
social equity is failing, let us not be the cause.

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It appears inevitable that the true nature of "Big Cannabis" will be revealed in due course. Given the current barriers to entry, it is questionable whether the average entrepreneur can successfully navigate this landscape, raising concerns about the fairness and principles upon which our business environment is founded. Historically, these barriers have been inequitable, and there is a growing concern that they may soon become insurmountable.

<https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Media/News-Releases/February-2026/Yost-Sues-Multistate-Cannabis-Operators-for-Anti-C>

I find it regrettable that the entities orchestrating the social equity program have seemingly manipulated it for their own advantage, potentially erecting barriers to prevent the average entrepreneur from accessing this industry.

<https://www.news-leader.com/story/news/politics/2025/10/10/lawyer-for-missouri-marijuana-trade-group-tied-to-microbusiness-controversy/86603299007/>

I also cannot fathom why the government is devoting significant time and resources to cannabis/hemp derived cannabinoids, unless there are substantial lobbying efforts from "Big Cannabis". The opioid crisis is a pressing issue in Missouri, with drug overdose being the #1 leading cause of death among adults aged 18-44. Breaking down drug overdose deaths by drug type is complex, as multiple drugs are often involved. However, it is evident that opioids, including heroin, fentanyl, methadone, morphine, oxycodone, and other prescription and non-prescription pain relievers, are implicated in over 70% of these fatalities. The consequences of substance use disorder extend beyond the individual, impacting families, communities, and healthcare systems across rural and urban Missouri. The drug epidemic affects diverse demographics, including various genders, races, and age groups.

<https://health.mo.gov/data/opioids/index.php>

Please leave Missourians alone who are actually innocent and just want to be able to operate a business without illegal gambling machines, 7-OH, or any of that other nonsense.

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