



AMERICANS FOR MEDICAL RIGHTS

Making Effective Medical Marijuana Policy

Successful
Ballot Initiatives:

Alaska
Question 8

Arizona
Proposition 200

California
Proposition 215

Colorado
Amendment 20

Maine
Question 2

Nevada
Question 9

Oregon
Measure 67

Washington
Initiative 692

Public Support for the Medical Use of Marijuana

Every medical marijuana initiative ever placed before voters has succeeded, with between 54% to 65% voting in favor. In addition, every major scientific poll of public opinion on medical marijuana has shown overwhelming public support for patients' rights to use marijuana as medicine, and for doctors' rights to recommend or prescribe it.

The Votes for Medical Marijuana

<u>California:</u>	Prop. 215	Nov. '96	56% YES
<u>Arizona:</u>	Prop. 200	Nov. '96	65% YES
<u>Alaska:</u>	Question 8	Nov. '98	58% YES
<u>Oregon:</u>	Measure 67	Nov. '98	55% YES
<u>Washington:</u>	Initiative 692	Nov. '98	59% YES
<u>Maine:</u>	Question 2	Nov. '99	61% YES
<u>Colorado:</u>	Amendmt. 20	Nov. '00	54% YES
<u>Nevada:</u>	Question 9,	Nov. '00	65% YES

Recent Polling Data

- 73% of Americans support making marijuana a prescription drug (Gallup, March 1999 national survey)
- 69% of American voters favor legalizing the medical use of marijuana (Chilton Research for ABC News, May 1997)
- 66% of voters oppose federal sanctions against doctors who prescribe marijuana (Behavioral Research Center, May 1999)
- 70% of Maryland voters support allowing medical use of marijuana (Ctr. for Substance Abuse Research, University of Maryland, Jan. 2000)
- 63% of Florida voters favor an amendment to the state constitution allowing the medical use of marijuana (Miami Herald, Sept. 1997)