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After having success with banning smoking indoors, New York officials are not stopping and they have just passed a law that bans smoking in parks and on beaches. A ban like this is just pushing something that was originally a decent idea into a ridiculous restriction.

Before the first anti-smoking laws, indoor areas and establishments were dominated by thick smoke due to either poor ventilation systems or just sheer numbers of people smoking there. As a non-smoker coming to such a place, you were inevitably exposed to second-hand smoke and you were left with very little options to do something about it, one of them being not going there at all. The ban indoors then separated the smokers and non-smokers domain. So, the establishments are still enjoyable by both rival parties while the outside still offers a safe haven for smokers. The new ban will not only push the smokers back even further but is also absolutely unnecessary.

Even though some studies confirmed that you are still exposed to second-hand smoke outside, they are not taking into account the duration of such a situation. The exposure would not last long enough to cause any damage at all. Moreover, while being outdoors, there is almost always a way to avoid these situations in the first place. The ban will provoke a lot of smokers and it will take away some of the scientific credibility that was always a key point of anti-smoking arguments.

All in all, the ban is very unnecessary and it will bring very little or even no help at all in the current situation.

few options / count noun

Simple part / general truth

better collocation: inundated with smoke

better as a possessive + plural noun

length of time = "duration"

good introduction!
well-developed...
see comments -

Thanks, P -

"or another way of phrasing this:

"... Then separated the areas for smokers and for non-smokers.

/ areas / is probably better than 'domains'

good.