

# HEMP INDUSTRY



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## HEMP ISN'T POT

**IT'S 2021 AND FOLKS STILL HAVEN'T REALIZED THAT HEMP DOESN'T GET YOU HIGH. NO, INDUSTRIAL HEMP WON'T GET YOU STONED – CONTRARY TO THE PROHIBITION-ERA PROPAGANDA WHICH PREACHES THAT WHETHER IT'S HEMP OR CANNABIS, IT'S ALL THE DEVIL'S LETTUCE.**

**Y**es, hemp looks like marijuana and often smells better than reefer itself. And yes, when you smoke many of today's modern hemp cultivars, it even tastes like straight-up, stoner-grade ganga.

**Mind you, this drives law enforcement crazy because when they stop someone smoking a pre-roll, what's the appropriate response?**

We all know the Cannabis drug cultivars with loads of THC and hemp, newly legalized by the Farm Bill, are all cannabis sativa l. – cousins as it were. But that's where the resemblance ends. The hemp industry has opened a lot of doors, but not the doors of perception. By law, industrial hemp has less than 0.3% THC, nary enough to alter one's consciousness. I always tell people if you smoke CBD-positive hemp, you'll get well, not high. And the only way hemp could possibly be considered psy-

chedelic is if someone figures out how to grow mushrooms on hemp – I'm thinking it would be the hurd, the inner woody part of the stem. Just sayin'.

Hollywood set designers will grace TV and movie productions with hemp as a stand-in for our favorite recreational treat. You? Think twice about burning someone in a Starbucks' parking lot late at night, selling them a baggy of hemp instead of the lid of OG Kush they read about on Craigslist. Today's wily teenagers now have an answer at the ready when their parents confront them about the kilo they found under the front porch. "Reefer? Heck no, it's hemp for my science fair project."

Maybe it's the names of the various kinds of hemp that causes all the confusion. Blink and you'll swear you're gazing at the menu in your favorite dispensary. Be honest, which of these would you buy an eighth or a pre-roll of: Acid Rock, Carolina Dream, First Light, Lifter, Rock Steady, Magic Bullet, Abacus or Special Sauce? Personally, I'd reach for a little Lifter live rosin myself. And the list goes on: Alyssa, Angie, Carman, Delores, Denise, Diana, Georgina, Helena, Ivory, Judy, Marie, Martha, Maureen, Victoria, Virginia and Yvonne, not to mention Elektra and Stormy Daniels as well. Real? Yes, real hemp strains.

I grow industrial hemp and make things like hemp tincture and topical products. My only complaint about hemp is that it has too little THC! I don't expect hemp to get me wasted.

That's why I consume pot.

But my hemp products would be more effective if they had a little more THC to make the CBD and other compounds work better (ye olde entourage effect). I don't confuse hemp and Cannabis – the former is a decaf latte with nonfat milk (or as some baristas call it, a 'why bother'). Ganga, on the other hand, is a ticket to the promised land – not the highway to Hell.

No one needs to be afraid of hemp. No pink elephants, no flashbacks, no bad trips – nada. My visions of hemp are those of sustainability, food and shelter for the masses, and a powerful way to heal the planet. Am I hallucinating? No, but I have lofty dreams bathed in blissful light.