

## Backlash has Begun

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Yesterday in the legislature, SK party MLA of Kelvington-Wadena June Draude, made some outlandish comments. In her attempt to discredit the NDP she only has shown her own hypocrisy.

Ms. Draude: &mdash; Mr. Speaker, the NDP went to great lengths to ensure that you can&rsquo;t smoke a cigarette in a caf  in Saskatchewan. Yet the federal leader of the NDP Party says you should be able to smoke a joint in a caf .

Mr. Speaker, does the Premier support this leader? To the Premier: should you be able to smoke up in a Saskatchewan caf  where other people including children may be present and harmed by second-hand smoke?

The contradiction that was being labeled is one that is fleeting at best. Although, the SKMP and many of its members do not support many of the anti-tobacco laws of the province, the SK Party's stance is a contradiction in itself. They have used the current NDP resolution in an attempt to back their pro-tobacco stance.

Tobacco and its second hand smoke have, through scientific data, have proven health risks. This has not yet been confirmed about Cannabis. The SK Party does not really care about the health of Saskatchewan but just their position of prejudice.

The quote used by Ms. Draude on Jack Layton is a sneaky perversion. When Cannabis is legalized it will probably not be in public cafe's but only enjoyed in the privacy of our homes. To use Layton's quote in a practical sense rather than an abstract understanding of the resulting freedom is a ploy of ignorance.

The disinformation continues as Ms. Draude creates fear around Marijuana. To ensure safety, and avoid the danger of laced Marijuana would be through legalization. Yet, the SK Party does not want to look at these options but will remain in a blind ignorance, and spread it like its gospel.

It&rsquo;s extremely disheartening to see this NDP promoting the use of marijuana now. And the latest trend, according to police and according to the kids on the street, drug producers lace marijuana with crystal meth making it even more addictive. Mr. Speaker, we have fought very hard against crystal meth. Why is the NDP now minimizing this fight by promoting marijuana usage?

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Ms. Draude: &mdash; Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yesterday this NDP government introduced legislation allowing lawsuits against tobacco companies for smoking-related health costs. Yet just a few short days ago at the NDP&rsquo;s convention a booklet featuring a full page add encouraging marijuana use was found. Can anybody explain this contradiction? Why is this NDP government encouraging and promoting marijuana usage? Why is the NDP taking money from a group encouraging the use of a harmful substance?

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Ms. Draude: &mdash; Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the ad features a quote from the federal NDP leader, Jack Layton. Mr. Layton says and I quote:

"Our party is in favour of modernizing our marijuana laws and creating a legal environment where people can enjoy marijuana in the peace and quiet of their own home or in a cafe. "

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The Speaker: &mdash; Order please. Order. Order. The member for Kelvington-Wadena.

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Ms. Draude: &mdash; Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Obviously this minister and this government doesn't understand the contradiction. You can't advertise tobacco products in this province, and yet the NDP has no problem accepting money from a lobby group to run a full-page ad promoting marijuana usage. Mr. Speaker, it doesn't make any sense, and it's hypocritical. You can't condemn one and endorse the other one.

Mr. Speaker, for health reasons if nothing else, will the NDP vow it will never again accept money from groups promoting the use of a harmful substance?

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Ms. Draude: &mdash; Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, my question is, will these guys stop being so hypocritical? On one hand they're talking about smoking legislation. On the other hand they have a federal leader who says that they're going to modernize laws and allow people to enjoy marijuana in a café. Now that's a contradiction.

Mr. Speaker, two years ago the Saskatchewan Party lead the charge against crystal meth. We had to drag this government kicking and screaming . . .

The Speaker: &mdash; Order please. Order please, members. Order. I would ask members not to holler out so it interrupts the flow of the person who has got the floor at the time. And right now the floor belongs to the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

Ms. Draude: &mdash; Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. We had to drag this government kicking and screaming into taking action on drugs, and hence we have the Premier's own resolution. He has Project Hope.

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