

# Who's *Really* Paying For Marijuana?

By far, the most compelling economic argument against the taxation of marijuana is the skyrocketing health care and societal costs due to the expanded level of marijuana use generated by legalization and relaxed attitudes toward drugs.



Federal and state governments spend over \$250 billion a year because of substance abuse and addiction.



For each dollar in alcohol and tobacco taxes and liquor store revenues that federal and state governments collect, they spend nearly \$9 towards the consequences of substance abuse and addiction.