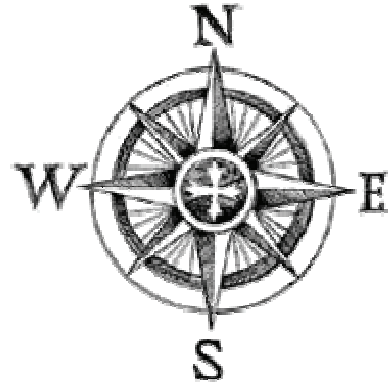


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Rights: The issue of rights is a grey area that continually spurs debate.

However, the fact remains that nobody has the Constitutional right to "breathe clean air" than anybody has the constitutional right to smoke. In this case, the right of an individual to choose should take precedence over both arguments.

We are adults: Every day we make dozens of decisions that affect our lives and the lives of those around us. It is up to us to bear responsibility for these decisions. If we choose to smoke or choose to be exposed to secondhand smoke at a bar, the burden of responsibility is ours and only ours to bear.

Tobacco is a choice: Nobody puts that cigarette in your mouth and nobody forces you to breathe secondhand smoke. It is a conscious and informed choice made by a capable adult.

We are not children: We have earned the right through time and experience to carry the title of "adult." Children do not have the faculties or wherewithal to make informed decisions and own the consequences of those actions. We do.

We demand respect: There is nothing more insulting than being an adult and not being afforded the rights and responsibilities that come with that. We do not need to be coddled or sheltered, and we don't need to be protected from ourselves, which is exactly what smoking bans do to us.

This is not about smoking: It hasn't been for a very long time. It is not about health or children. It is about power and control. It is about somebody else making your mind up for you because they don't believe you can do it yourself.