

Candidate 4 evidence

Higher assignment

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to put forward a proposal to ban smoking in all public place. After studying many sources of information there is clear arguments for both sides. However I think that the arguments to ban smoking in all public place is stronger. The ban in 2008 to ban smoking in bars and restaurant, was a success and a lot of people stopped, and it also helped with second hand smoke.

Reasons to support my proposal

Smoking causes a large amount of deaths in the UK. Smoking doesn't always cause people to die however it can cause a lot of people to become ill due to smoking. According to the smoking and health book published by the independence educational publisher, Smoking kills around 100,000 people each year and leaves many other people with smoking related illnesses. If you smoke you are increasing your chances of an early death, by 10/12 years. This means that if smoking was to be ban in public places, it would make a lot of people not want to smoke as much cause they can't smoke when they are outside. This will help to reduce the risk of death and illnesses cause because of smoking. One in every smoker will die of a tobacco related disease. It is also lead to believe that smoking can increase your chances of getting fifty serious health problems; many of these illnesses can be serious however some of smoking related illnesses just leave you with long term damage. An example of a smoking related illness is that it can cause damage to your heart and blood increasing your risk of developing illness such as coronary heart disease or a stroke. Therefore smoking should be banned in all public places to try and lower the deaths of people caused by smoking and I believe that introducing this proposal would help to lower this.

Another reason why smoking should be banned is because of how much damage it is doing to the environment. According to the smoking and health book published by the independence educational publisher, Round about nine million acres of forest are being cut down each year just to produce fuel for tobacco. If this proposal was put in place to ban smoking in all public places it would lower the amount of people smoking therefore it would lower the amount of trees that are needing to be cut down to produce tobacco for cigarettes. There are also around six million trees are destroyed every year to also provide fuel to dry out the tobacco. If they used to lands they use to grow tobacco it would help to fed around 10 to 20 million people each year. Therefore the proposal to ban smoking in all public should be passed though as it would help to save the environment.

My finial reason to why smoking should be banned in all public places is that it cost the NH's so much every year. Due to a lot of people dying because of smoking or having a smoking related illness, smoking causes a huge amount of money on the NHS bills every year. According to the ash foundation, Smoking has cost the NHS around £2.7 billion in 2006 to 2007 alone. The NHS is spending more than £50 million each week on treating diseases caused by smoking. Smoking is no only costing the NHS a lot of money but it also has a impact on fire services because of people cause fires due to not putting out a cigarette probably, because fire services to be called out to smoking related incidents. Therefore I believe that smoking should be banned in all public places as it is

shown that smoking is cause so much money on the NHS, but not only the NHS but society more widely.

Reasons to oppose my proposal

One reason to oppose the proposal is that it would increase second hand smoke. People that are smokers and have children and that live at home, this will increase there chances of being around second hand smoke because the smoker is no longer able to go outside to smoke and will therefore have to smoke in their own home. According to the smoking and health book published by the independence educational publisher, Second hand smoke is very dangerous as well as it can cause the same health problems to a person as smoking a cigarette can. According to the cancer research second hand smoke will kill around 11,000 people in the UK every year. A smoker only takes in around 15% of the smoke from the cigarette and the other 85% is blowing out in the the air for other people around them to breath in. The main illness that second hand smoke can cause is lung cancer; second hand smoke can increase a person of developing lung cancer by up to 25%. If this proposal was to be put in places it may increase the amount of second hand smoke.

Another reason to oppose the proposal is that it is against smokers rights. It is against a smokers rights to tell them they are not aloud to smoke in a public places if it is something they have chosen to do themselves. For example telling someone not to use their phone in a public place is against they rights, we see it as using your phone in a public places as cause no harm, however smokers will see it as if they are causing no harm but smoking in a public place. Banning smoking in all public places may be seen as going against smokers rights.

Rebuttal

Although bring in a ban of no smoking all public places will increase the amount of smokers that will smoke in there own homes due to not been able to smoke in public places. The harm caused by people smoking can be helped by educating people that smoking. Allowing people that smoke to know the other options they have to help them to stop smoking like electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. even if the ban wasn't to happen and smokers were allowed to smoke in public places this means that there would still be second hand smoke, and by putting this ban in place's we will help to lower the amount of smoking and second hand smoke cause a lot of people will want to stop smoking cause they cant smoke outside and some people don't like smoking inside.

