

Why Marijuana Could Be The Most Dangerous Drug in America

A police expert's views on why marijuana has become the most serious drug threat to our nation, the medical marijuana "myth", how it affects our youth, contributes to organized crime and the proliferation of all drugs in our communities.

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