



**DCMJ.ORG**

A Year in Review

Published February, 26th 2016



Find us on  
Facebook

[facebook.com/dcmj2014](https://facebook.com/dcmj2014)



[@DCMJ2014](https://twitter.com/DCMJ2014)

Sign up for our Newsletter!

[www.DCMJ.org/contact/](http://www.DCMJ.org/contact/)

Ballot Initiative 71 became  
law at 12:01 am,  
Thursday, February 26, 2015



Art by: Mike Flugennock

## March 26 & 28, 2015

DCMJ gave away approximately 26,000  
cannabis seeds.

"...Nation's largest marijuana giveaway" -  
Washington Post (3/26/2015).

The event received both national and  
international press from a variety of  
media outlets.



The bud seen here was grown from a donated  
seed and was featured in our  
#ShowYourGrow campaign. With the help  
from DCMJ activists, hundreds of District  
residents were able to grow cannabis in  
their homes shortly after I-71 went into  
effect.



APRIL 15-20, 2015

DCMJ defended I-71!



Photo by: Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post

On Tax Day, DCMJ and D.C. Statehood activists erected a Liberty Pole in front of the U.S. Capitol Building, shackling themselves while wearing Phrygian Caps at the symbolic time of 4:20 a.m. I-71 was under threat by Congressional Republicans who vowed they had overturned our election. DCMJ occupied the space 24/7 for five consecutive days receiving positive press and galvanizing D.C. activists. Liberty poles (a pole adorned with a Phrygian Cap) have been used to promote free thinking and democracy throughout human history dating back to Ancient Greece. A version of the Phrygian Cap was worn by freed slaves during the Roman Empire and a Liberty Pole was erected by the Romans after the death of Julius Cesar. It was also used during the American Revolution and can be found on the seal of the U.S. Army, seal of the U.S. Senate, and in several of the U.S. State flags.

June 13, 2015

# DCMJ rocks the Liberty Pole in Dupont Circle for Gay Pride Parade!

Activists occupied the circle for 36 hours – bringing together musicians, artists, and local politicians in support of D.C. Statehood!  
The action made the front page of French newspaper Le Monde.



Photo from French Publication: Le Monde

A Revolutionary Dance Party for D.C.  
Statehood and Social Justice Reform!



Dupont Circle



D.C.'s non voting Delegate  
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton

 **DCMJ.ORG**

# AUGUST 20, 2015

## Ocean City, MD

### Our 1st visit to Rep. Harris' District!

Back in 2014, Rep. Andy Harris inserted a rider into DC's 2015 operating budget preventing the city from using funds to tax and regulate cannabis and threatening to overturn our election. Then-Mayor Gray and DCMJ called for a boycott of Ocean City, MD in Harris' district.

In 2015, we wanted to ensure that Harris' constituents knew how we felt. DCMJ leafleted Ocean City's boardwalk enlightening residents and tourists alike about D.C.'s lack of autonomy and representation in Congress.

Realizing that a lot of folks agreed with us on Harris' political record, we decided 2016 outreach would focus in Bel Air, MD, where Harris is widely supported by a conservative base that also opposes a heavy handed government.





The Temple of Essence

DCMJ partnered with local artists from the D.C. Burning Man scene, MAPS.org, Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps and the Drug Policy Alliance to host the first permitted ceremonial burn on the National Mall.

Over 2,000 people showed up to participate in a two day action with an all night permitted dance party! We are planning to make this an annual healing event.

# November 21, 2015

## Catharsis on the Mall

A visual for healing from the Drug War



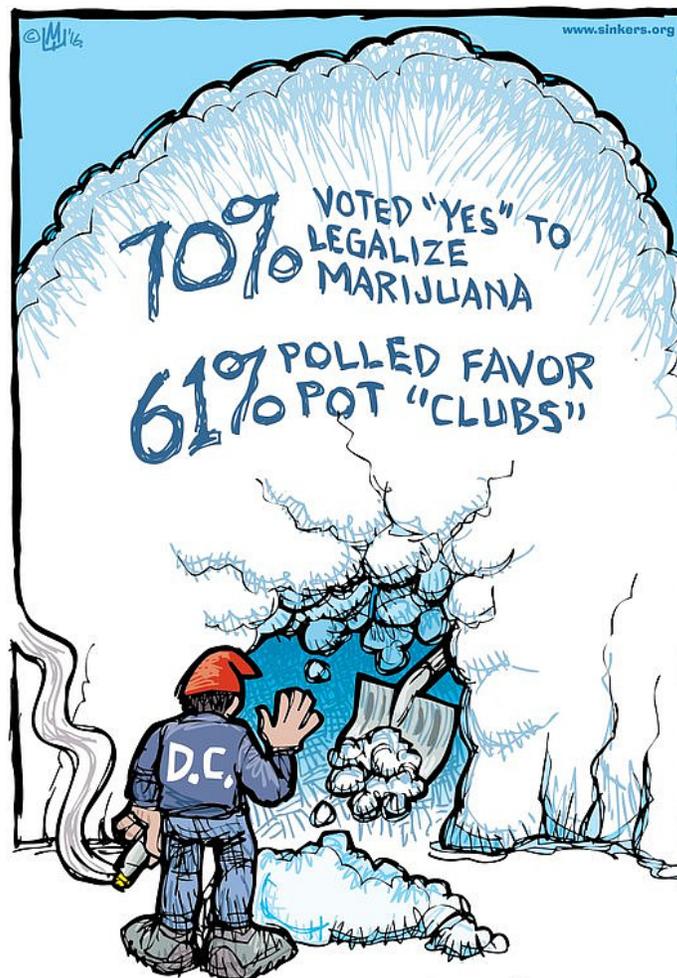
The Liberty Pole was erected within view of the White House and DCMJ burned copies of all 57,000 signatures collected to put Initiative 71 on the ballot.



