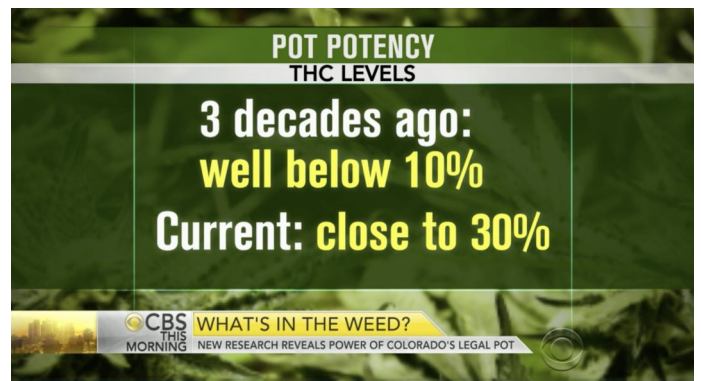




Pot is much stronger today. "It's not your grandmother's weed!"



From the CBS News Special Report:

- A big increase in marijuana potency compared to where it was 20 or 30 years ago
- “We've seen potency values close to 30 percent THC, which is huge, compared to the 1980s, when federal officials say the level was about 4 percent, “that's a dramatic increase in the part that gets you high,” said CBS News medical contributor Dr. David Agus.
- National Institute Drug Abuse: the potency of marijuana has been steadily increasing over the past few decades, but a level of 20 or 30 percent THC is even greater than the institute has reported in the past.
- Higher concentrations of THC in marijuana could mean “a greater chance of an adverse or unpredictable reaction.”
- “It may mean a greater risk of addiction.”
- Officials say more potent pot could also be one of the reasons behind a rise in emergency room visits involving marijuana use