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Prior to releasing your July policy-statement, please take into account these data; this "hot" information should simply be co-adopted...and forwarded to the FDA.

Also take note of both the articles and the COMMENTS herein

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/07/11/e-cigarettes-expand-teenage-nicotine-use-rather-than-replacing-it/>

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From: Bill Godshall <billgodshall@verizon.net<mailto:billgodshall@verizon.net>>

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Subject: Tobacco Harm Reduction Update

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Public Health England – E-cigarettes: a developing public health consensus Joint statement on e-cigarettes by Public Health England and other UK public health organisations

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/534708/E-cigarettes_joint_consensus_statement_2016.pdf

Public Health England Guidance urges employers and organizations to ALLOW vaping in workplaces and public places, to distinguish harmful smoke from smokefree vapor

PHE press release – Vaping in public places: advice for employers and organizations

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vaping-in-public-places-advice-for-employers-and-organisations>

PHE: Use of e-cigarettes in public places and workplaces Advice to inform evidence-based policy making (15 pages)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/534586/PHE-advice-on-use-of-e-cigarettes-in-public-places-and-workplaces.PDF

PHE: Use of e-cigarettes in public places and workplaces Advice to inform evidence-based policy making (1 page) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/use-of-e-cigarettes-in-public-places-and-workplaces/e-cigarettes-in-public-places-and-workplaces-a-5-point-guide-to-policy-making>

Report of PHE stakeholder 'conversation' on use of e-cigarettes in enclosed public places and workplaces (20 pages)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/534585/Report-on-PHE-conversation-on-use-of-e-cigarettes-in-public-places.pdf

Public Health England Guidance: Use of e-cigarettes in public places and workplaces

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/use-of-e-cigarettes-in-public-places-and-workplaces>

New guidance from Public Health England instructs employers to make a clear distinction between tobacco and vaping in their smoking policies

<http://www.theconstructionindex.co.uk/news/view/employers-instructed-to-support-vaping>

Public Health Research and Surveillance

Brad Rodu analyzes CDC 2015 NHIS data on adult smoking and vaping (that CDC still hasn't released to the public except in a recent meta data dump) <http://rodutobaccotruth.blogspot.com/2016/07/how-many-americans-vape-cdc-data-show-7.html>

Survey shows e-cigarette flavors are crucial to helping smokers quit (US)

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/06/30/survey-shows-e-cigarette-flavors-are-crucial-to-helping-smokers-quit/>

Survey: Vapers are using electronic cigarettes to quit smoking (US)

<http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/survey-vapers-are-using-electronic-cigarettes-quit-smoking>

How and why do smokers start using e-cigarettes? Qualitative study of vapers in London

<http://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/13/7/661/htm>

What does recent biomarker literature say about the likely harm from e-cigarettes? (NZ)

<https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/pubhealthexpert/#--ENREF--7>

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/lifestyle/news/article.cfm?c_id=6&objectid=11668567

Konstantinos Farsalinos – E-cigarette risk assessment based on biomarkers: good approach but important problems in the analysis <http://www.ecigarette-research.org/research/index.php/whats-new/whatsnew-2016/242-biom>

Zvi Herzog finds "All-Cause Mortality Risk" consistently increases with "Daily Cigarette Consumption", finds clear dose-response relationship (based on data in 2005 study whose authors claimed smoking 1-4 cigarettes per day increased morbidity and mortality risks)

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11KrgwSduT-](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11KrgwSduT-9_HA6nPUxHlgrnCXGJ4EfHpJRzCRAoE/edit?pref=2&pli=1#gid=0)

[9_HA6nPUxHlgrnCXGJ4EfHpJRzCRAoE/edit?pref=2&pli=1#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11KrgwSduT-9_HA6nPUxHlgrnCXGJ4EfHpJRzCRAoE/edit?pref=2&pli=1#gid=0)

<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/14/5/315.full.html> (2005 study)

2016 Global Forum on Nicotine presentation transcripts and audio/video now available

All 2016 Global Forum on Nicotine presentation transcripts are available at <https://gfn.net.co/2016-presentations?utm>

