

Manitoba Addictions Awareness Week

Propositions For Use With Discussion / Debating Activities:

ACTIVITY 1: Exploring the issues.....sharing opinions!

ACTIVITY 2: Opposing viewpoints....dueling facts!

Marijuana:

- ❖ The harmfulness of marijuana use has been overblown. Not everyone who uses marijuana develops a problem with it.
- ❖ Decriminalization of marijuana use would increase the number of problems or harms associated with marijuana use.
- ❖ Being under the influence of marijuana seriously affects your ability to drive.

Smoking:

- ❖ Given the harm associated with second hand smoke, adults smoking in their cars while they are carrying children should be held criminally responsible.
- ❖ Cigarette manufacturers should compensate government for all medical costs associated with care of smokers.
- ❖ Knowing the harms associated to tobacco products, governments should provide smokers with smoking cessation aids at no cost to the users.

Gambling:

- ❖ Prevention and treatment programs for problem gamblers is a responsible answer to legalized gambling.
- ❖ Anyone wishing to gamble should be required to attend a gambling awareness and information session.
- ❖ Given the harms associated to problem gambling, governments should refrain from receiving gambling profits and stick to gambling regulation.

Drugs & Sports:

- ❖ Performance-enhancing drugs should be allowed in organized sports. Isn't the goal of sports to be the best you can be?
- ❖ Herbal supplements are not listed as banned substances by CCES and are therefore safe to use.
- ❖ All members of a team should lose their medals if one member of the team is found to using a banned drug/substance.

Alcohol:

- ❖ Even though alcohol causes more harm to the lives of Manitobans, crystal meth is by far a more dangerous drug.
- ❖ It is less harmful to binge drink (consume 5 or more drinks in a short time period) than it is to have one drink a day.