Yes a smoker does have their rights own rights and yes this is taking some of there rights away however it would just become a law if this ban was to be put in place. In 2008 there was a ban pasted that smoking wasn't to happen in bars, restaurants and clubs and smokers obeyed this law and it helped and made a lot of people not want to smoke no more. It also stopped a lot of second hand smoke getting past about in these places. Therefore people will just have to obey the law and not some in public places if this ban is pasted though. Although there is reasons on both side the reasons for smoking to be banned is so much stronger.

Possible alternative proposal

An alternative is to ban smoking altogether in the UK and not produce it in the UK. This would help to stop second hand smoking, and the cost of the NHS. This would also stop the amount of people dying because of smoking because they are no longer able to smoke. This would then become a law and people would need to obey it. However making this a law will cause a lot more problems because other places will produce tobacco and people would get it from other places, this then means they are breaking the law and will end up having to pay a fine or end up being put in jail. So this solution will not help to solve the amount of people that are smoking but increase the amount of people breaking the law.

Conclusion

In conclusion the proposal to ban smoking in all public places should be put in place. Smoking costs so much money on NHS bills and causes a lot of deaths in the UK and by putting this smoking ban in place it can help to reduce this although there are reasons against my proposal such as second hand smoke being passed about and if the smokers were educated about safer options it would also lower the second hand smoking and the deaths again. Therefore smoking should be banned in all public places.

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<p>http://ash.org.uk/files/documents/ASH_694.pdf</p> <p>Smoking cost the NHS £2.7 billion in 2006/07; more than £50 million each week is spent treating diseases caused by smoking. each week smoking accounts for an estimated £20 million expenditure on hospitals admissions, £4 million on outpatients £ 10million on GP consultations, £1 million on practice nurse consultations and £17 million in prescription cost. Assuming 1996 proportions of current and ex-smokers suggests an additional £380 million smoking cost to the NHS.</p> <p><u>Book: smoking and health: Series Editor-Cara Acred</u> <u>Independence Educational Publishers</u></p> <p>Smoking is one of the biggest causes of death and illness in the uk every year around 1000000 people die from smoking with many more deaths caused by smoking related illness Smoking increases your risk of developing more than 50 serious health conditions. Some may be fatal and others can cause irreversible long term damage to your health.</p> <p>Second-hand smoke comes from the tip of a lit cigarette and the smoke that the smoker breathes out. People who breathe in second-hand smoke are at risk of getting the same health conditions as smokers particularly lung cancer and heart disease. For example breathing in second-hand smoke increases a non-smokers risk of developing lung cancer or heart disease by about 25%</p> <p>You don't need to be a smoker to suffer the health effects of smoking. The smoker only in takes about 15% of the smoke from the cigarette. The other 85% is absorbed into the atmosphere or inhaled by other people. Second hand smoke becomes invisible and odours this means you can't see or smell it. Breathing in this smoke is called passive smoking</p> <p>Second-hand smoke comes from the tip of a lit cigarette and the smoke that the smoker breathes out. People who breathe in second-hand smoke are at risk of getting the same health conditions as smokers particularly lung cancer and heart disease. For example breathing in second-hand smoke increases a non-smokers risk of developing lung cancer or heart disease by about 25%</p> <p>`You don't need to be a smoker to suffer the health effects of smoking. The smoker only in takes about 15% of the smoke from the cigarette. The other 85% is absorbed into the atmosphere or inhaled by other people. Second hand smoke becomes invisible and odours this means you can't see or smell it. Breathing in this smoke is called passive smoking</p> <p><u>The cost to the environment</u></p> <p>Producing tobacco involves cutting down lots of trees. Forest are cleared to grow tobacco but the biggest problem is the number of trees that are cut down for fuel to dry tobacco is cured by heating the tobacco through burning wood. Nearly nine million acres of forest are cut down each year for fuel for curing. Smoking is one of the biggest causes of deaths and illnesses in the UK every year around 1000000</p>			

<https://www.croi.ie/news/national-no-smoking-day>

- The 20 a day smoker will spend around £3,500 every year on cigarettes.
- On average a smoker will reduce their life by 10-12 years
- 1 in every 5 smokers will die of tobacco related disease

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/cancer-info/cancerstats/causes/tobacco-statistics>

- Second hand smoking causes an estimated 11,000 or more deaths in the UK each year.

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