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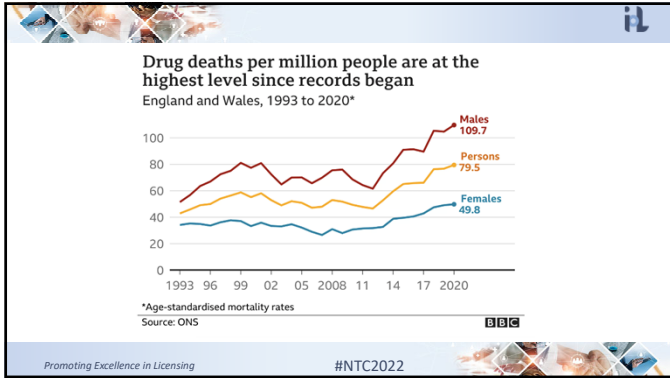
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**FEDERAL CANNABIS REGULATIONS WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT**

We are the Drug Policy Alliance.

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**CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES 1971**

including Final Act and Resolutions, as signed by the 23rd United Nations Conference on the Control of a Certain Class of Narcotic Drugs, and the Resolutions adopted by the Conference.

For official use only

UNITED NATIONS

**How People Living in Canada Consume and Acquire Cannabis: Assessing Progress in Minimizing Harms and Establishing a Safe Supply Chain**

Summary of a report prepared for the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction by Don Armstrong, PhD, Senior Fellow

**Key Findings**

- Cannabis use has increased significantly since 2010, with the highest rates of use among young adults (18-24 years old).
- The majority of cannabis use is for recreational purposes, with a smaller portion used for medical purposes.
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Legend: ● Legalized ● Medical and Decriminalized ● Medical ● Decriminalized ● CBD with THC Only ● Fully Legal

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**Challenge 1: Capturing markets while managing supply**



Can you create sufficient availability to challenge illegal supply without flooding the market?

Can you attract customers away from established supply networks while preventing irresponsible marketing and point-of-sale promotion?

Can you provide quality, competitively-priced products while ensuring taxation revenues and maintaining floor prices?

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**Challenge 2: protecting health while promoting social justice**



How do you create a market which doesn't exclude the same communities hit hardest by prohibition?

How do you reduce barriers to markets while maintaining availability controls?

How do you ensure safe supply without creating barriers to production?

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**Challenge 3: dealing with product strength**



How to create a system for regulating product type and strength?

Is there an 'iron law' of commercial markets too?

