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Ethical Case

***Introduction***

 Medical marijuana is a medicine that is used by medical experts for treating many diseases. It is made from plants and chemicals. Researches proved that there are multiple benefits of medical marijuana in the medical field. Medical marijuana is the dried plants of marijuana. It has been seen that it is the same recreational marijuana but in medical it is used for medical purposes. Reresearches show that there are more than 100 chemicals that are known as cannabinoids. Each of these chemicals has a different effect on the body. Utilitarianism is the ethical theory that looks at the outcome whether they are beneficial for greater numbers of people or not.

***Discussion***

 There are many pieces of evidence that show healthy and beneficial impacts of medical marijuana on patients who suffers from cancer. Though this fact cannot be denied that it is immoral to use any intoxicating substance, but still I will not change my mind as according to the utilitarian theory, a thing that is beneficial for more greater numbers of people, should be promotred even it has some negative effects attached with it. Even by looking at the negative sides of it, I will still support the use of medical marijuana for treating cancer . Morality also emphasizes on greater good. Cancer patients suffer from severe pain so if they would be cured by medical marijuana, its use should not be considered immoral as it would be relieving pain of cancer patients. I will promote use of medical marijuana as morality teaches us to save lives of people and I won’t considered the use of medical marijuana immoral for curing cancerous patients.

 Medical marijuana is used for many threatening diseases such as appetite loss, cancer, Crohn's disease, Epilepsy, glaucoma, mental health, and muscle spasms and Alzheimer's disease etc . This thing cannot be denied that marijuana is used by people for the purpose of intoxication as it makes them relax, but there are various negative effects of marijuana on the brain as well. Though it is most commonly abused illegal substance across the world. Not only it has negative impacts on human mind but also, it makes the user, addictive. It is a controversial matter whether marijuana should be legalized or not for treating diseases like cancer. There are various things that are obstructing its way for becoming a legal substance. Researchers have proved through many experiments that marijuana cast hazardous effects not on the brain but also it could disturb the proper functioning of the body. Most common psychological effects of marijuana are asthenia (feeling of lacking the energy), sleepiness, dizziness, and hallucination. On the other hand, there are many physical effects of marijuana as well i.e. include facial flushing, increased heartbeat, stomach upset, etc.

 One of the main claims is, medical marijuana is just the same marijuana that is used by people for recreational purposes. The utilitarian concept should be applied here in order to clear this confusion about whether medical marijuana should be legalized or not. This thing must be considered that there are things which have negative as well as positive effects on the life of individual so in such cases, the utilitarian approach must be kept in mind. The utilitarian theory means determining a thing whether it should be applied or not by moving it from right to wrong, by taking in account it’s outcomes. Utilitarian is all about consequentialism. It means keeping the ethical side at front while making a choice that would be beneficial for a greater number of people. Taking utilitarian theory in considerating, regarding medical marijuana, it could be said that it should be legalized as it helps in saving many lives. After proper experimentation, when scientists and researchers came to know about benefits, they are getting from cannabis in the medical field, utilitarian perspective was given more importance, as it could be seen that there are positive as well as negative effects of medical marijuana.

 One of the main point that has been presented by the class who is the favor of the use of medical marijuana claims that number of people who are using marijuana is high, but medically prescribed marijuana is going to be used only by those users who would be recommended by doctors. Statistics have also shown that number of people who are being cured is greater than those who are getting affected by medical marijuana, so by taking the greater benefits in consideration, it should be accepted that its use for medical purposes is not immoral. Anything that gives greater numbers of benefits than negative impacts should be allowed. Another major thing that should be looked upon regarding medical marijuana is that people who are using marijuana for recreational purposes are not going to stop whether medical marijuana would be promoted or banned, so it is better to consider its use morallyt right in medical field.

 There are many substances that are even harmful than marijuana i.e. alcohol and cigarettes but still, these substances are being made legal and not morally questioned for personal use. By taking a look at the utilitarian ideology, it would be seen that there elements in marijuana that carry medical values. There has been seen millions of people who are getting benefits from the use of marijuana, but still, marijuana is illegal in most of the states despite knowing benefits of medical marijuana. Medical marijuana has brought a revolution in the medical field. By taking an in-depth analysis, it could be said that utilitarianism argues about medical marijuana that is given a set of choices. It depends on people whether they consider it morally right or wrong to use medical marijuana. The choice, made about marijuana should be based on its medical value as it would help more people in reducing their pain. The choice of medical marijuana would be for helping those who are in pain, not for those who are not in pain. Another major thing that could be looked upon is that people who would be helped by choosing medical marijuana would be approaching towards happiness and liberty from pain.

 People who would be suffering from any disease, would be freed from pain. They would pursue a healthy and happy life by not being in pain anymore. Utilitarianism claims, no doubt there are many adverse effects of marijuana, but it has been seen that the number of positive impacts of medical marijuana are more as compared to its negative impacts.

 There are many things that go hand in hand and it has been seen that medical marijuana is good when used as medical field, but this fact must be considered as well that medical marijuana would be having same effects as marijuana used for recreational purposed would have. It has been proved since long that where there is a positive there is a negative too at the same. It has been experimentally proved that short term ingesting or inhalation of marijuana increases Bronchodilation. However, in long terms this inhalation could cause impairment of lung’s functioning that ultimately results in lung diseases. Experts have proved that there are various other side effects of marijuana on human body, such as increased blood pressure and rapid heartbeat though that exists for a short term. One with pre-existing conditions of breathing would have severe impacts. On the other hand, there are pieces of evidence that there is no record of any death because of marijuana. According to a book, **Understanding Marijuana**, there has been given a piece of scientific evidence that even when marijuana is being used for the medical purpose it should be taken as per the prescribed amount as an overdose could cause hazardous effects on the overall health of a person. Research that has been quoted in this book claims that 125 mg of THC per kilogram of the body’s weight would prove a fatal dose.

 Many studies and researches have proved that cigarettes and alcohol cast far hazardous effects on human body as compared to medical marijuana. Still, they are legal and not considered immoral while medical marijuana rather being medically beneficial, has become a controversial matter for people and authorities.

***Conclusion***

 By keeping into account utilitarian perspective, medical marijuana should be promoted for medical use as it helps more people suffering from diseases. Medical marijuana, helping in providing relief to more lives than casting negative impacts on people, should be promoted for the treatment of more and more people. Another thing that has been proved by the many experts is, for curing many diseases or for reducing pain of people suffering from caner, they would be given other drugs that would be less effective with same negative impacts as medical marijuana.

 Experiments have proved that these drugs that are being given them for providing them relief from pain, cast more damaging and hazardous impacts on people’s health. Also, this thing should be kept in mind that there are positive as well negative impacts of things but what matter in most cases is the fact that whether a thing is more beneficial or damaging for a greater number of people. So as a whole I think it won’t be wrong to say that medical marijuana has proven beneficial for a greater number of people.

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