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Legalising Marijuana

Ben Pollara: I am a...I'm a political consultant, and for the last year I've been running the campaign to legalise medical marijuana in Florida. Twenty states have all legalised medical marijuana across the United States, and so, you know, we're just following the example of almost half of the nation, that have already done this. The first state to have medical marijuana in the United States, California, attempted to pass a law legalising it for adult use in 2010 and they failed, and our polls show that while 70% of Floridians are in favour of medical marijuana, it's still pretty much split down the middle 50/50 against legalisation. It's been something that...that's been moving in the United States for a while now, and it's really kind of taken on a life of its own in the last year, but it...it's clear that...it's clear that Americans' attitudes and views on marijuana, both medicinal and otherwise, are rapidly changing and our campaign up until now has been primarily focused on the big...the big task that we had in collecting a million signatures and in...in writing this language for the Florida Supreme Court, so we have really not begun our educational campaign in Florida. Although the...the Florida press has done an excellent job of covering the issue and showing the human side of the issue, which is you know, there...there are both adults and children all over the state who are suffering from...from horrible diseases and...and they want, they desperately want medical marijuana as...as an option in their...in their course of treatment.