**WOULD LEGAL MARIJUANA REDUCE OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COSTS?**

Only **0.4%** of prisoners with no prior offenses are in jail for marijuana possession.

- **Drug possession**: 6%
- **Crimes involving only MJ**: 1.40%
- **MJ-only drug offenders; no prior sentences**: 0.40%
- **MJ-only possession**: 0.30%
- **MJ-only possession; no prior sentences**: 0.10%

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2004

**Marijuana:** 847,000

**Alcohol:** 2.7 million*

*Not including violent crimes

Alcohol to marijuana arrest rates are **7:2**

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2011
The costs of our currently legal drugs far outweigh their revenues...

**Tobacco costs:**
$200 billion

**Revenues:**
$25 billion

**Alcohol costs:**
$185 billion

**Revenues:**
$14 billion

Sources: Urban Institute, 2012; Brookings Institute, 2012; Tax Policy Center, 2008