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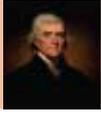
King Henry VIII mandates that landowners grow hemp for the British naval fleet

1606

Hemp introduced to the US colonies

1611

Jamestown colonies ordered to grow + cultivate hemp



1774

Thomas Jefferson grows hemp at Monticello



1745

George Washington grows + uses hemp

1621

Oxford scholar Robert Burton suggests cannabis use in *The Anatomy of Melancholy*

1775

Official US hemp cultivation begins in Kentucky as a cash crop



1842

William O'Shaughnessy, a medical doctor, brings cannabis to England from India



1840s

Queen Victoria reportedly uses cannabis to relieve menstrual cramps

1851

Jacques-Joseph Moreau, a French psychiatrist, studies cannabis for medical use

1851

U.S. Pharmacopeia, official authority for prescription OTC medicines, adds cannabis

1851

Patented cannabis tinctures developed + sold in the US

1906

Colorado government prohibits cannabis possession

1917

Use + cultivation of hemp becomes a misdemeanor in Colorado

1914

CA prohibits hemp cultivation

1914

US Harrison Act defines use + cultivation of marijuana as a crime



1920

US government prohibits alcohol consumption, production, importation, transportation + sale

1929

CO lists distribution, use + possession of cannabis as a felony

1936

"Reefer Madness," a propaganda film about cannabis, is released

1933

US repeals alcohol prohibition



1937

Harry Anslinger of the US Federal Bureau of Narcotics enacts the Marijuana Tax Act, classifying cannabis as a dangerous substance

1968

67% of college students in CO favor cannabis legalization



1970

Controlled Substance Act (CSA) created scheduling drug classes 1-5 with cannabis listed as a schedule 1 drug along with heroin

1970s

CO reduces penalty for cannabis possession of less than 1oz to a misdemeanor drug along with heroin

1986

Reagan administration launches the "war on drugs," establishing a mandatory minimum penalty for cannabis

2005

Denver alcohol equalization makes cannabis lawful in the city

2000

Amendment 20 establishes the CO Medical Marijuana Program

1996

CA becomes the first US state to adopt medical marijuana regulations

2009

Ogden Memo provides guidance to federal prosecutors in states with medical marijuana regulations



2012

CO + WA vote to legalize cannabis for adult use

2013

Uruguay becomes first country to fully legalize the use of cannabis

2013

Cole Memo 2.0 provides new guidance about cannabis enforcement, stating that the Department of Justice (DOJ) is committed to enforcing the CSA

2014

The Farm Bill creates a pilot program for farmers to cultivate + process hemp, requiring a research component



2016

Rohrabacher-Farr amendment prevents the DOJ and the DEA from arresting or prosecuting patients, caregivers + businesses that are acting in compliance with state medical marijuana laws