

Have you ever wondering about smoking pot meaning? There are many ways of interpreting this, from the basic definition of the phrase so the religious, political, and social meanings of the action. Consider these different responses to smoking pot meaning as they fit into your own life and society.

## Smoking Pot Meaning 1: Using Marijuana

“Smoking pot” is another way to name the action of smoking marijuana, generally from a pipe, joint, or bong. The term is also used sometimes in reference to vaping (inhaling vapor instead of smoke) marijuana with the help of a vaporizer or vape pen. Additionally, it may reference the actions of getting high by other means, including ingesting edibles, smoking shatter, hash, or oil, or even using topical tinctures or patches. The most common interpretation, though, is simply smoking marijuana for pain relief or to reach an altered physical or emotional state.

Similar terms include smoking weed, getting high, and smoking out.

## Smoking Pot Meaning 2: Cultural

Smoking pot is rarely tied to religion in America, but it is an integral part of some belief systems around the world. Per Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Entheogenic\\_use\\_of\\_cannabis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Entheogenic_use_of_cannabis)):

“Cannabis has been used in an entheogenic context - a chemical substance used in a religious, shamanic, or spiritual context[1] - in India and Nepal since the Vedic period dating back to approximately 1500 BCE, but perhaps as far back as 2000 BCE. There are several references in Greek mythology to a powerful drug that eliminated anguish and sorrow. Herodotus wrote about early ceremonial practices by the Scythians, thought to have occurred from the 5th to 2nd century BCE. Itinerant Hindu saints have used it in Nepal and India for centuries.[2]

In modern culture the spiritual use of cannabis has been spread by the disciples of the Rastafari movement who use cannabis as a sacrament and as an aid to meditation.”

Most of us have heard of Rastafarians and their culture, but many don't realize that Rastafari is a legitimate religion with long-held beliefs and practices. Outside of this religion, there is another modern religious movement that considers marijuana as an integral part of their beliefs and rituals. Several marijuana based religions have emerged in America, largely in an effort to decriminalize use of the drug under religious freedom laws.

“Other organized religions founded in the past century that treat cannabis as a sacrament are the Santo Daime church, the THC Ministry, Cantheism, the Way of Infinite Harmony, the Cannabis Assembly, the Church of Cognitive Therapy (COCT Ministry), Temple 420, Green Faith Ministries, the Church of Cognizance, the Church of the Universe, The Free Marijuana Church of Honolulu, The Free Life Ministry Church of Canthe, The Church of Higher

Consciousness and the federally tax-exempt inFormer Ministry Collective of Palms Springs, CA. The Temple of the True Inner Light believes that cannabis is one of the parts of God's body, along with the classical psychedelics: mescaline, psilocybin, LSD, and DMT. The First Church of Cannabis Inc. officially gained legal recognition in Indiana in 2015 following the passage of that state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act.”

## Smoking Pot Meaning 3: Political

Smoking marijuana tends to be associated with more liberal political views, particularly in North America and Europe. In the United States, the freedom to smoke marijuana is associated with several different - and oftentimes opposing - political parties. Democrats are divided on the issue, but they generally support the practice more than Republicans do. Tea Party members and Libertarians may be for or against it, depending on their interpretation of how the government should be involved in the private lives of citizens. Far left leaning liberals and socialists are generally in favor of legalization.

It is a drug that millions of people - including current and past presidents and candidates for the 2016 presidential election - have tried. Marijuana laws are also disproportionately enforced against minorities and poor people, resulting in an unfair distribution of these people in our prisons and on parole. Despite being so ubiquitous, marijuana is still frequently treated as a dangerous substance that justifies criminal charges. Those that support prison reform, equal rights, and freedom from oppressive government practices tend to support the legalization of marijuana for personal, recreational, and/or medical use.

## Smoking Pot Meaning 4: Social

Smoking marijuana is often both a deeply personal and deeply social experience. The high that one gets from smoking pot is sometimes thought of as a learned high, where your experience is dependant on what you observe and experience from those around you. In simple terms, this means that a person who starts off smoking with a group of introspective, philosophical people may find that being high causes them to think deep thoughts and have lengthy conversations about intense topics. Alternately, if you start off smoking with a big group of people laughing hysterically at everything and nothing, you are more likely to get the giggles and see the humor in everything when you're high.

Another social element of smoking pot is how closely it is tied to different pop culture subsets, including music, movies, and television. Reggae, rap, ska, hip hop, rock n roll, R&B, and folk music all reference marijuana in their lyrics. There's an entire genre of stoner movies, ranging from Cheech and Chong to Rogen and Franco, with new offerings each year. 60s and 70s hippie culture celebrated marijuana, along with 90s grunge and pop punk. Smoking pot used to be a taboo TV topic, but it is now celebrated on wildly popular shows that address - or

completely focus on - marijuana. This is a marked change from the hush hush mentality of 50s and 60s TV, and the “Very Special Episodes” of anti-drug content in 70s, 80s, and 90s TV.

## Smoking Pot Meaning 5: Personal

The real question to consider about smoking pot is its meaning to you, personally. Is it a form of pain and stress relief, or a fun way to kick off the weekend? Is there a religious component to your use of marijuana, or lack thereof? Do you have passionate feelings about the government's stance on marijuana, or are you largely indifferent? Do you enjoy seeing marijuana represented in pop culture, or does it bother you? The answers will be different for everyone, which is why this question is so interesting. Ultimately, determining smoking pot meaning is up to you. Hopefully we've given you some points to consider as you form your own interpretation.