

Evaluative Annotated Bibliography Example

Complete citation
in recognized style
(MLA).

Author qualifications

Merrill, Ray M. "Use Of Marijuana And Changing Risk Perceptions." *American Journal Of Health Behavior* 39.3 (2015): 308-317. PsycINFO. Web. 1 Apr. 2016.

Objectivity

Method or methodology

Written by a professor of epidemiology at Brigham Young University, this study sets out to "improve the understanding of which adolescents were most likely to perceive marijuana use as not harmful" (309). The methodology used to gather information was a questionnaire of students in three Utah County districts. The survey included consistency checks and participation was voluntary and anonymous. Participation rates were over 64% and several thousand responses were utilized. A possible limitation of this study is that 88% of the population surveyed is Mormon; a potential omission is the exclusion of students from charter or online schools. Most of this study's results confirm other findings in the literature in regards to risk perception and marijuana use.

Limitations or omissions

Usefulness to my research

This study will provide relevant data for my paper on factors or characteristics associated with teenagers who perceive that marijuana use has no risk.

Contributions to the field