

**KPBS/CERC December 2005 Drug Policy Poll**

(n=404 adult English-speaking residents, weighted to Age and Area)

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ with Competitive Edge Research, a national polling firm and we're calling the good folks of San Diego County to ask your opinion on local issues. We are not selling anything. Most people find it interesting and all your answers will be kept strictly confidential. Please let me begin by asking . . .

Q1. What is your zipcode?

South City	15.1%
North City	24.2
South Burbs	9.9
East Burbs	14.8
North Burbs	14.0
North Coastal	13.2
East County	8.9

Q2. Now I'd like to ask you whether you feel there is a crisis or not in your area related to the following topics. Please tell me whether you feel there is a crisis or not when it comes to . . .

	No Crisis	Extreme Crisis	Serious Crisis	Minor Crisis	Unsure	Refused
▶ The abuse of illegal drugs	28.5%	14.8%	26.3%	19.9%	10.3%	0.1

Q3. Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal or not?

Yes, Definitely	26.1%	Yes	38.0%
Yes, Probably	11.9		
No, Probably	11.8		
No, Definitely	43.5	No	55.3
Unsure ( <i>Not Read</i> )	5.9		
Refused ( <i>Not Read</i> )	0.7		

Q4. Proposition 215 was passed in 1996. It exempted patients, caregivers and doctors who possess or cultivate marijuana for medical purposes from state laws when the marijuana is prescribed by a doctor. However, there is a federal ban on marijuana and the US Supreme Court has upheld that ban. Do you think local officials should . . . *(Positions were rotated.)*

Cooperate with state law and enable the use of medical marijuana  
 Cooperate with federal law and bar the use of medical marijuana

State Law/Enable, Strongly	40.9%	State Law/Enable	60.5%
State Law/Enable, Somewhat	19.6		
Federal Law/Bar, Somewhat	9.0		
Federal Law/Bar, Strongly	23.7	Federal Law/Bar	32.7
Unsure <i>(Not Read)</i>	6.6		
Refused <i>(Not Read)</i>	0.3		

*(Of Split A, n=115)*

Q5a. Which of the following do you think is currently a bigger problem in your community? *(Substances were rotated.)*

The abuse of marijuana  
 The abuse of alcohol  
 Or are neither a problem?

Marijuana Strongly	1.4%	Marijuana	9.1%
Marijuana Somewhat	7.7		
Alcohol Somewhat	29.7		
Alcohol Strongly	37.9	Alcohol	67.6
Neither Is a Problem	4.8		
Both Equal <i>(Not Read)</i>	7.4		
Unsure <i>(Not Read)</i>	11.1		

(Of Split B, n=104)

Q5b. Which of the following do you think is currently a bigger problem in your community? (*Substances were rotated.*)

The abuse of marijuana  
The abuse of prescription drugs  
Or are neither a problem?

Marijuana Strongly	12.4%	Marijuana	26.3%
Marijuana Somewhat	13.9		
Prescription Drugs Somewhat	19.6		
Prescription Drugs Strongly	27.0	Prescription Drugs	46.6
Neither Is a Problem	4.1		
Both Equal ( <i>Not Read</i> )	5.1		
Unsure ( <i>Not Read</i> )	18.0		

(Of Split C, n=80)

Q5c. Which of the following do you think is currently a bigger problem in your community? (*Substances were rotated.*)

The abuse of marijuana  
The abuse of methamphetamine  
Or are neither a problem?

Marijuana Strongly	11.0%	Marijuana	20.3%
Marijuana Somewhat	9.3		
Methamphetamine Somewhat	11.3		
Methamphetamine Strongly	34.5	Methamphetamine	45.8
Neither Is a Problem	7.3		
Both Equal ( <i>Not Read</i> )	4.0		
Unsure ( <i>Not Read</i> )	22.7		

(Of Split D, n=105)

Q5d. Which of the following do you think is currently a bigger problem in your community? (*Substances were rotated.*)

The abuse of marijuana  
The abuse of cocaine  
Or are neither a problem?

Marijuana Strongly	15.5%	Marijuana	32.8%
Marijuana Somewhat	17.3		
Cocaine Somewhat	14.5		
Cocaine Strongly	22.2	Cocaine	37.7
Neither Is a Problem	4.1		
Both Equal ( <i>Not Read</i> )	3.8		
Unsure ( <i>Not Read</i> )	22.6		

Q6. Have you ever smoked marijuana or not?

Yes	43.0%
No	52.9
Unsure ( <i>Not Read</i> )	2.0
Refused ( <i>Not Read</i> )	2.0

Thanks. Now I have just a few demographic questions to make sure we get a representative sample.

Q7. For one reason or another some people are not registered to vote. How about you, are you registered to vote?

Yes	84.5%
No/Unsure ( <i>Not Read</i> )	14.9
Refused ( <i>Not Read</i> )	0.6

Q8. Politically, do you generally consider yourself to be . . .

Strongly Republican	19.1%	Republican	36.4%
Somewhat Republican	14.5		
Lean Republican	2.8		
Lean Democratic	6.0		
Somewhat Democratic	12.9		
Strongly Democratic	20.0	Democratic	38.9
Independent ( <i>Not Read</i> )	17.8		
Unsure ( <i>Not Read</i> )	4.1		
Refused ( <i>Not Read</i> )	2.9		

Q9. What was your age on your last birthday?

18-24	15.0%
25-34	21.0
35-44	22.0
45-54	17.0
55-64	10.0
65-74	8.0
75+	7.0

Q10. And is your family's ethnic heritage mainly . . .

White	66.8%
Hispanic	10.8
African-American	5.6
Asian	3.2
Native-American	0.8
Mixed Race	9.5
Something Else	3.3

Q11. And please stop me when I reach the category closest to your annual household income . .

Under \$20,000	9.1%
\$20 to 40,000	16.0
\$40 to 60,000	19.0
\$60 to 80,000	11.8
\$80 to 100,000	13.6
\$100,000 to \$150,000	10.8
More than \$150,000	8.7
Refused ( <i>Not Read</i> )	11.1

Thanks for your time and your opinion counts, goodbye.

Q12. Gender (*By observation*)

Male	46.2%
Female	53.8