move on. This means simply offer up a synopsis of your thoughts and speak in bullets, not paragraphs

#### Confidentiality

I would like a verbal from everyone that you are here of your own volition and out of respect for one another I would ask you to keep what others say in this room unless they give you permission otherwise. (go around and get verbal agreement). Further, you agree to adhere to the principles outlined already: to deliver your perspectives bound to the principles of respect, to **listen with humility and offer grace to others who are sharing this space.**

#### Personal Introductions

Please share your name, where you live, and where do you work and how long have you worked there.

**\*\*\*Remind everyone we're recording but we won't use any clips without their approval\*\*\***



## **(2) Legalizing recreational use of marijuana for adults**

**35 - 40 min.**

- First, how do you feel about legalized medical marijuana, and why?
- Now how do you feel about legalized recreational marijuana, and why? If not legal, should it be decriminalized?
- At what age should be the legal age for recreational marijuana use, and why?
- What concerns do you have about legalizing recreational marijuana? Probe for concern with risks to addiction, abuse, and gateway to use of other drugs.
- Some studies suggest that marijuana is transitioning to be the “substance of choice” for young adults. Why do you think marijuana has replaced alcohol in this regard? Probe for comparisons of marijuana use with alcohol use.

## **(3) Legal recreational marijuana regulations**

**20 - 25 min.**

- How regulated should be the sale of legal recreational marijuana?
- Who should be allowed to sell recreational marijuana? Should there be licensing similar to alcohol?
- Should there be state controlled marijuana stores, similar to those states that have state liquor stores? (Alabama, Idaho, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Utah and Virginia all own liquor stores directly, and so does Ontario.)
- What types of information should be on marijuana product packaging? Probe for comparisons to product information on labels of liquor, beer and wine.
- What types of regulations would you want on advertising of recreational marijuana? How should it be allowed or restricted on billboards, TV, radio, digital media, etc?

## **(4) Decriminalizing psychedelics, cocaine, etc**

**5 - 10 min.**

- How do you feel about the decriminalization or even legalization for recreational use of other mind altering substances such as psilocybin (magic mushrooms), psychedelics, cocaine, Ecstasy, heroin, etc? And why? (Oregon was the first state to legalize magic mushrooms in 2020.) Probe for thoughts on micro dosing psychedelics.

## **(5) Closing comments**

**5 - 10 min.**

- Any additional comments about the legalization or regulation of marijuana?