



19 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 US each state between of percentage 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 cancerfree, stay from away smoking.

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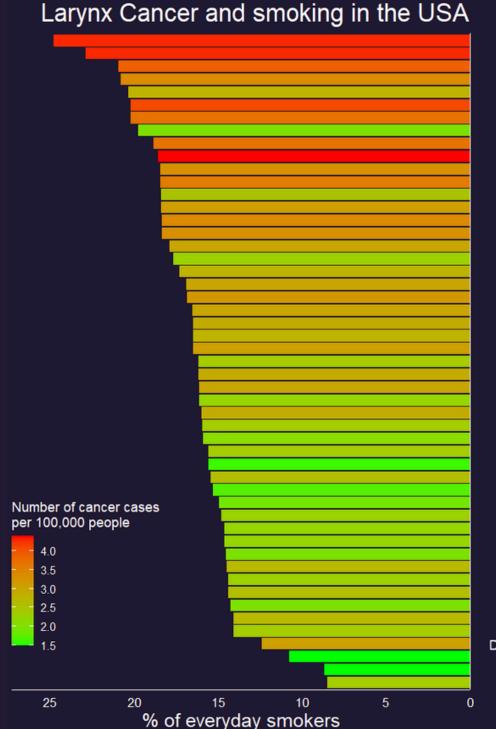
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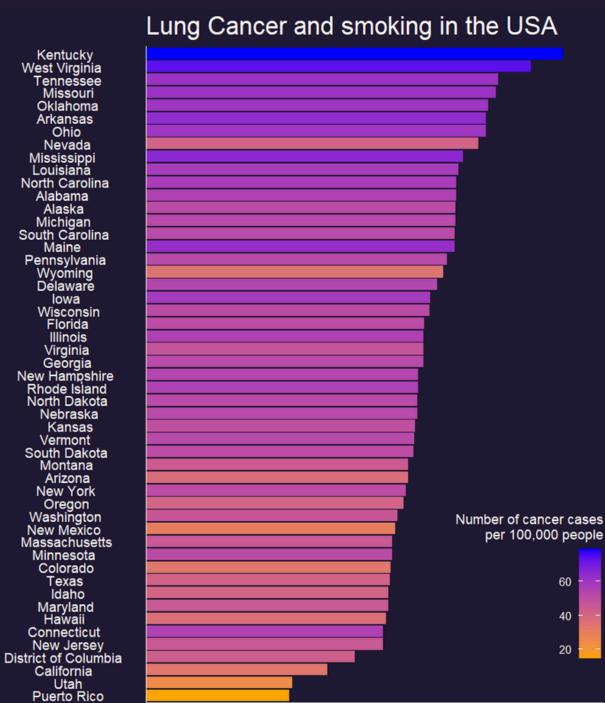
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Consumption of alcohol and drugs by minors - 2002-2018 Alcohol 0.465 0.460 0.455 0.450 2002-04 2004-06 2016-18 2006-08 2008-10 2010-12 2012-14 2014-16 youth Cocaine 0.0300 ک 0.0275 0.0250 Estimated p

Marijuana

Year

2010-12

2008-10

2012-14

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2014-16

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2016-18

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CAN WE STOP PEOPLE FROM TAKING DRUGG?

% of everyday smokers

25

In 2006 many states in U.S made several legal changes in order to reduce alcohol and drug abuse. Main regulations were:

- Modified alcohol sale hours,
- Stricter DUI penalties and Interlock devices,
- Restricting sale of drugs needed for stimulans production.

As we can see from the charts on the left new restrictions have slightly decreased alcohol consumption for few years and drasticaly decreased cocaine consumption. Even though new laws worked in reducing alcohol and stimulants consumtion many people have shifted to drugs that were easier to acquire like marihuana.

GHOULD WE COMPLETELY PROHIBIT DRUGG?

2006-08

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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

