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Subject: Re: smoking ban in uk...

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 18:55:20 GMT

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Memphis wrote on Sun, 27 May 2007 14:43I know what you are looking at which is the principle of what they have done and yes you do have a point. My point is that although they do infringe some peoples freedoms to a certain degree the policy will save thousands of lives a year which I deem to be worth it.

If that is the price (minuscule in my opinion)to pay for a healthier nation I'm fine with it. As you can tell I am biased as I am a non smoker however I did live with someone that smoked and if it wasn't for their premature death due to something unrelated I am absolutely certain they would have died of something directly connected to smoke. This person always said they regretted taking up the habbit (at this time they actually didn't know better unlike now). I feel this attitude is reflected in a large proportion of smokers today.

Again, it's not the government's job to decide that we have to live healthier lives. It can support the idea and support progressive movements, but no outright prohibitions and bannings.

Do you know how many lives would be saved from heart disease related deaths or illnesses if we banned McDonald's, Burger King, etc...? Certainly you support banning of this then if it saves thousands of lives a year (which it would), right?

(Edit:) While we're at it, let's ban automobiles, too! They kill an estimated 1.2 million worldwide annually. 1.2 MILLION. We're not talking thousands of lives. We're talking about over ONE MILLION lives lost PER YEAR due to automotive accidents. Wouldn't that be worthwhile to ban, then?

I'm a stern believer in personal responsibility. If a smoker regrets taking up the habit, it's their responsibility to deal with their addiction. The government has no place to step in even if the person requests it. Their choice got them addicted in the first place, now it's their responsibility to pull themselves out of the habit.

I'm a non-smoker myself, but I do enjoy the occasional cigar. What about my rights? I don't smoke enough for it to give me any chronic health problems. As little as I smoke, my lungs are perfectly capable of healing themselves.

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