



## PAUL COHEN'S *Marijuana Hub*



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### POST ELECTION THOUGHTS

- ▶ Prop 71 in Washington D.C. is not a slam dunk to become effective. There are powerful forces opposed to the election results despite passage by close to 65%.
- ▶ As a practical matter, the will of the voters should ultimately win the day, but it may become a political football and not take effect in the near term.
- ▶ Alaska's votes are still being counted. It is thought that it will take about 3 months before the legislation becomes effective in that state.
- ▶ Behind this resistance is a national poll showing that only 51% of the nation now approves legalization.
- ▶ This decrease from 58% a year ago is a significant 8.7% percentage drop. This is big number.
- ▶ This public opinion poll should be a real concern to the marijuana recreational legalization movement.
- ▶ Oregon is a major coup for the recreational legalization. Florida's failure to pass was really a positive in my view. 57% voted for, 3% short of 60% passage. That 57% is much higher than today's national poll of 51% approving.
- ▶ Behind these results is a serious question yet to be answered: Is ingesting THC in whatever form good or bad for society? As this country becomes educated about the strength of today's THC, it appears to me to bode on the negative side for recreational marijuana legalization.
- ▶ Ultimately the recreational issue may be decided by the potential effect of society. Time will tell.