

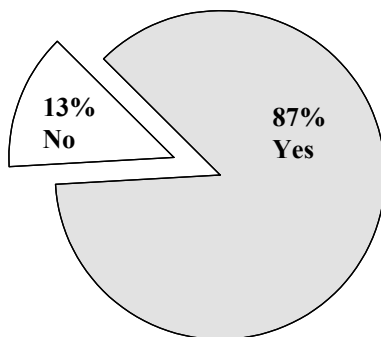
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

University of Maryland at College Park

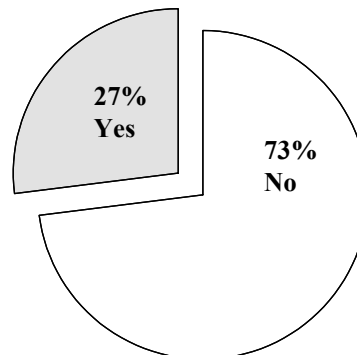
Most Maryland Residents Who Support Medicinal Use of Marijuana Do Not Support Legalizing the Drug

In November, voters in Arizona and California passed propositions allowing the physician-recommended use of illegal substances (Arizona) and marijuana (California). Since then there has been speculation that those who support the medical use of marijuana also support legalizing marijuana. However, results from a telephone survey of Maryland household residents show that this may not be the case. While the majority (87%) of Maryland residents surveyed believed that physicians should be allowed to prescribe marijuana if it is proven to be effective in treating some health conditions, only 27% of those people also believed that the possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use should be legal.

**While the Majority of Maryland
Residents Support the Medical
Use of Marijuana . . .**
(n=1,018)



**Only 27% of Those Who
Do Also Support
Legalizing the Drug**
(n=812; 87% of 1,018)



NOTE: Excludes 75 people who answered "depends" or "don't know" to either question.

SOURCES: Spring 1994 statewide household telephone poll of adults 18 and older, conducted for CESAR by the University of Maryland Survey Research Center, College Park.

BOUND AND INDEXED COPIES OF VOLUME V CESAR FAX NOW AVAILABLE

Bound copies of the 1996 issues of the CESAR FAX, indexed by both subject and title, are now available. Please contact CESAR by phone (301-403-8329), fax (301-403-8342), or e-mail (cesar@cesar.umd.edu) to request your complimentary copy.

CESAR FAX is supported by a grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention.

CESAR FAX may be copied without permission. Please cite CESAR as the source.

•• 301-403-8329 (voice) •• 301-403-8342 (fax) •• CESAR@cesar.umd.edu (e-mail) ••