# December 2015

## Lobbying efforts begin to fight the banning of private cannabis clubs.

On December 10th, over fifty DCMJ activists testified at the District Council about the "emergency legislation" that was passed one week after I-71 went into effect that bans social use of cannabis outside of private homes. On February 5th, D.C. Council amended the social use ban to create a Task Force to come up with recommendations for allowing residents to use cannabis in regulated clubs and private events.

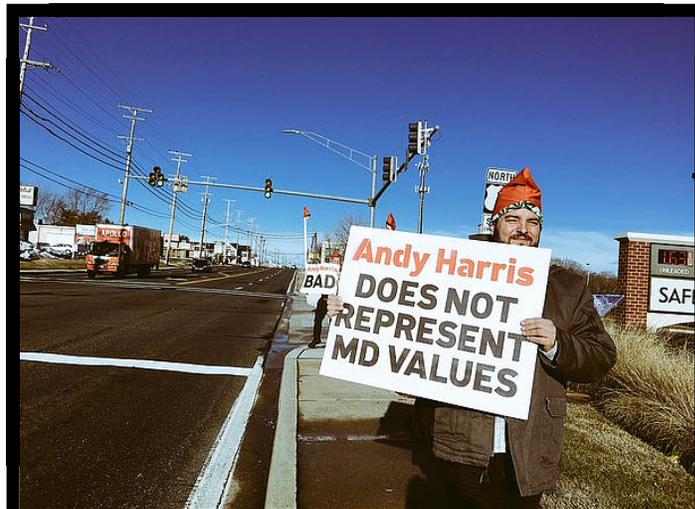


**"I SAID, STOP DIGGING,  
MR. MENDELSON!"**

Art by: Mike Flugennock

## Jan. - Feb. 2016

DCMJ begins to interfere with Rep. Andy Harris' congressional campaign by crashing his town hall meeting and fundraiser birthday party near Bel Air, MD. A total of 10 visits are planned before the election on April 26th.



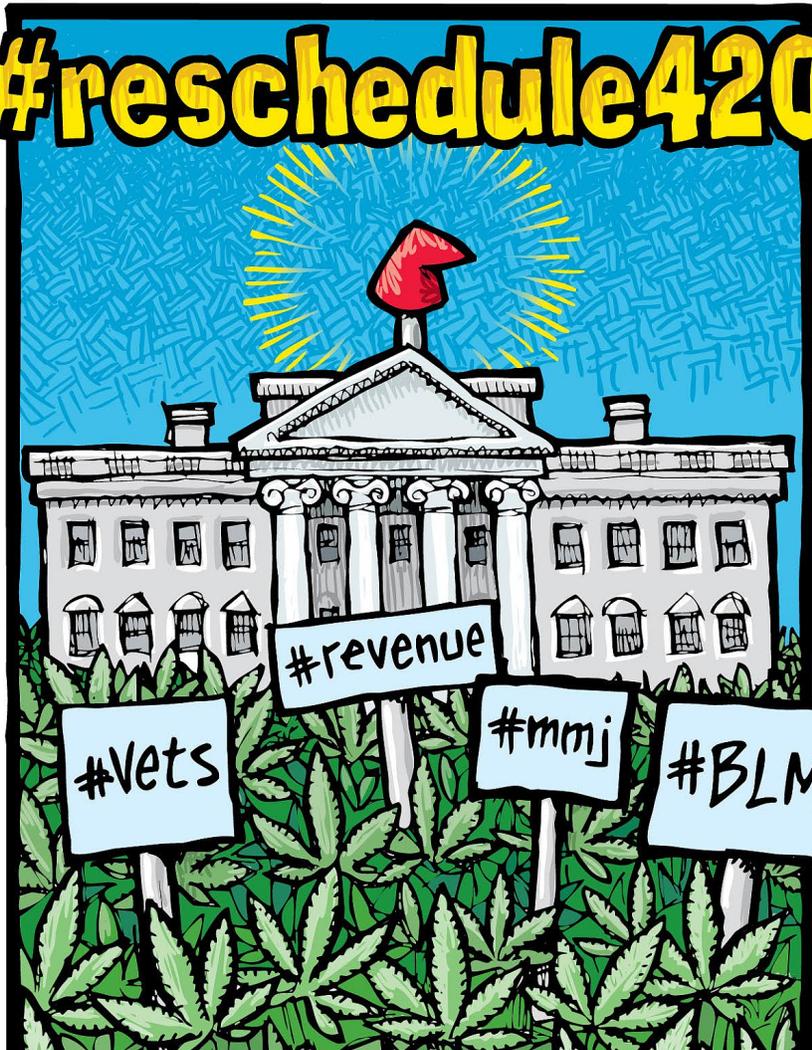
When asked why shouldn't D.C. become a State, Rep. Harris replies, "...because they make irresponsible decisions like legalizing marijuana... when African graduation rate is only 12%."

This statistic is simply FALSE! Actually, it's 64% and shows that Harris speaks out of prejudice.

# What's Next?

©M116 [www.sinkers.org](http://www.sinkers.org)

# #reschedule420



EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION TO  
**RESCHEDULE  
CANNABIS**

**APR 2 SAT** **WHITE HOUSE** **2 PM**  
MORE INFO: [www.dcmj.org](http://www.dcmj.org)