Brian Carter: The power of non-nicotine factors in the habitual use of nicotine products

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bX5tWorT5o0>

Lynne Dawkins – Compensatory puffing behaviours in e-cigarette users

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3n6GYFr7Ss0>

Moira Gilchrist: Tobacco Heating System (THS) 2.2 cardiovascular disease risk assessment

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkMFK3H2srs>

Neil McKeganey – E-cigarettes: Gateway or Roadblock to Cigarette Smoking?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCFnjMDmZ14>

Andrej Sobczak: Research on electronic cigarettes in Poland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uqzpswfQrw>

Dainius Martuzevicius: Exhaled aerosol particles e-cigs & cigarettes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XpDYLIBEoE>

Christopher Russell: Perceptual and experimental factors in switching to e-cigarettes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gjj9MixXb3c>

Michal Stoklosa: Prices and e-cigarette demand in the EU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28ISSK2htsg>

Marewa Glover: The Michael Russell Memorial Oration 2016

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgYmLswznkg>

Konstantinos Farsalinos: Safety & toxicology of e-cigarettes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypy1YyOnccg>

Linda Bauld: Asking the right questions about smoking and alternative nicotine delivery systems

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55TpzVrNkfM>

Ann McNeill – Population impact of e-cigarettes: recent evidence from the UK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qt5QomHLHZg>

Karl Lund: Population impacts of snus – tobacco initiation & cessation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFe6aY5DNQ8>

Barnaby Page: Disharmony in the Implementation of the European TPD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeJZHpizQQI>

Julian Morris – Unaccountable and non-transparent: is the FTC a threat to public health?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz2Q5hdzFU8>

Stefan Dudik: “Not Blowing Smoke” – the fight against misleading messages

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_mnxXdq6xM

Clive Bates: What would good regulation of e-cigarettes look like?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4sqWM0Nrk>

Scott Leischow, Jean-Francois Etter, Neil McKeganey, Chris Proctor: Evidence, Accountability and Transparency – whose science counts?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bX5tWorT5o0>

Peter Beckett, Gillian Golden, Judith Wolters, Amy Faith Ho: Evidence, Accountability and Transparency – any other business?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ai7OAFsi3lw>

Chris Ford: Lessons for vapers from drugs harm reduction and drug policy reform

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcamOXeFJE4>

Riccardo Polosa – E-cigarettes health potential: current evidence and future areas of exploration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WovLo1klM0U>

FDA Vapor Deeming Ban

Lawsuits mount against FDA regs on e-cigarettes (another lawsuit filed against FDA)

<http://thehill.com/regulation/court-battles/287056-lawsuits-mount-against-fda-regs-on-e-cigarettes>

Sally Satel: Congress, save e-cigarettes from the FDA <http://newbostonpost.com/2016/07/07/congress-save-e-cigarettes-from-the-fda/>

Christian Berkey: The FDA's war on vaping is misguided

http://host.madison.com/wsj/opinion/column/christian-berkey-the-fda-s-war-on-vaping-is-misguided/article_6487b65b-260f-58cc-8d72-f1f7e58339ee.html

Strict New Regulations are Forcing Vapers to DIY https://motherboard.vice.com/en_ca/read/strict-new-regulations-are-forcing-vapers-to-go-diy

FDA's costly new rules may sink local vape shops

<http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/fdas-costly-new-rules-may-sink-local-vape-shops-20160703>

CASAA's Elaine Keller: 5 Myths About FDA's Regulation of Vapor Products

<http://dailysignal.com/2016/07/05/5-myths-about-fdas-regulation-of-vapor-products/>

E-cigs debate grows amid FDA rules

http://thetandd.com/e-cigs-debate-grows-amid-fda-rules/article_bde05ae8-3acc-5b2e-ba1d-0c7cedcf6963.html

ACSH's Hank Campbell – Methadone, Needle Exchanges and E-cigarettes: Puritanism as Policy

<http://acsh.org/news/2016/07/10/methadone-needle-exchanges-and-e-cigarettes-puritanism-as-policy/>

