This presentation will look at the various characters on stage. The well funded Drug Policy Alliance refers to most scientific information on marijuana as a myth. The marijuana industry from other states is pouring money into New York. The newsmedia is fueling the medical marijuana movement, but there are other actors on the stage. Some have few or no lines such as our federal government, state governor’s office and many state medical organizations. Addiction physicians are confused, many noninvolved and others providing mixed messages. The absurd may become law. We as physicians need to better understand these political processes.