

How one plant spread through the world....

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America is a weed nation love it or hate it, you or someone you know inevitably has a deep tie to the ubiquitous herb. With four states now declaring recreational pot legal and 19 more supporting medical marijuana, weed is set to become not just an unavoidable illicit experience but an integral and nonchalant part of our culture. Given its prevalence in modern life it's only natural that we assume pot been a part of our culture for ages just now coming into light.

Marijuana also known as cannabis pot, herb, grass, bud, ganja, and mary jane. Marijuana has a very long history of human use. Most ancient cultures didn't grow the plant to get high but as

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herbal medicine likely starting in asia around 12,000bc.



Cannabis plants are believed to have evolved on steppes of central asia, specifically in the regions that are now Mongolia and southern Siberia. The history of cannabis use goes back as far as 12,000 years which places the plant among humanity's oldest cultivated crops. The drug became widely used in India where it was celebrated as one of five kingdoms of herbs which release us from anxiety.

Over the next centuries cannabis migrated to various regions traveling through africa reaching south america in the 19th century and being carried north afterwards eventually reaching north america. After this really long trip throughout the pre- modern and modern worlds. Cannabis finally came to the united states and the

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beginning of 20th century.

