



# INTO THE WEEDS: A BRIEF HISTORY AND A LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF CANNABIS

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# INTRODUCTION

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The year is 2023 and the debates surrounding cannabis has changed, especially in the last 20 years as the internet and interconnectivity has shed a light on the ever-evolving industry. The public is aware of the medicinal remedies of THC, that its reputation was unfairly tarnished through turn of the century fear propaganda and the history of racism surrounding the plant and its demonization. Policy makers are admitting to these injustices and are attempting to put the wrongs to rest by creating new policies that will help affected communities. This presentation will have a glance at indigenous history and cannabis, the politics regarding the drug via a timeline and take a closer look at where the plant will be in the future.

# EXHIBIT LAYOUT





# SECTIONS OF THE EXHIBIT

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Welcome/Pop Culture

Part 1 – Indigenous History of the fauna cannabis.

Part 2 – Historical, political and modern timeline of Cannabis.

Part 3 – The future of Cannabis in agriculture and medicine

# WELCOME SECTION AND IMAGES OF CANNABIS IN POP CULTURE

Welcome to my virtual proposal for an in-person exhibit regarding the future of cannabis. First, let's look at the past and examine cannabis featured in pop culture. Here are a few photos for example.



# MORE IMAGES OF CANNABIS (NOT IN POP CULTURE)



Bud



Smokable bud



Bud/leaf  
contrast



Greenhouse  
Farming



Traditional  
Farming

# PART 1: INDIGENOUS HISTORY OF CANNABIS



*Native Americans, Canada's First Nations and Native Hawaiians all had historically positive relationships with cannabis and utilized the plant in their everyday lives. Here is a brief history on indigenous groups and cannabis.*



# BRIEF INDIGENOUS TIMELINE



# INDIGENOUS GROUPS OF THE AMERICAS AND CANNABIS

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## Native Hawaiian

- While Hawaii has decriminalized cannabis for recreational use and legalized it for medicinal use, they have a relaxed history with the plant for recreational uses. Culturally, there are no taboos regarding cannabis.

## Native American

- Various tribes across the Northern and Southern regions of the United States and Mexico used cannabis as a sleep agent and pain reliever.<sup>1</sup> Although cannabis was used differently across various tribes, many rarely used it for recreational use.

## First Nations (Canada)

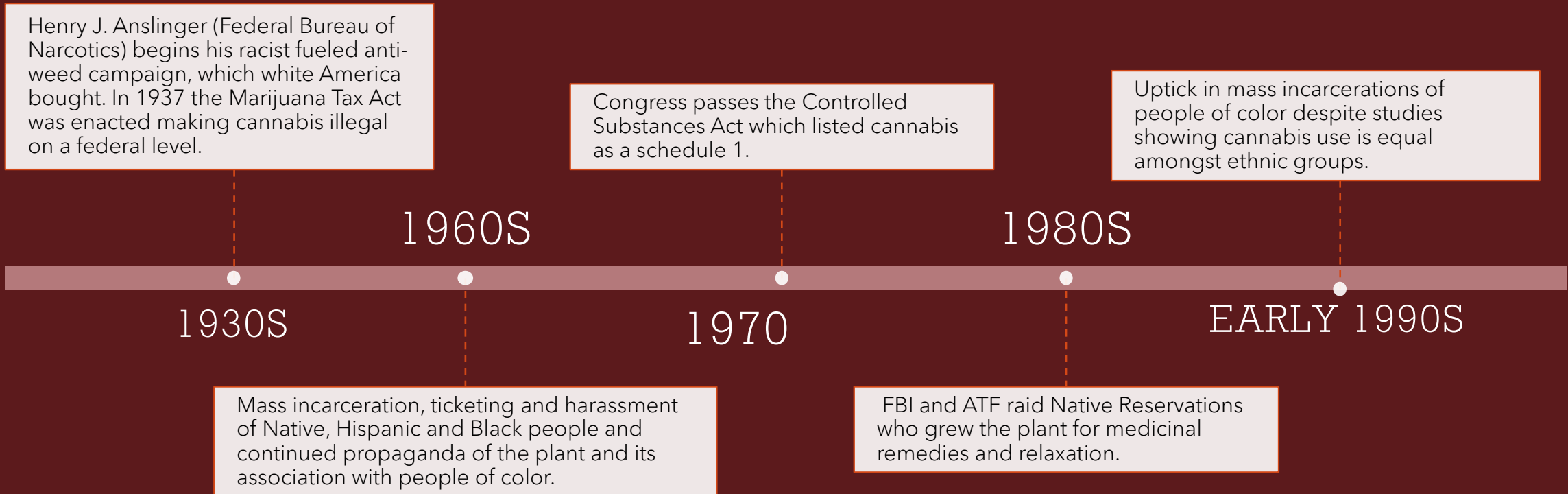
- First Nation tribes across Canada has used cannabis for a variety of reasons, more than any other indigenous group despite the colder climates. Its fast growing and easy methods makes the plant easy to transport, which is why it is found worldwide.

