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The Happiness Crusade is about an Alien from outer space that sees the potential in humanity to become better and advance to a multi-planetary species. Unfortunately, one of the many things that prevent us from doing so is the lack of scientific facts that are being propagated throughout our societies and the willingness to accept new ideas. Drugs have been a long time issue, specifically in America, and the "War on drugs" and social dogma have led us to believe that all drugs are bad and evil. The reality of the situation is that there are so many drugs that are almost identical to those sold on the street, the only difference is that they're backed by large corporations and FDA approved.

The goal of "The Happiness Crusade" is to go through the 3 different levels and learn about drugs and their effect from the Alien, and then answer a series of questions by the store clerk. The levels are a work in progress and there is currently no level that has an active quiz. The quizzes will be in a true/false format and the player will answer them based on the information given by the Alien. If they answer correctly, they gain a point and move onto the next question. If they answer incorrectly, they gain no points and they will have to restart the quiz. After answering all the questions correctly in a row, the player will have finished that level. Ideally, the player will have a better understanding of the effects and statistics of alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drugs. After all three levels are finished, the player will have to battle the boss and collect the drug that is backed to be the safest.

Unfortunately, our classmates were not able to fully experience the game because the true/false functionality was not working at the first upload. They did very much enjoy the setup of the game and the way the player interacted with the environment. They enjoyed the graphics and the actual idea/goal of the game. We of course fixed the game to fully work at this point, as it was a suggestion from classmates and a requirement of the game being finished.

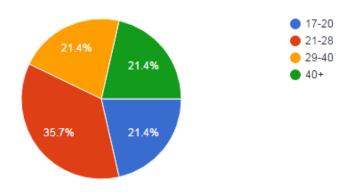
The data we collected showed an interesting trend, but one that we anticipated. The participants at first found that the safest drug, prior to playing the game, was alcohol at 50%. After they played the game, the safest drug voted was marijuana at 85.7%, while alcohol dropped down to 14.3% for safest. Nobody voted prescription drugs as safe post game, and only 1 person voted it safe pre game. This was important to us because this was something we strongly agreed with going into creating the game. Marijuana also dropped from 5 votes for most dangerous pre game, to only 1 vote post game. The age group was pretty evenly split, with most players being 21-28 years old. People generally were all over the place in how informed they thought they were before playing the game, and after it settled out that most people were right in the middle or felt that they were more informed. The goal of the game was to spark that interest and help stop misinformation, which it seems like it did. Prescription drugs were voted most dangerous both before and after the players played the game, which shows that people generally understand that they are the most dangerous.

Regarding team work, both members did research, graphics and coding for the project. Vyacheslav did more of the coding work on the project, as he has more experience with coding games and coding in general. He worked through the logic of the menus and functionality of the game. Donat did more of the graphics and design work for the game, such as custom made pixel tiled levels and level interactivity. Both members learned a lot about game design and programming, mostly through confused searches on google and stack overflow, and both members are proud of the final product.

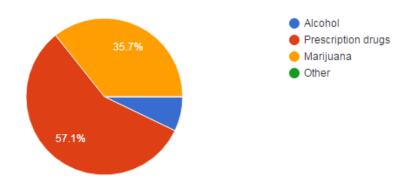
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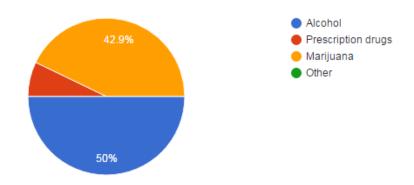
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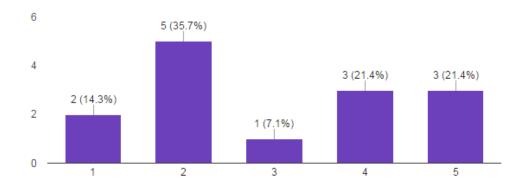
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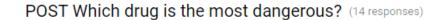


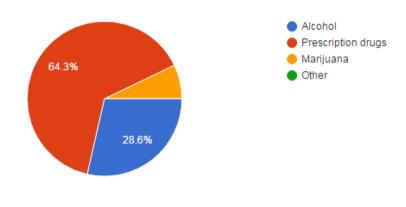
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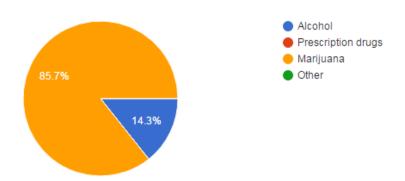
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