Lindsey Stroud: The war on e-cigarettes moves forward

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2016/07/08/war-cigarettes-moves-forward/86839528/>

The McGlaughlin Group (7/1/16) cluelessly repeat Obama DHHS' false and misleading anti-vaping deeming ban propaganda, conflate lifesaving vaping with cigarette smoking

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYeNakW7K5A>

FDA falsely touts cigarette protecting Tobacco Control Act (that Philip Morris/Altria negotiated with Big Pharma shills in 2003/04, and lobbied Congress to enact through 2009) as a public health protection law

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/NewsEvents/ucm509597.htm>

FDA updated Tobacco webpage conflates all types of tobacco use with daily cigarette smoking (which causes 99% of tobacco attributable disease, disability, mortality and healthcare costs), falsely attributes cigarette diseases and deaths to OTP, uses cigarettes as bait-and-switch to deceive public about lifesaving vapor products, and low risk OTP.

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/PublicHealthEducation/HealthInformation/default.htm>

Breaking News: FDA/NCI funded USC activists deceitfully conflate experimental use of no-nicotine vapor products with daily cigarette smoking, falsely classify all no-nicotine vaping as nicotine vaping (despite 2015 MTF finding <20% of teen vapers had vaped nicotine), downplay huge decline in cigarette smoking, falsely insinuate (despite no evidence presented) that e-cigs have addicted many nonsmoking teens in CA; Big Pharma funded AAP (which has lied about vaping and lobbied FDA to ban e-cigs since 2009) publishes junk study in Pediatrics to lobby for FDA vapor deeming ban.

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2016/06/10/peds.2016-0379.full>

USC press release misrepresents findings from FDA/NCI funded junk study, falsely claims no-nicotine vaping is “tobacco use”, falsely insinuates vaping is addicting non smoking teens to deceive, scare and lobby for FDA vapor deeming ban <http://news.usc.edu/103472/teen-vaping-could-reverse-progress-in-the-control-of-tobacco/>

AAP’s Jonathan Winickoff (who falsely accused the e-cigarette industry of target marketing flavored e-cigs to addict youth, despite no evidence, at FDA’s press conference defending its unlawful 2009 e-cig ban) misrepresents DHHS funded junk propaganda study that falsely insinuated e-cigs are addicting nonsmoking teens <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2016/07/07/peds.2016-1502?>

NY Times headline and article falsely claim FDA/NCI funded junk study found lots of non-smoking teens are vaping nicotine (as study never inquired if nicotine was vaped) to further confuse, scare and lobby for FDA vapor deeming ban. Quotes fear mongering claims by vaping prohibitionists Glantz and Winickoff, but none by objective experts.

http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/07/11/e-cigarettes-expand-teenage-nicotine-use-rather-than-replacing-it/?_r=0

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<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-ecigs-teens-idUSKCN0ZR1TK>

BMJ publishes two articles repeating false claims by FDA/NCI junk scientists about vaping and teens same day junk study was published in Pediatrics (documenting BMJ conspiring with AAP and Obama’s DHHS to deceive, scare and lobby for vapor bans).

<http://www.bmj.com/content/354/bmj.i3838>

<http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i3321>

Medpage Today’s Perry Wilson touts deceitful claims by FDA/NCI funded junk study authors who classify no-nicotine vapers as nicotine vapers (tobacco users) to falsely insinuate vaping has increased tobacco use by teens, fails to do any fact checking.

http://www.medpagetoday.com/PrimaryCare/Smoking/58983?xid=nl_mpt_DHE_2016-07-11&eun=g220600d0r

Daily Mail headline repeats false fear mongering gateway claims by FDA funded activist

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3683718/E-cigarettes-encourage-teenagers-try-tobacco-Warning-vaping-gateway-growing-numbers-try-never-smoked-before.html>

