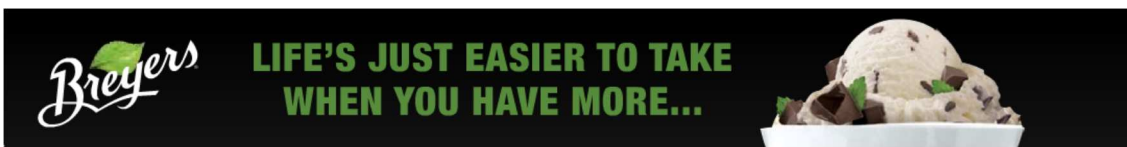


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Argentine high court decriminalizes personal pot use

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Argentina's Supreme Court today [decriminalized personal use](#) of small amounts of marijuana, saying, "The state cannot establish morality."

"Each adult is free to make lifestyle decisions without the intervention of the state," the court ruled, throwing out jail terms for eight people convicted of having marijuana cigarettes.

"Behavior in private is legal, as long as it doesn't constitute clear danger," Supreme Court President Ricardo Lorenzetti said.

The court did not define small-scale use and did not decriminalize all drug use.

The [Buenos Aires Herald](#) notes the ruling states that "only adults would be allowed to use marijuana as long as they do it in a private environment, and without affecting third parties."

[Last week](#), Mexico decriminalized possession and use of small amounts of marijuana and other drugs. Colombia has similar laws, and Brazil and Ecuador are considering legalizing some drug use.

The libertarian [Cato Institute](#) highlights the section of the Argentine Constitution that was at issue.

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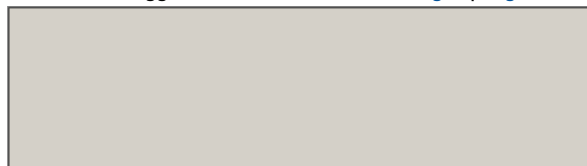
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filmwolf (40 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 7h 36m ago
 In others news, sales of Fritos, Twinkies and Ding-Dongs have increased by 1000% in Argentina ...

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Abdel Hameed M.S (3 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 10h 13m ago
 This is an axis of evil, and the rot of upcoming evil that makes generations feel that a state is no longer viable, so human beings can decide on evil matter like narcotics, like killing but on a limited scale. Argentinian Supreme Court President Mr. Recadi Lorenzetto is a criminal by decriminalizing amounts of marijuana. The globe will suffer detrimental consequences of such irresponsible decisions that are issued by reckless moronic guys.

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bs1934 (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 12h 7m ago
 So DUH, someone's making a lot of money selling illegal marijuana and a lot of congressman who get big chunks of money from the benefactors don't want this to change. Count on it. Otherwise, why would we not be treating pot like booze. NO, I never touched the stuff even once. Not a chance. Just be realistic. Too many stupid, gutless Americans just can't seem to stay away from it. Guess we gotta go with the flow to a certain extent.

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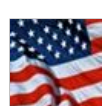
The Hammerhead (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 12h 56m ago
 Gee, whaddya know -- looks like some of these "developing" countries really ARE more progressive than us "Superpowers". Just another sad commentary on how futile and wasteful our Fearful Leaders in DC continue to be. When, oh when, will they finally give up on this latest Prohibition? Given the fact that they're almost all purely financially motivated, it's getting harder and harder to see why they continue to spend billions on this losing battle instead of cashing in on it. Kinda reminds me of a bizarre nightmare where Vietnam meets the last Prohibition. But then, that's just me -- and about 100 million other Americans.

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Ron956 (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 13h 30m ago
 The Drug War is over, and the thugs have won. We have made billionaires out of a bunch of illiterate, low-life vermin that are a threat to everyone. Legalize Now!

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JayMac (142 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 16h 6m ago
 Legalize marijuana and tax the h+++ out of it. The War on Drugs is one war that will never be won and wastes billions of tax dollars.

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Bluline (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 16h 48m ago

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"The state cannot establish morality."

"Each adult is free to make lifestyle decisions without the intervention of the state."

Wow! I can only hope that I will live to see this become the mantra here in the U.S. Our forefathers would be proud of the Argentinians.

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Lake-man (18 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 16h 48m ago

czubek (13 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3h 11m ago
I flunked geometry, where's Argentina?

Uh, you flunked more than geometry. English and geography too perhaps. Probably out in the school parking lot hitting on a hash pipe.

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FreedomRules (8 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 18h 5m ago

As a Liberterian, I wish the US would also join these countries.

But, as long as the church has ALL the say, you can count on it never happening..

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