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SO, WHAT ABOUT COLORADO?

- ▶ If Colorado will be viewed as a testing ground for recreational marijuana, this state may very well determine the pulse of the recreational marijuana movement.
- ▶ On an overall basis, the tea leaves do not look good in this state.
- ▶ One only has to walk down 16th street in Denver. If half of the people are high, and the other half are tourists, it is reality in this state. While an exaggeration to be sure, it may not be that far off.
- ▶ Groups of stoned later day hippies sit on the street, some too high to get up, playing their guitars, singing.....looks like Haight-Ashbury or Berkeley in the 1970s to me.
- ▶ In downtown Denver I counted 3 perhaps 4 dispensaries approximately within a circular mile. I visited 3 of them. They are all the same. Inside, half are recreational, half medical.
- ▶ The long arm of John Law has raided dispensaries in this state and elsewhere. The Right doesn't buy the recreational case at all and never will.
- ▶ Emergency rooms, homelessness, children being turned on at age 10 and under simply cannot be condoned as a plus for American society.
- ▶ This industry is full of yesterday's statistics pointing to the value of recreational marijuana. It appears to me that these statistics do not reflect today's powerful THC pot, much more powerful than 20 years ago.
- ▶ Colorado's social fabric will determine the future of recreational marijuana. A justification of its tax revenues, ultimately will not determine the future of recreational marijuana.