



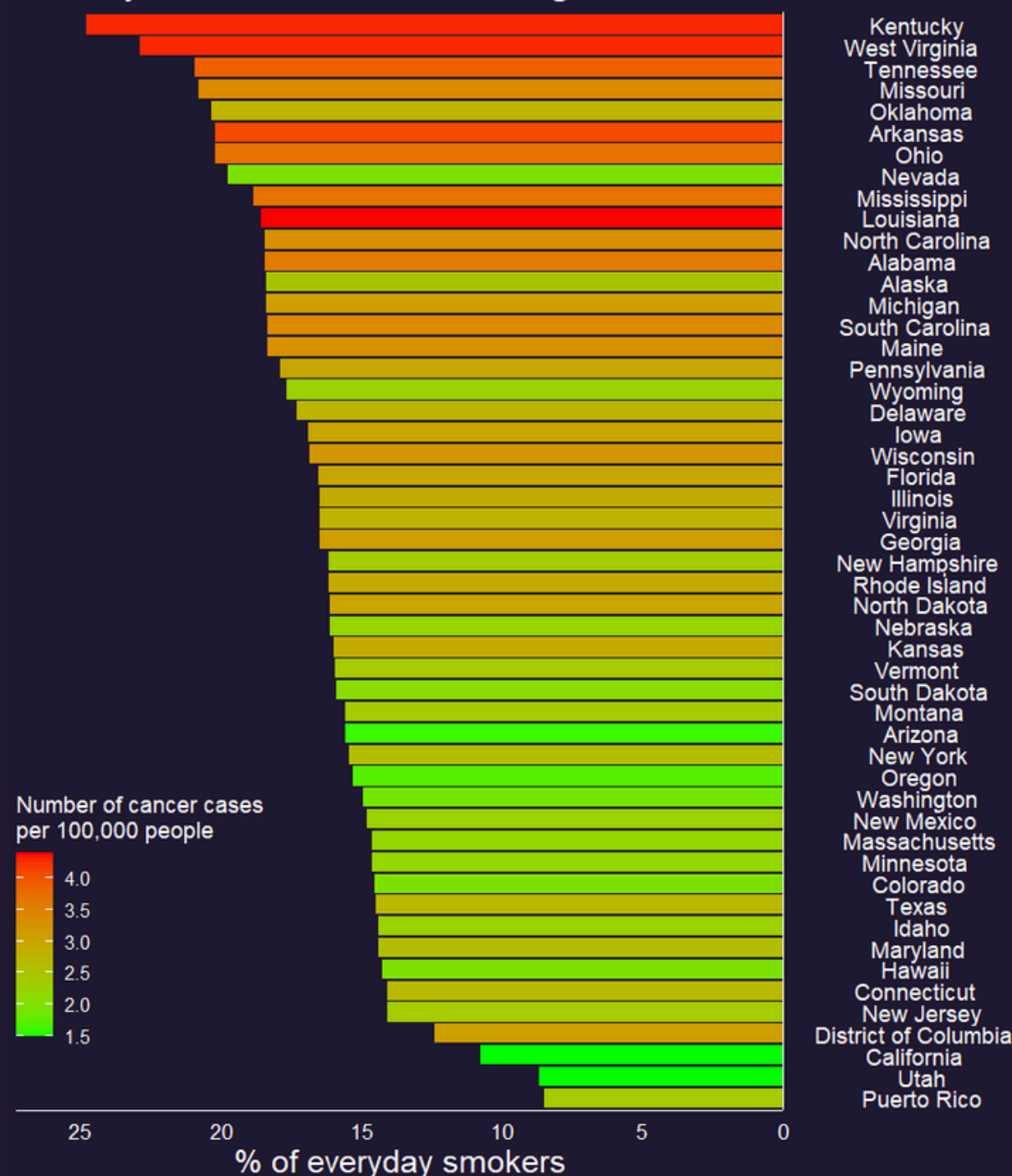
DRUGS



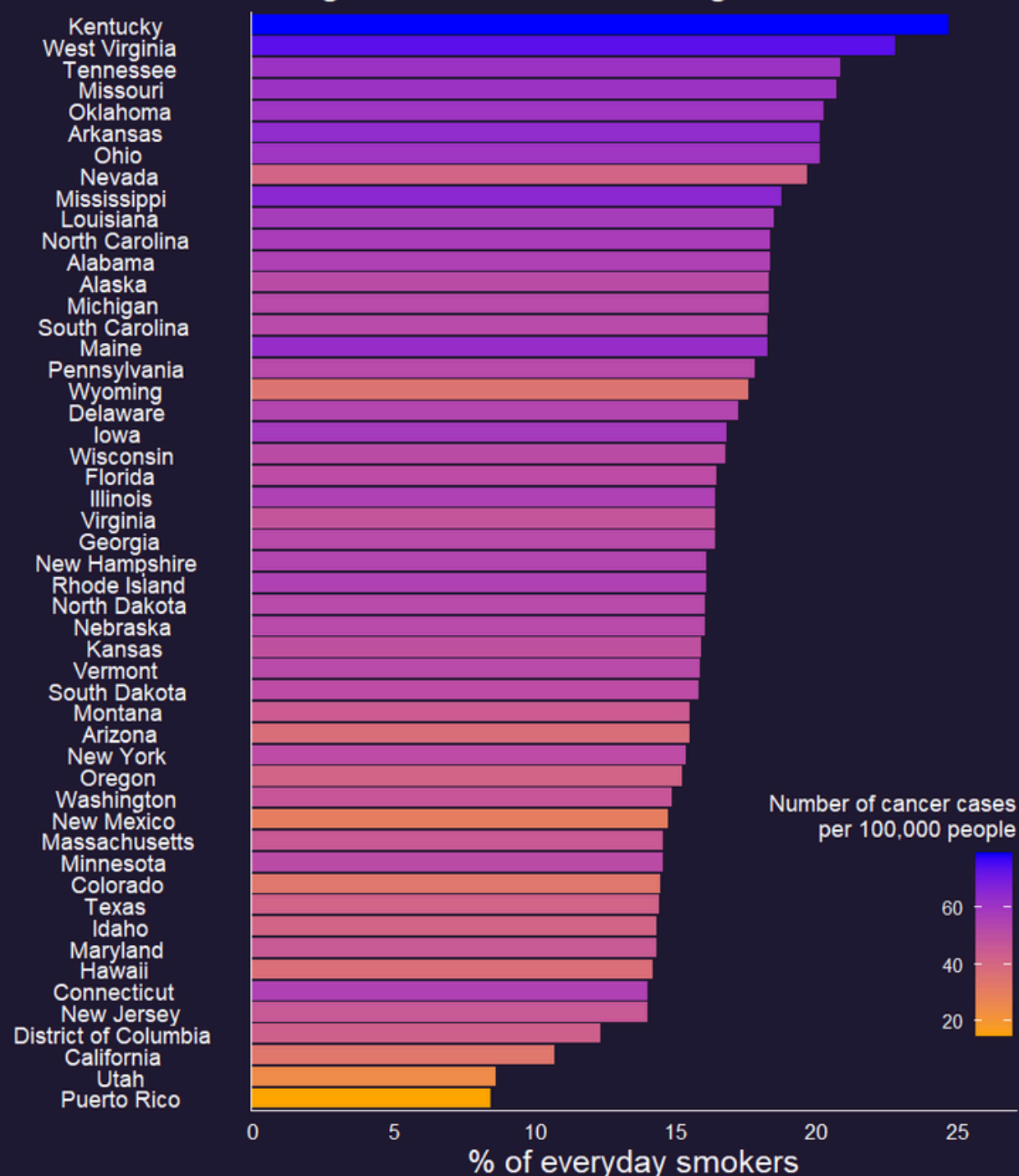
IS EVERY DRUG DANGEROUS?

Even though some drugs are legal it doesn't mean they're not harmful. On the right we can see two column plots which show correlation in each US state between percentage of people smoking and larynx (left side) or lungs cancer (right side). It is noticeable that in states with higher percentage of smokers, such as Kentucky, there are usually more cases of larynx or lungs cancer. So, at the end of the day, if you want your lungs to be cancer-free, stay away from smoking.

