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For about 75 years now, the U.S. Government has waged a literal war on marijuana¹ and its users, whether for medical, recreational, fiber, or food purposes. For a substantial amount of that time, the very same government (under different administrations, of course) has been committing quite serious crimes, the nature of which would send any average person to prison for 20 years to life, or possibly even the death sentence.

And even though these crimes were committed using taxpayer dollars, the people behind these crimes have never been charged with misappropriation of government funds, theft of federal property, or even with the crimes themselves in most cases.

What kinds of crimes are we talking about? If you're in your twenties or thirties and aren't much of a history student, perhaps you'd better sit down first, because in the words of Nigel Tufnel, some of this is "really quite frightening"².

We're From the Government, And We're Here To Give You LSD

Much of today's legal problems with marijuana come from the fact that it's listed as a Schedule I drug, along with substances such as heroin and LSD. A notorious listing in Schedule I means (the way the Federal government looks at things) that these drugs have essentially no medical or positive use whatsoever: they're just bad drugs.

Which is why it's kind of ironic that the very same government was not only giving out LSD



to people, but in many cases, doing it without their knowledge³, which led to several deaths, including the high-profile defenestration of Frank Olsen⁴, a senior microbiologist specializing in biological warfare for the U.S. Army. Initially thought to be a suicide, Olsen's death was later determined to be a homicide⁵.

And they weren't doing this for medical or legitimate investigative purposes, either; they were doing it to deliberately mess with people's minds⁶, as part of a CIA project⁷ that one observer flatly labels as "torture"⁸. Victims included soldiers, mental patients, doctors, and even a tennis player⁹.

Though Olsen died in 1953, the circumstances of his death led to the "strange coincidence" of William Colby, former director of the CIA, dying in an unwitnessed boating accident¹⁰ the very day a New York State prosecutor began a grand jury investigation of Olsen's death more than 40 years later¹¹.

But it wasn't just the CIA who treated American citizens as so many lab rats. One researcher¹² did things like ECT (electroshock therapy) and giving paralyzing drugs to patients under his control who had such relatively innocuous complaints as anxiety and postpartum depression. This mental Mengele managed to permanently damage quite a few minds¹³ while he was at it, and that's not counting the sexual abuse of some of his child

patients¹⁴. So what was his punishment?

*He was elected, by acclaim from his peers, to become the head of the American Psychiatric Association, the Canadian Psychiatric Association, and the World Psychiatric Association as well!*¹⁵

So don't be too impressed by "official" diagnoses of mental illness (via the DSM), or pronouncements of the "addictive nature" of marijuana from these types of groups, now that you know what kind of person they like to put in charge.

Official Government Cocaine?

Perhaps you've heard about the Iran-Contra Scandal¹⁶: the government-sponsored illegal arms smuggling to Iran in the 1980s, which also involved a complicated bit of financial legerdemain in order to get money to a group of American allies in Nicaragua called the Contras.

But you might not have heard that another source of money for the Contras was cocaine smuggling, reportedly shipped directly into Los Angeles, and apparently¹⁷ with the full knowledge of the CIA¹⁸.

That's because, although investigative journalist Gary Webb¹⁹ wrote a popular Pulitzer Prizewinning series of articles²⁰ for the San Jose Mercury News which described the operation in exhaustive detail, a subsequent propaganda and smear campaign directed at Webb destroyed

his credibility and journalism career for years. He apparently committed suicide in 2004; "apparently" because men who appeared to be covert government agents were seen at his house²¹ and because most suicides don't shoot themselves in the head...twice²².

This scandal even took down William Casey, the Director of the CIA at the time:

Hours before Casey was scheduled to testify before Congress related to his knowledge of Iran-Contra, he was reported to have been rendered incapable of speech, and was later hospitalized.²³

Do even the most basic research about the CIA and the toxins they have available, factor in the timely death of William Colby (above), and see if you think that "hours before he was scheduled to testify" business was a natural coincidence.

The U.S. Government Boosts the Worldwide Heroin Trade

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That isn't a quote from some conspiracy theory website, but from an official report written by the U.S. Army's own Strategic Studies Institute.²⁴ Other sources claim²⁵ that this is not a coincidence²⁶, but official (though secret) government policy²⁷.

Here's another quote from that Army report:

"The Council on Foreign Relations in New York has warned, "Elimination of narcotics will take well over a decade, and crop eradication is a counterproductive way to start such a program."