Healthday article repeats fear mongering claims by FDA/NCI funded junk study author Jessica Barrington-Trimis, AVA’s Greg Conley points out study authors never even inquired if nicotine was vaped but claimed all vapers were nicotine/tobacco users <https://consumer.healthday.com/kids-health-information-23/adolescents-and-teen-health-news-719/study-suggests-vaping-is-wooing-teens-to-smoke-712723.html>

Mike Siegel: Findings from new Pediatrics study are not relevant to the overall US
<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/07/findings-from-new-pediatrics-study-are.html>

FDA/NCI funded activists study impact (on vapers and smokers) of different intentionally deceptive fear monger warnings for lifesaving vapor products <http://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/13/7/655/htm>

FDA's Health Fraud website still falsely conflates all far less harmful tobacco products (including lifesaving vapor products via deeming rule) with highly addictive and lethal cigarettes, still falsely claims every truthful statement about product risks and benefits "misleads" consumers "Claiming less harm or reduced risk of disease from using tobacco products misleads consumers to think that these products are safe to use," still denies the US Constitution protects truthful commercial speech "FDA considers these kinds of claims to be health fraud," and still lies about the cigarette protecting TCA deal negotiated by Altria, CTFK and GSK "These requirements were put in place so that American tobacco consumers are not misled about the harms of tobacco products."
<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/PublicHealthEducation/HealthInformation/ucm255658.htm>

Obama's DOD urges active duty service members to demonize tobacco companies, promote abstinence-only anti-tobacco propaganda, and hawk Big Pharma's ineffective and less than safe tobacco treatment drugs.
<http://www.health.mil/News/Articles/2016/07/06/Recruitment-underway-for-competitive-game-to-end-tobacco-use>

DHHS funded UNC anti-vaping activists (who paid/instructed/assisted teens to buy vapor products, which is unlawful in NC, to falsely accuse vapor companies of targeting youth) now demonize the purchased vapor products to lobby for FDA's vapor deeming ban
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27357936>

DHHS funded Yale anti-vaping activists study, recommend telling teens even more false, misleading and demonizing messages (which is what prompted millions of US teens to experiment with vaping since Obama's DHHS declared War on Vaping)
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27344117>

Andrew Nagy: New FDA Warning Labels Explained (cigars)
<http://www.cigaraficionado.com/webfeatures/show/id/18896>

CDC Budget

Big Pharma funded vapor prohibitionist CTFK criticizes House Appropriations for reducing CDC's tobacco policy & propaganda budget from \$210 million to \$100 million, claims action "makes no sense", fails to acknowledge CDC has made many false fear mongering claims about vaping, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, flavorings, cigars, shisha.
http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/press_releases/post/2016_07_06_cdc_funding

OK Medical Society President Sherri Baker criticizes Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) because House Appropriations Subcommittee (chaired by Cole) reduced CDC's tobacco control budget (after CDC repeatedly lied about lifesaving vapor products, lobbied for FDA's vapor product deeming ban, and urged/funded state and local governments to ban vaping)
<http://newsok.com/article/5508620>

ObamaCare

Study finds ObamaCare's excessively punitive surcharge for tobacco users "resulted in lower rates of insurance enrollment among smokers in the first year of the ACA's implementation, without increasing smoking cessation."

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/35/7/1176>

<https://publichealth.yale.edu/news/article.aspx?id=13049>

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/07/160706172008.htm>

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/calumet-advisors-releases-white-paper-on-vaping-technology-development-300295110.html>

Americans are skipping ObamaCare so they can smoke <http://fortune.com/2016/07/07/smoking-surcharge-hurts-obamacare/>

Business

Electronic cigarettes enjoy 'remarkable' growth in June (note Nielsen data monitors sales of inferior 'cigalike' e-cigs, but not superior premium vaporizers and e-liquid)

<http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/electronic-cigarettes-enjoy-remarkable-growth-june>

Litigation

World Bank rejects Philip Morris's 2010 lawsuit challenging Uruguay's law requiring color graphic warnings on cigarettes http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-07/10/c_135502465.htm

Wall St. Jnl article hypes e-cigarette lawsuits but fails to mention underlying causes of problems (usually consumer negligence or tampering) or outcomes of any lawsuits

