

My Opinion On Smoking Ban In New York

On March 23^a a ban on smoking in New York City's goes into effect. There are many people supporting it, and many people going against it. Among people who are against this ban are also nonsmokers, and that brings the question: "Have gone smoking bans too far?" Michael B. Siegel thinks that the ban goes too far. I would like to share my opinion on this problem.

Firstly, I will ^{give} mention my perspective on smoking. As a nonsmoker I hate smoking; when I am exposed for a longer period of time to a tobacco smoke, it gives me headache. Therefore, I supported the ban in bars and restaurants, but this one I am not so sure about. It seems to me, that this ban is pretty big interference in citizens' freedom. Since people can move freely around the park, I would think it is easy to avoid the smoke. Also, this ban will concentrate smokers in areas on the edges of parks, so everyone else going to the park, or leaving the park will have to walk through this smoke-filled place.

Secondly, the scientific back up is not strong enough to say that short-term exposure to smoke is harming people around. This leads to losing scientific credibility and many people may not see points made by people who are for the ban truly valid.

All in all, I do not support the ban. It is quite strict for me, and I think society should focus on bigger issues. Better solution could be if there were made smoking areas in the parks, so it would gather smokers to few places, and nonsmokers could easily avoid any contact with them.

Čeněk Kašpar 13/01+

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introduce what the ban is
and ~~what~~ ^{consequently} the problem is

→ In #2 you should refer to the
article to back up your
arguments — using examples given in the
article either by quotation or paraphrasing
is always a help in making an
argument!

~~Questions for comments~~
see comments above -

Thanks, J -

Fair +