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Legalizing Marijuana

I must be getting old. This law that makes marijuana a misdemeanor has really gotten the best of me. I remember the days when marijuana smoking was hidden in the confinement of a home, a park or anywhere where you could not smell it in the immediate atmosphere. Well, times have changed and I'm not sure I like it. During the days of my youth and early adulthood I remember thinking what's wrong with herb. It don't hurt nobody. Well fast-forward to today and I will gladly eat my words of ignorance. I can no longer enjoy the beauty of my neighborhood, the peaceful serenity and pleasure of sitting on my porch no longer exists. The boldest of the smokers have forced me to abandon my porch. The porch, where I love to sit during the days of spring, summer and fall, the

porch where I happily watched my child, and now my grandchildren play in peace amid the peace of a clean and peaceful neighborhood. What a joy divine, sitting on the porch. The porch where I can think, pray and wave to the neighbors and engage in spirit filled conversations. I love my porch just like my mother and others before me loved theirs. Well in my neighborhood the porch means something else to others. It means a place to gather and indulge in marijuana, drinking and other ills of society that I do not appreciate. Don't get me wrong I do not have anything against others doing their thing, but and I say but...marijuana is still illegal. The pleasures of a few has crippled the freedoms of others. The social negative that arrive with the behavior is troubling. The police



don't respond. They say it's too much paperwork for the crime. The parents don't care. They don't have any control over their children. So that means we the good guys have to resort to staying inside and living like prisoners in our homes. So, I have some problems with ignoring our marijuana laws and allowing people to smoke outside of their homes. I have problems with law enforcement ignoring my calls for help. I wonder if our lawmakers really researched the other side or are they solely driven by the dollars it will

produce. I think I just answered my own question. Money, money, just ignore the dark side. It saddens me to think that lawmakers think some people are just disposable.

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