Over a decade you say? A bit disingenuous, when we've already spent literally a trillion dollars over the last 40 years to "eliminate narcotics". All that money has gotten us is a larger drug market than ever in history²⁸, combined with a prison and justice system that's run, often for profit, using drug convictions as their main source of income.

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The U.S. Government Poisoned 10,000 Americans For Drinking Alcohol

Come with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear known as Alcohol Prohibition. During the period 1920 to 1933, it was effectively illegal to manufacture or sell alcoholic beverages in the United States. Since a huge market existed for alcoholic beverages, however, this led to the rise of organized crime, smuggling networks, and violence that has not ended to this day. The criminal gangs have changed with the times and the laws, and now make money with whatever is illegal, yet still desired by their customers.

The Federal Government didn't actually pass a law against alcohol; such a law was considered unconstitutional at the time. Instead, the Constitution itself was amended (with the 18th Amendment, which itself was invalidated by the 21st Amendment that finally put an end to Prohibition). Which raises the question: how could they then constitutionally pass a similar law against marijuana?



In any case, after a learning period, the largest gangs started hijacking railroad cars full of industrial alcohol to turn it into drinkable (and salable) alcohol. The Treasury Department, in charge of such things at the time, issued regulations that required that large quantities of poisons be added to industrial alcohol²⁹, knowing full well that people would die.

And die they did. Even though it was never illegal to drink alcohol under Prohibition, these deaths were effectively executions brought about by official policy. By some estimates, up to 10,000 people lost their lives as a direct result of the poisoned alcohol.

Today, that part of the Treasury Department is called the ATF (now the BATFE). The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives has the responsibility of enforcing the myriad laws concerning all of these items. You'll hear a bit more about them later on.

Just so you don't think this was an isolated incident, the government tried something similar in the 1970s when they sprayed the highly toxic herbicide paraquat on marijuana fields in Mexico³⁰.

Lawyers, Guns, and Money

So if giving drugs to some people, allowing sales to others, and poisoning thousands of its own citizens isn't bad enough, what about an official U.S. Government policy providing price support to the products sold by the drug cartels?

That's right. The government doesn't want the Mexican cartels to sell their brickweed in our country, so they seize it whenever possible. At the same time, they make sure the cartels get top dollar for their product by keeping it illegal.

That may or may not be the intent of their actions, but it's certainly the effect of their actions.

The latest foray of the U.S. Government into the world of international pharmaceutical import/export was to make sure the Mexican cartels are well and fully armed. Again, that may or may not be the intent of their actions, but it's certainly the effect of their actions.

The theory behind this one is a bit complicated³¹: the Obama administration is in favor of more gun control. So in order to prove that Mexican gangs get their weapons from the United States, the ATF instructed gun dealers to break Federal law and sell weapons illegally to known criminals and associates of Mexican gangs. This way, they'd ensure the criminals got their weapons from the United States! Then they could trot out their statistics in front of Congress and get their laws passed³². At least...in theory.

But things didn't quite go as planned, because as soon as the guns left the stores, they disappeared from the planned ATF surveillance. Imagine that...criminals are good at moving illegal goods secretly! Apparently that never occurred to the highly-paid executives at the ATF...nor the eventual result, which is that over 200 people have been killed³³ using the very weapons involved in the scandal. And one of them was one of our very own U.S. Border Patrol agents³⁴. So, who in our government is going to take responsibility for being an accomplice in the murder of a Federal agent (which is a capital crime, by the way) or any of those foreign nationals?

At press time, the U.S. mainstream media has been largely ignoring the ramifications of what some call "Operation Fast and Furious"³⁵ or "Project Gunwalker", but others are calling "the scandal of the century"³⁶, with the prominent exceptions of CBS News³⁷ and Fox News³⁸.

This isn't like arming a political ally in order to effect change in another country, like the CIA did with the Bay of Pigs debacle, either. And it's just a little more serious than Watergate. This is arming a criminal organization that has been effectively at war with a political ally of ours. Over 40,000 people have been killed in cartel-related violence in Mexico in the past few years, with 10,000 dead this year alone³⁹.

And in some cases, the government paid for the guns too⁴⁰. That's right: your tax dollars bought guns that were then transferred to the Sinaloa Cartel. Charming, eh? Especially now that the

very same ATF has reiterated their interpretation of Federal law specifically to deny legal medical marijuana patients the right to buy firearms⁴¹ to protect themselves.

But medical marijuana patients aren't as well-financed and politically well-connected as the Sinaloa Cartel⁴².

And if you read all that history, and concluded that something is seriously wrong with the way this country is being run...well, I guess I wouldn't blame you.

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