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/e-cigarette-users-sue-over-exploding-devices-1467538202>

Time article touts Wall St. Jnl article's hype about e-cigarette lawsuits

<http://time.com/4393022/exploding-e-cigarette-lawsuit/>

War on Vaping Education

A Billion Lives' North American premiere at Pabst Theater in Milwaukee August 6

<http://pabsttheater.org/show/abillionlives2016>

<https://www.facebook.com/ABillionLives/videos/1199274466773505/>

Indiana E-liquid Monopoly Law

Federal judge upholds corrupt Indiana e-liquid monopoly law as constitutional

https://ecf.insd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/show_public_doc?12015cv0761-107

<http://www.ibj.com/articles/59210-state-vaping-law-survives-federal-challenge>

<http://www.theindianalawyer.com/state-vaping-law-survives-federal-challenge/PARAMS/article/40781>

Eric Boehm: New regulations could virtually wipe out Indiana's e-cigarette industry

<http://watchdog.org/269669/new-regulations-virtually-wipeout-indianas-e-cigarette-industry/>

Attorney for Indiana e-liquid monopoly selfishly praises Indiana e-liquid monopoly law with inaccurate and deceptive claims about e-liquid risks.

http://www.tribstar.com/opinion/flashpoint/flashpoint-new-law-controlling-e-liquid-production-common-sense-step/article_5168d1a2-341d-5e24-8b5e-a6832cad6ded.html

More e-liquid firms try to beat state's deadline as courts weigh vaping laws

<http://www.ibj.com/articles/59206-more-e-liquid-firms-try-to-beat-states-deadline-as-courts-weigh-vaping-laws>

State approves seventh e-liquid manufacturer on deadline day <http://www.ibj.com/articles/59213-seventh-e-liquid-manufacturer-approved-on-deadline-day>

Indiana vape law upheld, but legal battle not yet over: Florida company gets restraining order while judge continues reviewing e-liquid regulations <http://www.wibc.com/news/local-news/indiana-vape-law-upheld-legal-battle-not-yet-over>

<http://www.ibj.com/articles/59250-judge-grants-e-liquid-maker-temporary-restraining-order-in-vaping-case>

Convenience store group says Indiana has delayed implementation of e-liquid monopoly law by 60 days (but the Indiana government has NOT issued a public statement)

<http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/indiana-delays-controversial-e-liquid-regulations>

Alting joins call to rethink Indiana's vaping law <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/2016/06/29/alting-joins-call-rethink-indianas-vaping-law/86521540/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=>

Lawmaker vows to 'fix' new Indiana vaping law

<http://www.indystar.com/story/news/politics/2016/06/30/lawmaker-questions-indiana-vaping-law-benchmark-day/86568084/>

Gregg wants review of Indiana vaping law; Senate leaders already taking a look

<http://www.ibj.com/articles/59168-gregg-wants-review-of-vaping-law-senate-leaders-already-taking-a-look>

Security firm might not meet e-liquid law's controversial requirements

<http://www.ibj.com/articles/59270-security-firm-may-not-meet-e-liquid-laws-controversial-requirements>

Utah Online Vapor Sales Ban

Aaron Frazier: Utah online sales prohibition <http://utsmokefree.org/2016/06/online-prohibition/>

Aaron Frazier: Utah online sales call to action <http://utsmokefree.org/2016/07/online-cta/>

Taxation

California tobacco and vapor tax ballot initiative (Prop 56) qualifies for November ballot

<http://halfwheel.com/california-tobacco-tax-increase-qualifies-for-november-ballot/119814>

<http://www.oag.ca.gov/system/files/initiatives/pdfs/15-0081%20%28Tobacco%20Tax%20V3%29.pdf?>

<http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/california-tobacco-e-cig-tax-goes-voters>

CA Hospital Association gives \$9 million to support CA vapor tax and tobacco tax hike

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jul/1/hospital-association-gives-9-million-to-support-to/>

Steven Greenhut: War on vaping an effort to prop up tobacco taxes? (CA)

