Subject: Re: smoking ban in uk...
Posted by cheesesoda on Tue, 29 May 2007 01:13:28 GMT
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warranto wrote on Mon, 28 May 2007 20:23Quote:Again, as I've said to already... IT'S CALLED
PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. It's not the government's job (or the peoples' job to force
regulation to be passed) to prevent people from doing what's harmful to them. It's our job as a
community to help our neighbors be informed, but not to the point of having legislation be passed
restricting the rights of others.

Something came to mind about this.

I highly doubt that if a friend or family member were threatening suicide, you'd come up with this
argument as to why they should be allowed to kill themselves.
How can you pass legislation to make it illegal for one to kill themselves? If you hang yourself
inside of your home, there's nothing the government can do.

However, it's the family and friends' responsibility to intervene. So, yes, I would come up with the
same argument that the government has no place to say this or that. It's the people's
responsibility to see that their community thrives.

gamemoddingWhich one is more important? To have total freedom, or help others stay healthy?
Total freedom. Like, for instance, gun control in America. I'd rather die from someone shooting me
on the street and know that I had the ability to defend myself, and the rest of the people do, than
to live my life in fear. Why be paranoid? We're all going to die, and we can't control it.

My whole argument had been summed up by Java earlier in this thread, but nobody ever seems
to listen to common sense. I'll say it again...

If the restaurant wants to allow smoking, they should be allowed to. It's their business, and they
have every right to run it as they see fit (within food regulations).

If a smoker wants to go into a pub with smoking allowed, they should be allowed to do so. The
non-smokers are not being forced to walk into the pub to drink, are they? No. If smokers were
complaining that they can't smoke in smoke-free pubs, I'd say the same thing about them. Too
bad. It's not their business to run.

Also, if we ban everything that's potentially dangerous, we couldn't function as a society.
Knives/sharp objects would be banned, automobiles would be banned, fast food would be
banned, alcohol would be banned, smoking would be banned, etc...

I trust that if people are FORCED (by having no other choice, not through legislation) to be
responsible for themselves and their community (without having to pass regulation to do so), this
wouldn't be an issue, but people are on their high horses and are too self-important to be
responsible for themselves. It's about time that we stop running to our government to fix issues
that need to be addressed by the communities, not by the government. If you don't want smoking

to be allowed in pubs, start up interest groups (or join existing ones) and petition that pubs help make their businesses more non-smoker friendly. Things work better when you work together as a community rather than whine and moan to politicians to get legislation passed restricting the rights of others because you feel that it's your right to be self-important.