



## Kellyanne Conway Shredded for Blatant Lie About Marijuana 'Overdoses' In Attack on John Fetterman

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Kellyanne Conway—the former campaign manager and senior aide to former Republican President Donald Trump best known for coining the term "alternative facts"—was criticized after she uttered still more alternative facts, this time about marijuana "overdoses."

During an appearance on Fox News, Conway attacked Democratic Pennsylvania Senate candidate John Fetterman over his support for legalizing cannabis, noting he flew pro-marijuana and Pride flags from the balcony of his office during his time as Lieutenant Governor.

**Speaking to Fox News personality Sean Hannity, Conway said:**

*"Not only has he not ... worked a day in his life, Sean, he hasn't worked a day as lieutenant governor."*

*"He put the marijuana flag up. He thought that was funny. He's trolling his opponent."*

*"Here's what's not funny: that there has been a doubling of overdose deaths in Pennsylvania."*

Marijuana is one of the most widely used drugs in the United States.

While it is possible to overdose on cannabis, there have never been reports of fatal overdoses.

Medical professionals noted a marijuana overdose is unlikely with smoking or vaping. People are much more likely to overdose on weed edibles because it is more difficult to determine the exact dose they are actually taking.

Marijuana is also a lucrative business in the states that have legalized it for recreational use.

Last year, a report by Leafly and Whitney Economics found that the marijuana industry created 77,000 jobs in 2020 alone. At the time, the firm noted that there are about 321,000 jobs in the legal marijuana industry across the country, which is more than the mining industry.

Legalization has also proven good for state budgets because of increased tax revenues. In Colorado for instance, the state collected a total of \$387 million in 2020. The same is true in other states that have legalized marijuana, including California, which collects more than \$50 million per month on average.

While Republicans have typically balked at legalizing the drug, citing concerns that doing so would increase crime, the data shows that legalization has not significantly affected crime rates. A CATO Institute study found that "violent crime has neither soared nor plummeted in the wake of marijuana legalization."