

Tobacco mainly in the form of cigarettes is one of the most widely-used in the world. Over a billion adults legally smoke tobacco every day. The long term health costs are high – for smokers themselves, and for the wider community in terms of health care costs and lost productivity.

Do governments have a legitimate role in to legislainge to protect citizens from the harmful effects of their own decisions to smoke, or are such decisions up to the individual?

No one knows exactly when we started to smoke for the first time, but everyone knows how much it has different costs in our life. Meanwhile, some emphasize the role of the individual and others believe in the community's role in coping with this problem.

Most people start smoking in early years of adolescence when they are not eligible to decide for themselves and they require adults support. Therefore, it seems that parents or governments should control using and selling cigarettes to the young who are under 18 and in this way, the role of governments is more crucial due to their executive power. It is the governments' duty to steer the public opinion about the negative effects of smoking especially by learning programs for parents who have more influences on their children. Regrettably, the majority of families do not care about the hazards of smoking and they do not accept tobacco as a kind of drug causing many cancers.

In addition, when someone becomes ill owing to long-term smoking, it is society who has to pay its cost, thus this-it is society and its governors who should monitor the use of cigarettes and other similar products its derivatives to prevent a lot of costs and troubles. For instance, in some developed countries like Switzerland, the government endeavours to stop citizens from smoking by raising cigarettes taxes or accumulate treatment costs for smokinge sufferers from that levy.

In conclusion, while it seems that some laws like smoking ban are barriers to the human freedom, humans are social animals whose ~~which most of their~~ behaviour mostly hasve direct effects on others' life and so it is the community that should decide about them.