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- * FBI Director William S. Sessions, questioned by the Senate Judiciary Committee in March 1986, acknowledged that he once told one of his assistants that he thought several Ku Klux Klan members accused of lynching a black man "were OK until I learned they smoked pot".

This is a historically consistent view espoused by Government officials:

"60 Years of Reefer Madness", High Times Magazine, July 1997

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1937: Harry Anslinger, head of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, read into official testimony (without objection) before Congress, stories of # "coloreds" with big lips seducing white women with jazz and marijuana, # claiming that 50% of all violent crime by blacks and Latino immigrants # has been traced directly to marijuana.

* "Phantom Numbers Haunt the War on Drugs"

* By Christopher S. Wren, The New York Times, April 20, 1997

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- * Politicians are said to use statistics the way drunks use lampposts: for support rather than illumination. The aphorism seems more apt for the War on Drugs, which abounds with statistical lampposts that shed little light on the nation's preoccupation with illegal substances.

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* When sensibly vague estimates based on the little that is know

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