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## 'Peak Toke' Is Over: Don't Reschedule Marijuana

**TOPLINE:** The Biden Administration proposed rescheduling marijuana in 2024, reducing criminal penalties for drug dealers and conferring tax benefits to marijuana businesses. **Now, the Trump Administration is poised to finish what Biden began, despite plunging Republican support and a growing awareness of the social costs.**

### **Marijuana is Addictive: 30% of Users Develop a Cannabis Use Disorder:**

- Pot usage is an addictive vice that causes drop-out, exacerbating [other social crises](#).
- 30 percent of cannabis users report they can't quit, even as pot causes "problems at home, school, or work" or neglect of "important activities with friends and family" ([CDC](#)).

### **Marijuana is Poisonous: Incidents Are Up 23x Since 2009:**

- "Cannabis-related incidents reported to poison control centers has sharply increased: from about 930 cases in 2009 to more than 22,000," according to [NYT](#).
  - **The vast majority (more than 75%) involved children or teenagers.**
- Massachusetts, where marijuana is currently legal, suffers from a plague of youth usage. 1-in-4 kids age 16-20 use marijuana monthly; 13 percent use it almost daily.

### **Marijuana is Already Researchable: MMCREA**

- For medical research, there is a ready alternative without rescheduling downsides.
- President Biden signed the Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol Research Expansion Act into law in 2022, permitting the manufacture and use of marijuana for research.

### **Marijuana Is Not Going to Help in the Midterms:**

- Anyone who says differently doesn't know what time it is. Despite a short-lived high in 2023, Republican approval of loosening our nation's marijuana laws has plummeted.

