

Erowid Wisdom Cycle Survey #1

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Purpose

This survey is part of a project to gather wisdom and life lessons related to the use of psychedelics, empathogens, and cannabis. In part, we are exploring how age relates to people’s willingness to openly discuss their experiences and the impact of those experiences on their lives.

Privacy

For 17 years, Erowid has protected the privacy of those who share their knowledge about psychoactive drugs. We will do everything we can to protect the privacy and anonymity of those who participate in this and future surveys.

Definition

For this survey, assume the phrase “psychedelic/empathogen” includes LSD, psilocybin, mescaline, DMT, mushrooms, peyote, ayahuasca, ketamine, *Salvia divinorum*, MDMA, MDA, 2C-B and other 2C-analogs, and cannabis.

1) How well do you read / understand English?

Poorly Moderately Well Very Well

2) How old are you?

11–16 36–40 61–65 86–90
 17–20 41–45 66–70 91–95
 21–25 46–50 71–75 96+
 26–30 51–55 76–80
 31–35 56–60 81–85

3) Have you ever used a psychedelic or empathogenic drug such as LSD, psilocybin, mescaline, ketamine, DMT, mushrooms, peyote, ayahuasca, salvia divinorum, MDMA, or MDA (including cannabis)?

Yes No Not Sure Prefer Not to Answer

4) How open are you with people you know about having tried psychedelic/empathogenic drugs?

Very Secretive Secretive w/ Most People Open w/ Some People Open w/ Most People Very Open

5) How comfortable are you answering questions about past experiences you may have had with psychedelic/empathogenic drugs, on an anonymous survey like this one?

Very Uncomfortable Neither Very Comfortable

6) How comfortable would you be answering questions about past psychedelic/empathogenic drugs if your answers were not anonymous? (for future surveys)

Very Uncomfortable Neither Very Comfortable

If you’ve had never tried a psychedelic or empathogen, stop here.

11) Gender identification? Male Female Transgender Other

12) What Country do you live in? _____

13) Were you raised in the same country? Yes No

14) What State do you live in? _____

15) What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Some High School High School / GED Some College 2-Yr College Degree
 4-Yr College Degree Some Graduate / Prof. Masters or Prof. Degree Doctoral Degree

16) What is your religious affiliation/inclination?

- Buddhist Christian Muslim Jewish
 Hindu Indigenous / Tribal Other Major Religion Other Mystical / Spiritual
 Atheist Agnostic Other Non-Spiritual / Non-Religious
 No Particular Inclination Don't Know / Not Sure Other _____

17) Age when you first tried cannabis or hashish?

- _____ Never tried Don't Know / Remember

18) Age of first use of psychedelic/empathogen?

- _____ Never tried Don't Know / Remember

19) Do you have children? Yes No

20) Ever married/partnered? Yes No

21) If yes, how many years in partnership/marriage? _____

22) Currently in a marriage/partnership? Yes No

23) How do you assess your health at this moment?

- _____ _____ _____ _____
Very Bad Bad Moderate Good Very Good

24) How would you assess your health over your entire adult lifetime?

- _____ _____ _____ _____
Very Bad Bad Moderate Good Very Good

Life Benefits and Harms

25) Do you believe that psychedelics/empathogens can play a beneficial role in one's life?

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 Definitely Not Probably Not Don't Know Probably Definitely Yes

26) How do you feel your use of psychedelics/empathogens has impacted the following areas of your life:

	Strong Negative	Some Negative	No Clear Impact	Some Positive	Strong Positive
Happiness and Well-Being					
Positive Outlook, Optimism About the Future					
Expanded Consciousness					
Spirituality, Religious Understanding					
Metaphysical / Philosophical Insight					
Understanding of the Physical Body					
Sexuality					
Relationships					
Parenting					
Professional Work					
Sense of Growth					
Physical Health, Healing					
Experience of Aging, Adapting to Aging					
Death and Dying					
Wisdom and Insight					
Recreation or Sense of Fun					
Creativity, Artistic Ability					
Opening the Heart, Empathy					
A Greater Understanding of Reality and the Universe					

27) Have you ever had a psychedelic/empathogenic experience which was:

	Definitely Not	Not Really	Don't Know	Yes, Sort of	Definitely Yes
Profound and Personally Meaningful					
Psychologically or Emotionally Challenging					
Physically Harmful					
Psychologically Traumatic, Scarring					
Mystical / Spiritual					
Physically Healing					
Psychologically Healing					

28) Have any of your difficult experiences also proven beneficial? (Skip if no difficult experiences)

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 Definitely Not Not Really Don't Know Yes, Sort of Definitely Yes

29) If so, how? _____

30) Legal troubles: Have you ever had legal problems related to your use of psychedelics/empathogens?

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 Definitely Not Not Really Don't Know Yes, Sort of Definitely Yes

31) Have you ever had professional problems or career setbacks directly attributable to your use of psychedelics/empathogens?

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 Definitely Not Not Really Don't Know Yes, Sort of Definitely Yes

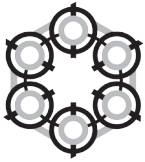
32) How important do you consider the following factors to improving beneficial long-term outcomes from strong psychedelics/empathogenic experiences?

	Very Unimportant	Somewhat Unimportant	Don't Know	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Set: mindset, emotional situation, intention					
Setting: physical and social context, environment					
Dose: appropriately selected dosage					
Presence of a guide or experienced sitter					
Learning about the substance beforehand					
Integration period immediately after the experience					
Pre-experience screening to make sure the individual is right for the drug					

33) What other factors would you consider important? _____

34) Have you served as a guide or sober sitter for a psychedelic / empathogen session?

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 Never Not Really Once A Few Times Many Times



Future Erowid Survey Participation

Interested in participating in future surveys about these topics?

- 1. For privacy, separate this page from the rest of the survey and return to Erowid.
or
- 2. Leave it attached if you'd like your answers connected to your contact information.

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