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Joint gladness

It seems that when times are hard, liberal attitudes to drugs tend to triumph.

Euan Wilson of the Socionomics Institute in Gainesville, Georgia, finds that anti-drug laws in the US tend to coincide with high share prices, and legalisation with low.

Comparing today's situation with alcohol prohibition in the US between 1920 and 1933, Wilson says that just as alcohol was legalised when the economic slump reached its lowest point, so concessions to marijuana use could be 38. "The current mood is very similar to the 1930s," says Wilson.

He argues that during economic downturns people have more serious worries, and view drug use as relatively 39, while drug-runners become more desperate and violent as their markets shrink. This makes society more willing to end the bloodshed by lifting prohibition.

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Kies bij iedere open plek in de tekst het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.

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- A around the corner
- B financially interesting
- C hopelessly delayed
- D out of the question
- E over the top

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- A confusing
- B harmless
- C profitable
- D tempting