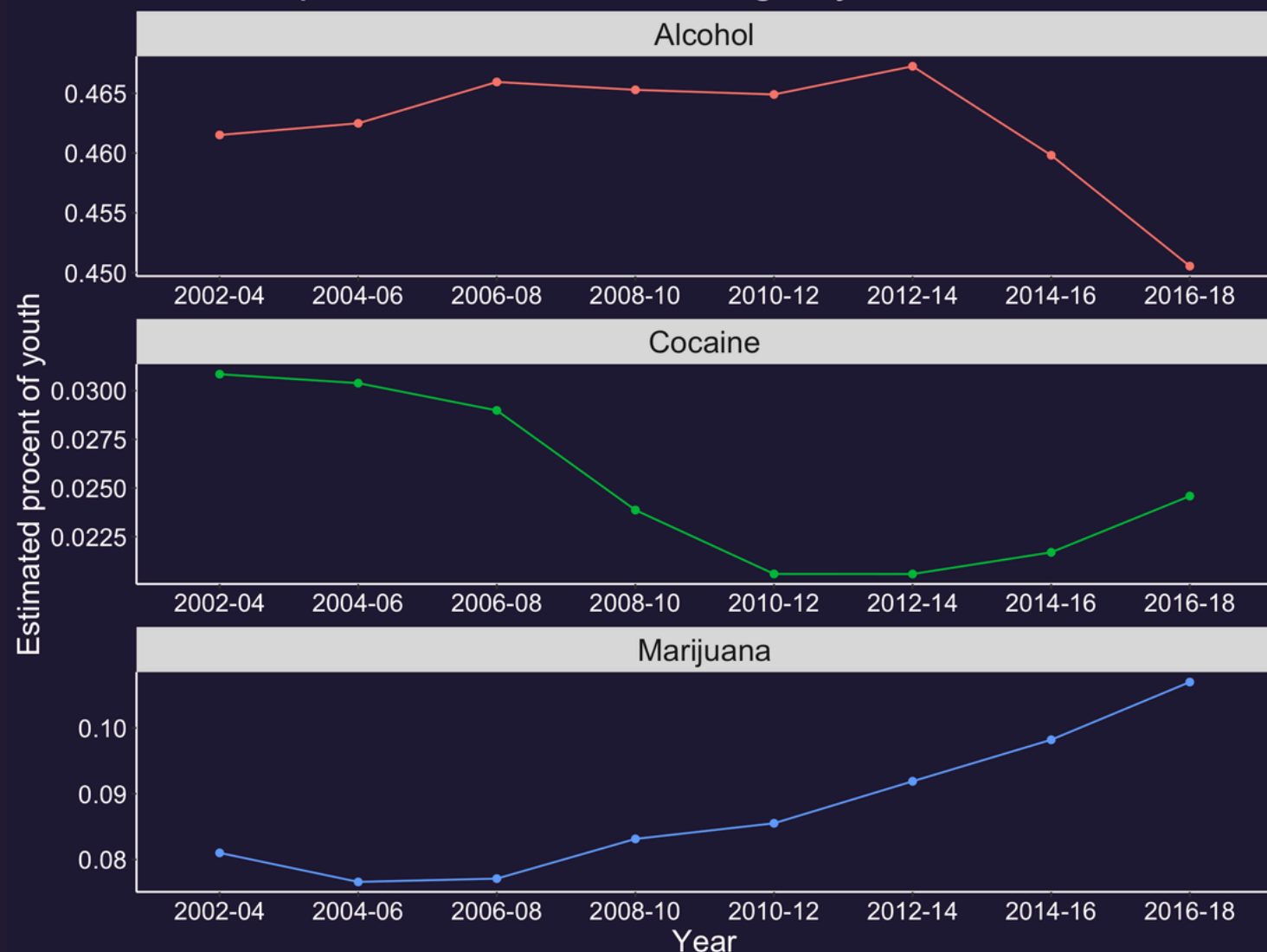
Larynx Cancer and smoking in the USA



Lung Cancer and smoking in the USA



Consumption of alcohol and drugs by minors - 2002-2018



SHOULD WE COMPLETELY PROHIBIT DRUGS?

Despite the harmful effects of drugs, there is a reason why some of them are still easily accessible. The graph on the right shows the relationship between life expectancy, level of happiness*, and liters of alcohol consumed per capita.

As we can see, in countries where life expectancy and levels of happiness are higher, on average, people consume more alcohol than in countries with lower levels of happiness and shorter life expectancy. Maybe alcohol is not as bad as we think?

*But how do we measure happiness? The Cantril ladder is a tool used to measure happiness by asking individuals to imagine a ladder where 10 represents the best possible life they can envision and 0 represents the worst.

Liters of alcohol consumed per capita - Worldwide 2019

