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PROHIBITIONISM OR LIBERALISM? A LESSON FROM URUQUAY'S  
LEGALIZATION OF *CANNABIS SATIVA* TO NIGERIA ON  
THE BEST METHOD OF CURBING CRIMES

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ABSTRACT

From a traditionalist perspective, it sounds consistent with the norm to argue that prohibition is a more potent and effective means of curbing crimes than liberalism. But in the light of the seemingly incessant increase in crime rates and general deviant conducts the world over even in the face of prohibition, the efficacy of prohibition as means of crime control is severely called into question. This is especially so with regard to the prohibition of crime inducing substances like Cannabis Sativa and alcohol. In this work, guided by the examples in Uruguay and the state of Colorado where the legalization of cannabis has culminated in crime reduction, we have contended that prohibition is not an entirely effective approach to crime control and accordingly made a case for the adoption of a liberal and regulatory strategy to crime control where appropriate

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