## PART 2: POLITICS

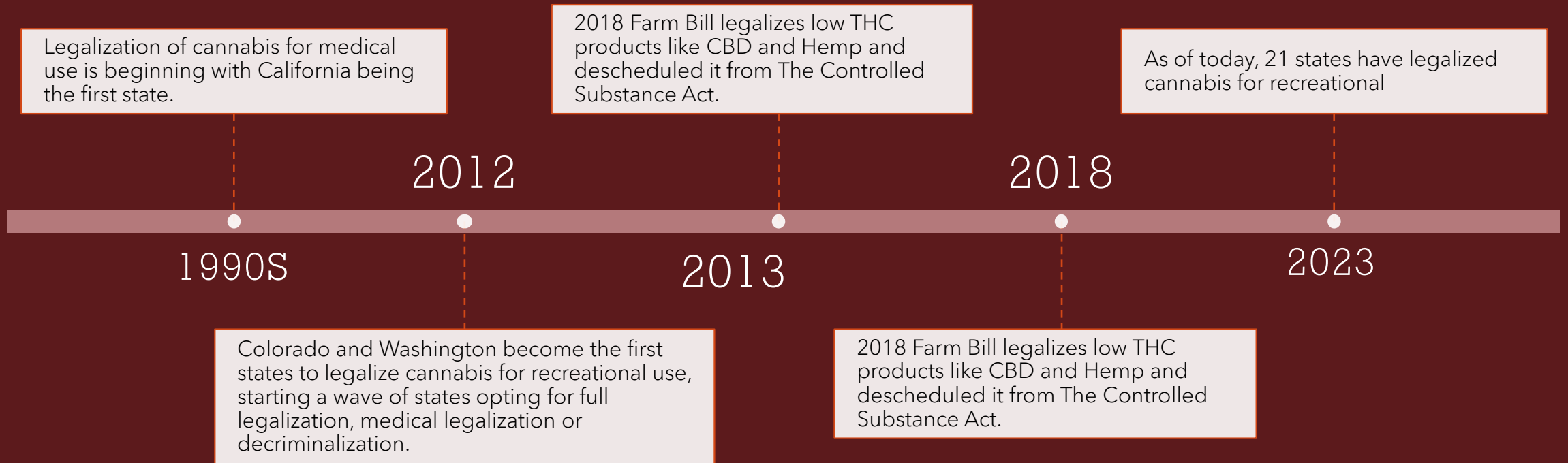


*This project would like to hold a positive tone, leaving political points to the brief timeline. Instead, it will focus on laws being created now and the future that will hopefully heal wronged communities. Reparations, criminal record expunging and business opportunities for communities of color are the focus for this proposal. This proposal will not deny the sins committed against indigenous peoples and POC, historians are aware of the unfair treatment of these groups. Instead, we will focus on the positives that are happening now.*

# BRIEF POLITICAL TIMELINE



# POLITICAL TIMELINE CONTINUED



# LEGALIZATION CHART AND BEST REPARATION POLICIES

This graph allows a quick look at the measures to evaluate a state's reparation policies.

## Business Licenses

Priority given to POC or communities negatively impacted by "drug war"

Lowering start up costs for these communities (like free biz license)

## Policies for past arrests

Expungement/  
sealing records

Time served

## Legality

Legal or Medicinal

Decriminalized

# PART 3: THE FUTURE OF CANNABIS

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Alternative Agriculture is the future in farming and the future for hemp and cannabis. Cannabis is also being viewed more and more as medicine, creating an atmosphere of acceptance.



# CULTIVATION AND FARMING

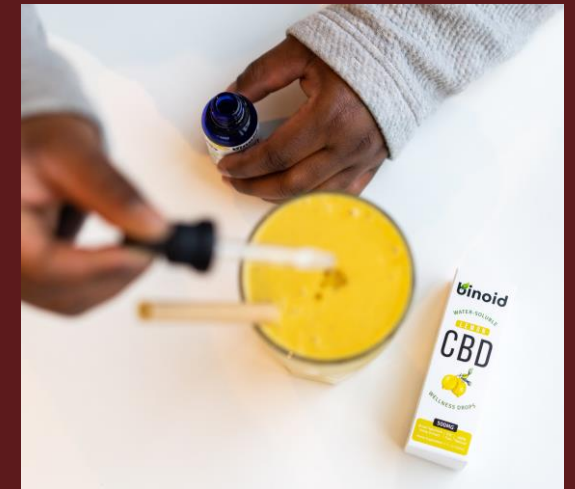
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Hemp is the plant/weed in which cannabis, its flower, is derived. Besides the wonders of its bud, the hemp plant is a great agriculture product: easy and quick to grow, needs little space or water and can be made into many everyday items thus being a much more environmentally stable product to manufacture. Hemp (and other weed and reed variety plants like bamboo) is the future of alternative farming.



# POC LED AND HEMP BUSINESSES

The future of cannabis will also focus on farmers and businesses led by the communities of color, especially indigenous ones, that have paid a hefty price for the prohibition of Cannabis. Hemp farms also provide alternatives to continued tree cultivation that will slow down the effects of climate change and create a better and more versatile product.



# FUNDING

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## GRANTS

- Searching for grants online could help aid in finding funds already available.
- <https://www.imls.gov/>
- <https://www.neh.gov/>
- <https://www.archives.gov/nh/prc>
- <https://www.grants.gov/>

## PRIVATE DONATIONS

- Appealing to organizations and individuals who not only have similar goals but also financially stable would be a logical step in procuring funding from the public.
- Projects like this proposal is a great tool in presenting a case for financial support.

## FUND RAISING

- The general public can provide funds comparable to individual donors, it just takes more effort and time.
- Fund raising events can not only garner funds, but also awareness, interest and education in the subject.



# CONCLUSION

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The future of cannabis is looking positive. With the acceptance of the plant as a form of medicine and the resurgence of growing hemp to create alternate materials, cannabis will eventually shed the nearly century long smear campaign and scapegoating it had endured.

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A close-up photograph of a single, vibrant green cannabis leaf with serrated edges, resting on a rustic, circular wooden plate. The plate's surface shows natural wood grain and some darker, weathered spots. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

THANK YOU

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