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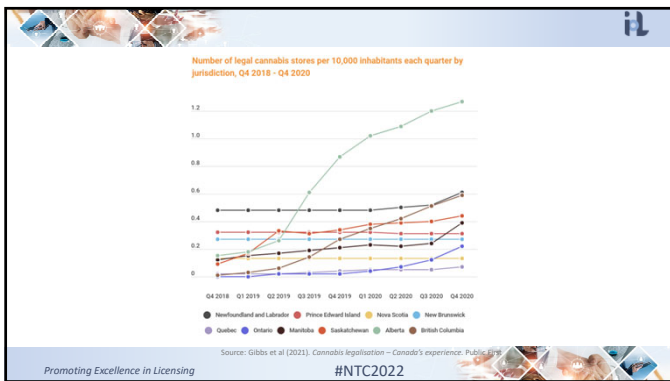
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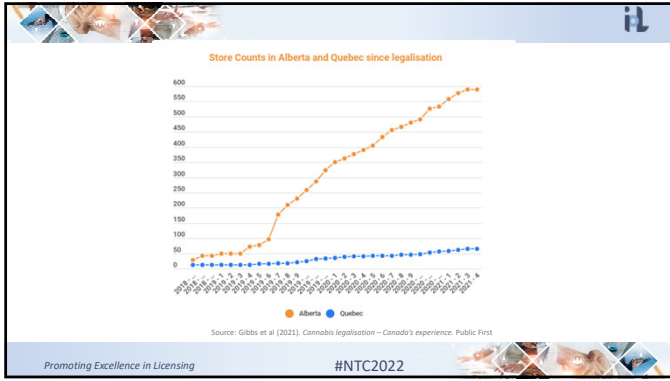
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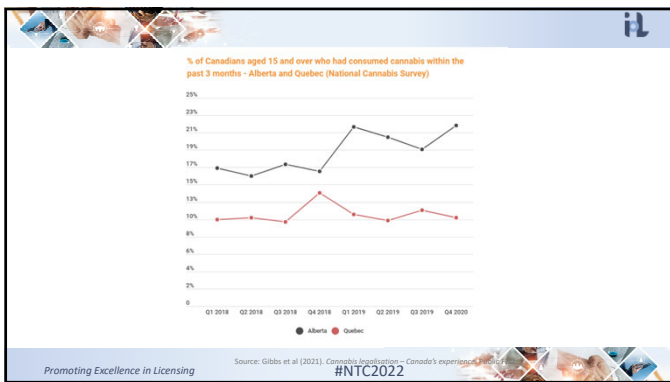
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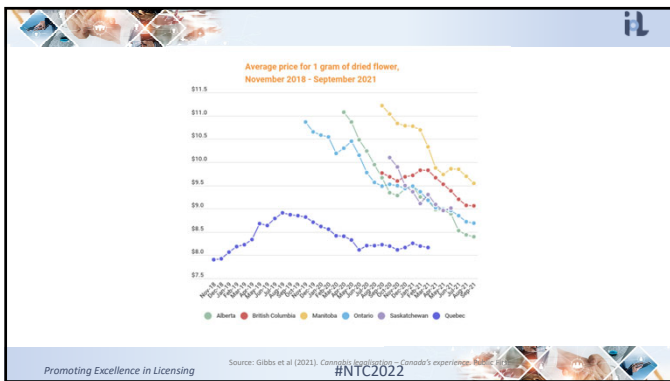
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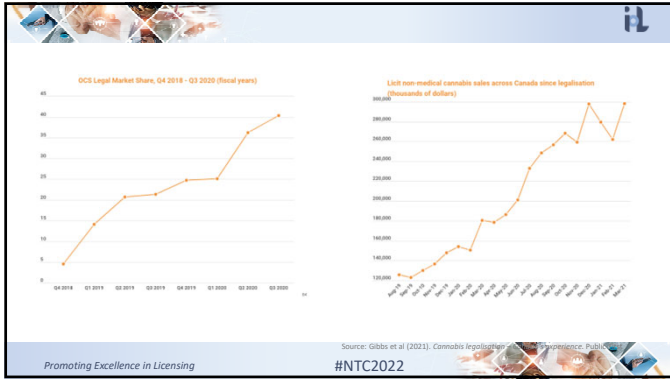
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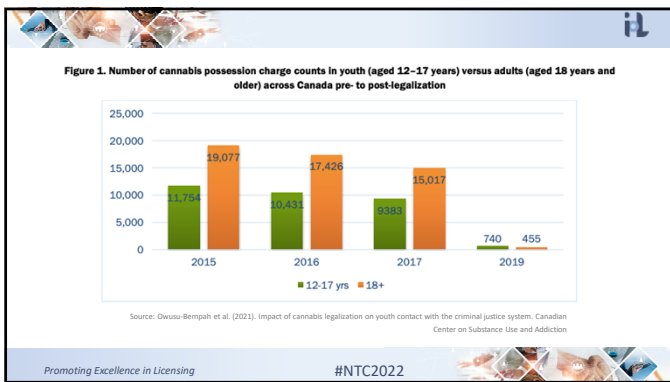
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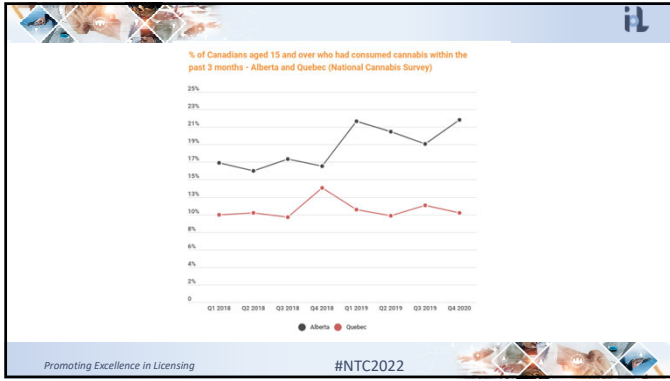
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**Suella Braverman wants to make cannabis a class A drug**  
Suella Braverman is concerned at evidence linking the drug to mental and health issues  
JAMES McCAULEY/PA/REUTERS/GETTY

**Starmer against changing drug laws as London considers reducing cannabis arrests**  
A spokesman for the London Mayor said a trial is being considered to divert young people found with a small amount of cannabis away from the courts.  
BBC News - Sunday 16 March 2020 12:42

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**Sadiq Khan launches commission to examine cannabis legality**  
Mayor of London says panel of experts will consider effectiveness of UK policies on non-class A drugs

► Khan is on a fact-finding mission to Los Angeles to see the impact of the city's decision to legalize cannabis in 2016. Photograph: Stefan Rousseau/PA

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