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Subject: Re: Anyone here smoke?

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Wed, 19 Oct 2005 17:05:50 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Wed, 19 October 2005 12:38I think a better question is why would you question the logic of a person doing something when you've already admitted you've never done it yourself, therefore having absolutely no frame of reference.

Frame of reference is a pretty relative term. I don't drink, smoke, or any of that jazz and I can say quite easily off the top of my head that the antecedent imperative to do any of those things in almost ANY case (there are obviously exceptions) is selfish. I don't know about you, but I try to limit how selfish I am, and if that involves consciously refusing to have "fun" or any facsimile thereof, I will.

Besides, mind altering (I'm also fully aware that smoking cigarettes is not mind altering) is moronic.

As for the depressant schpiel. A depressant is a biological agent that causes motor control and other mechanisms in the body to slow in their rate of activity. It has nothing to do with psychological "sadness", although prolonged exposure to such agents could induce it. Alcohol is a vasodilator, and also a mild sedative. It slows the rate of oxygen being absorbed into cells, nerve cells, brain cells and so on because it's so easily absorbed. I don't particularly want to slow down my reflexes, ability to think clearly, or put my body in a state of homeostatic instability just to have a good time. Frankly, I don't know why anyone would.

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