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Subject: Re: Anyone here smoke?

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Even simply something being a "ritual", or for social use doesn't automatically make it a good thing to do. Sure, it gives the people a reason to do it, but does it legitimize using (in this example) marijuana, cigarette/cigar smoking, excessive drinking (small amounts of some alcohol are actually beneficial), etc.?

Edit: it's been pointed out to me that this statement may be construed as bringing morality into the argument. Rest assured that this is not what I have intended. Keep this idea to a practical-usage rather than a moral-usage. So if you get the idea that something sounds like a difference of morality, ignore that train of thought, and concentrate of the practical reasons for legitimizing it or not.

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