

A smoking ban

In this essay I would like to discuss ^{the} a ban of smoking outdoors, that will go in effect in New York City on May 23. Many opinions for and against the new law appear and my intention is to subjectively emphasize, which side of the battle is better to fight on. To do so I am going to respond to a Michael B. Siegel's article "A Smoking Ban Too Far".

no comma before a "that" clause -

no article before possessive

Firstly, he writes, that opponents of smoking conflate the temporary negative effects of smoke with repeated exposure to it. I think he's right, as far as I know there are no scientific studies showing that the duration of outdoor exposure is long enough to cause health damage. Moreover, as next point in which I agree with M. B. Siegel, people outdoors can (except very rare cases) move freely and thus avoid a contact with a smoker, if they want to prevent even the tiniest possible negative consequences of inhaling a cigarette smoke.

non-count // no indef. article (a)

Secondly, we live in a modern era when we try to evolve everything to a highest possible level of usefulness. For this purpose, I believe we should let people find out by themselves, what is the best decision they can make - not only, but also in a case of smoking. I think everybody should decide on their own, what is right for their health, health of their families and also for a general mood of the society they live in.

evolve (intransitive verb) - no direct object
sth evolves. but use don't evolve sth.

In conclusion, I agree with M. B. Siegel, that there is no scientific background for this law. My belief is that in this form the ban resembles more a nonsensical affection of freedoms than protection of peoples' lungs.

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*affection for sth/s.o. prep
but I'm not certain about the meaning?
"a nonsensical affection for..."

most comments concern usage of certain words see above.

but the overall development is good.

Also I'd suggest more direct language.. English is often quite a direct language.. and in a discursive essay one aims for clarity - see comment in #1 "subjectively emphasize"

Thanks

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"emphasize" - doesn't work here. Perhaps simply say: "is to offer my view of this debate"

definite article: specific, identified noun
generally, not always, but often when a noun is followed by "of" it is preceded by the definite article /the/.