Marijuana Legalization Wins in Colorado and Washington, Loses in Oregon

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Voters made Colorado and Washington the first states to approve marijuana for recreational use. A similar measure was defeated in Oregon. About 53 percent of voters in Colorado approved the measure, The Denver Post reports. In Washington, about 55 percent voted for it, The Seattle Times reports. About 55 percent of voters in Oregon rejected it, The Oregonian reports. Implementation of these new laws is an open question since marijuana remains illegal at the federal level. Medical marijuana was already legal in all three states.

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