

Dear Friends,

The following is another excellent letter to the Discovery Channel from Dr. Madras, a professor of Psychobiology in the Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School.

We do not have the money that the well funded DPA, MPP and NORML have, but we do have you, a well informed group of parents, educators, prevention specialists, treatment specialists, law enforcement officers, etc. , who know the harm that so called "recreational drugs" have had on individuals, families, communities and nations.

You have made a difference in the past, as advocates for the health and well being of youth, families and communities. Calvina Fay of Drug Free America Foundation, Monte Stiles of Drug Free Idaho and now Dr. Madras of Harvard Medical School, have written letters and sent emails to the Discovery Channel.

Now it is your turn to send emails, to the Discovery Channel web site, objecting to "Weed Wars," as propaganda based and as a vehicle to normalize marijuana as a medicine and as a recreational drug. Your emails will once again help make a difference for future generations yet to come.

Best always,  
Gerri

PS: Please send me a copy of your emails to the Discovery Channel.

**To the Discovery Channel,  
Att: Customer Relations Web Site**

Weed Wars: scheduled for fall lineup.  
According to the description of this program, the program will provide inaccurate, biased, speculative, and potentially hazardous information for viewers. If there is a shred of intellectual honesty in the producers and script-writers, they will present statistics, facts and public health information showing that marijuana and its "medical" applications is not evidence-based medicine, marijuana as a medicine is not taught in medical schools, it is not administered by physicians with integrity who have studied the evidence, and has not fulfilled the rigorous criteria of the FDA. The FDA, although imperfect, is globally recognized as the best professional organization for scrutinizing, approving or denying approval for medications and medical devices. One has to only peruse the sordid history of laetrile to realize our nation is in the grip of another scam, advanced by special interest groups, with millions of dollars of profits, chaotic drug approval processes, and public health, at stake

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Hi Gerri,

For what it's worth, I sent my e-mail (copied below) to a couple of "Discovery Communications" Viewer Relations mailboxes, one titled "Programing" and the other titled "TV Everywhere", these can be found under the heading "Contacts" on the "Discovery Communication" web-site.

Your Coalition Partner,

Joe Giunta

Discovery Channel,

There are legal FDA approved drugs that are taken orally and are derived from the marijuana plant. These legal drugs are proven to be as effective and are safer than smoking the drug. Let's face it; "Medical Marijuana" is only an excuse to smoke pot. Not only are "Medical Marijuana" Dispensaries out of control and a blight on society and our communities, "Medicinal use of Marijuana" also poses numerous problems for Law Enforcement. What is of most concern is that passages of these pro "Medical Marijuana" bills make the drug more accessible to our youth.

The drug advocates and politically correct do-gooders are giving our youth the impression that drugs aren't all that bad; heck, if marijuana can be a medicine, how can it be bad for you? I am one of eight thousand plus members of the New Hampshire State Elks Association who are part of a one million member nationwide fraternal organization committed to our Youth Drug Awareness Program. We are asking you to help us combat the drug problem facing the youth of our nation by sending the correct message, not the message you are intending to send.

As New Hampshire State Elks Association's Youth Drug Awareness Chairman it is my duty to inform our members of current drug related issues. I will be sending a statewide e-mail informing them of your intentions. We sincerely hope that you will reconsider airing "Weed Wars".

In Service to our Youth,

Joseph Giunta, Chairman  
NH State Elks Association  
Youth Drug Awareness Program