

THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT MARIJUANA

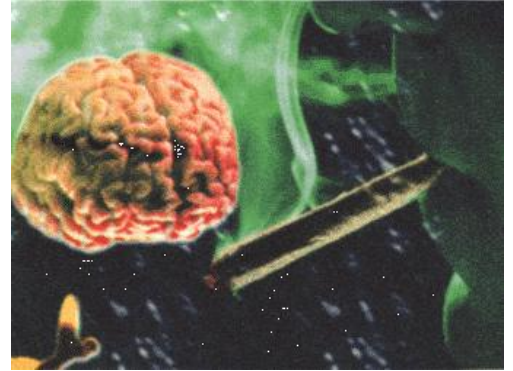
SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN SIDE EFFECTS

- **Decrease in testosterone levels for men**
- **Increase in testosterone levels for women (increases masculine characteristics)**
- **Diminished or extinguished sexual pleasure**
- **Increased risk of cancer**
- **Psychological dependence requiring more of the drug to get the same effect**
- **Lower sperm counts and difficulty having children in men**
- **Increased risk of infertility in women**

Mental Disorders

Preliminary scientific studies have shown that marijuana use may lead to mental disorders such as **schizophrenia, chronic anxiety, personality disturbances, and depression.**

A recent study of 1,023 trauma patients admitted to a shock trauma unit (receiving only the most seriously injured accident victims), found that one-third had detectable levels of marijuana in their blood.



If you saw what it did to your brain, you wouldn't want to use it.

Research has now established that **MARIJUANA IS ADDICTIVE.** More kids enter treatment each year for marijuana than for all other illicit drugs combined.

60% of teens currently in drug treatment have a primary marijuana diagnosis.

This is your brain on drugs...

Marijuana smoking affects the **brain** and leads to *impaired short-term memory, perception, judgment, and motor skills.*

DON'T KILL YOUR BRAINCELLS...

In laboratory research, scientists have found that high doses of THC given to young rats caused a loss of brain cells such as that seen with aging. At 11 or 12 months of age (about half their normal life span), the rats' brains looked like those of animals in old age.