

Banning Smoking in All Public Places

- Do you think smoking should be banned in all public places?

~ For the sake of protecting public health, smoking should be banned in all public places. Smoking does not only alleviate the health of the smokers, but it also adversely affects the health of those around them. Government's endorsement for a healthier national lifestyle is fundamental in discouraging citizens from engaging in highly addictive habits.

- Would this infringe people's freedom?

~ Although it is true that smoking is a personal choice and that a sweeping ban of smoking in all public places may appear as an extremely drastic measure which may infringe smoker's freedom, it is the lesser of two evils in the protection of the health of the more vulnerable such as children and elderly.

- Do you think e-cigarettes are more effective in helping smokers to get rid of the habit?

~ Most researchers at the American Center on Addiction found that e-cigarette use does not significantly reduce the frequency of smoking. On the contrary, they discovered that e-cigarette use can, in fact, perpetrate nicotine addiction.

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