

Industrial hemp organizations have put together an excellent summary of centuries of hemp history: "Hemp - The Environmentally Sustainable Alternative (Part 1)."

Calling hemp "the world's most valuable plant," the nine-minute [YouTube video](#) tells the story well, pointing out the absurdity of the United States still banning a crop which was a major crop until it was made illegal in 1937 -- only to be heavily promoted by the U.S. government during World War II -- and then banned once again. For background on the video and more info, visit Kate Weldon's post on

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, reporting that "Hemp video number two is already in the works. 'The Hemp Revival – 1994 to 2008' will feature footage of hemp used for carbon negative building, car parts, plastics and health food" -- reminding us that hemp growing is once again both legal and profitable in Canada.