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Subject: Re: smoking ban in uk...

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You don't get it, do you? It's not about the health ramifications of smoking. It's about the freedoms of the individual and the businesses. It's not the job of the government to tell people that they can't do something that could be detrimental to their health. That's the decision of the individual to make, and if a business wants to allow that activity, then they have every right.

The point that this works in Scotland doesn't mean shit to me. Everybody would be better off abstaining from sex until marriage to prevent over-population and underage pregnancies. Everybody would be better off sober. There's a lot of things that the government could do to make sure the people stay safe and healthy. Like, for instance, banning fast food restaurants, and regulating restaurants to limited amounts of calories per portion for each meal. Just because it'd have a positive impact on the health of the country doesn't mean it should be enforced by the government. The government is supposed to protect the people from outside threats, but not from themselves.

It just boggles my mind how people can allow for the blatant disregard for peoples' freedoms under the blanket idea of "common good". What about personal freedom? Doesn't that mean anything, anymore?

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