

## Day 19 Hemp - Greener

### 3 Things I learned...

1. Federal Law in the US prohibits farmer from harvesting this seed.
2. There is a huge market that hard-working people are missing out due to this prohibition, in fact this year the US is estimated to import an estimated retail value of \$500 million in products with hemp.
3. Only private citizens are allowed to grow hemp, having been authorized by the US government.

### My Opinion:

- I think that this example is nothing else than the corruption that governments have been characterized for. Hemp is a “magical seed” that can be used for literally every single product that we can think of. The US government knows about this and has decided to make it an illegal seed in order for them to have the best profit out of this ingredient. Only very few farmers have the permission to harvest hemp. I would like to assume that this farmers have some type of agreement with the government where obviously, the government, takes the biggest piece of the deal. If any farmer had the opportunity to grow hemp, then we would be talking about a completely different story. Not only would this farmers make a much better living, but companies all over the US would be able to buy this product and include it in their list of ingredients. Anyone who has the interest in involving hemp into their business would be highly benefited. It would be a win-win situation for everyone. People all over the country would begin to make a much higher profit but for some reason, the government doesn't want this to happen. I think it's sad that innocent farmers who live under very tough situations can't take advantage of this magical seed. Maybe the government wants to take complete control of this plant to take the biggest profit of them all. Something similar happened in my country, Mexico, where the government seized all of the petroleum in our soil. Only they can produce gasoline which is a huge income for them and only them. After all, there is nothing we can do, but it makes me sad to see our governments take advantage of their power.