<http://reason.com/archives/2016/07/01/war-on-vaping-an-effort-to-prop-up-tobac>

North Dakota vapor/tobacco opponents submit 22,000 signatures to ND Secretary of State for November ballot initiative to impose a 56% tax on liquid nicotine products, increase cigarette tax from \$.44 to

\$2.20/pack <http://www.inforum.com/news/corrections/4069087-group-announce-petition-drive-results-raising-nd-cigarette-taxes-44-cents>
http://www.oaoa.com/article_80af2a0a-c7f2-5831-a711-7ca813477f13.html

Colorado tobacco tax hike ballot initiative would increase cigarette tax from \$.84 to \$2.59/pack, raise OTP tax from 40% to 62% (no info if it would tax vapor products), petitioners have collected 35,000 of 98,000 signatures needed to get on ballot.

<http://www.denverpost.com/2016/07/07/poll-raise-colorados-tobacco-tax/>
<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2016/07/06/campaign-to-increase-tobacco-tax-to-decrease-smoking/>

Clock ticks down to another budget decision by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf

<http://www.mcall.com/news/nationworld/pennsylvania/mc-pa-budget-next-deadline-20160706-story.html>

Big Pharma funded CTFK urges PA legislators to enact PA Gov. Wolf's proposed 40% tax on lifesaving vapor products and low risk OTP, and increase cigarette tax by \$1/pack

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/pennsylvania-lawmakers-can-protect-kids-and-balance-the-budget-with-a-1-cigarette-tax-increase-300295957.html>

Connecticut cigarette tax hike to \$3.90/pack takes effect <http://www.courant.com/politics/hc-cigarette-tax-increase-20160630-story.html>

West Virginia tobacco tax hike (and vapor tax) goes into effect <http://halfwheel.com/west-virginia-tobacco-tax-hike-in-effect>

Vaping Bans

Vaping banned at New Street Station and anti-smoking campaigners are not happy (UK)

<http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/e-cigarettes-banned-new-street-11553157>

Allegheny County (PA) BOH to consider proposed workplace vaping ban on July 13

<http://www.achd.net/board/meetings.html>
<http://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2016/05/05/FDA-brings-e-cigarettes-under-federal-authority-electronic-cigarettes-regulations/stories/201605050181>

CASAA asks Allegheny County (PA) vapers to contact Board of Health urging reject proposed workplace vaping ban, to speak at July 13 Board of Health meeting <http://blog.casaa.org/2016/07/local-alert-allegheny-co-pa-take-action.html>

MN Settlement funded ClearWay Minnesota boasts that half of MN vapers are now banned from using lifesaving vapor products in workplaces (after ClearWay lobbied to enact local vaping bans by lying about vaping), urges MN legislators to ban vaping in all workplaces statewide (to further protect cigarette markets), repeats lies about vaping.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/half-of-minnesotans-breathing-easier-under-indoor-e-cigarette-restrictions-300294151.html>
http://www.southernminn.com/owatonna_peoples_press/community/article_fd1a29e1-ac6b-5a48-bd55-7feb5fe8baea.html

Wetzel-Tyler (WV) Health Department board to vote July 12 on proposed workplace vaping ban (that redefines vaping as smoking, bans outdoor vaping within 20 feet, and is called a Clean Air Regulation)

<http://www.wetzelchronicle.com/page/content.detail/id/526717/Public-Meeting-Set-for-Clean-Air-Regulations.html?nav=5001>

<http://www.wetzelchronicle.com/page/content.detail/id/526731/Clean-Air-Regulation-Affects-Many-People.html?nav=5003>

Smokeless Tobacco Use Bans

DC Council considering smokeless tobacco ban at ballpark <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/DC-Council-considering-ballpark-smokeless-tobacco-8344930.php>
<http://www.fox5dc.com/news/170770543-story>

Minimum Age Laws

Chicago's 21 year minimum age law for tobacco and vapor product sales goes into effect
http://digitaledition.chicagotribune.com/tribune/article_popover.aspx?guid=f2d26147-1f9b-4e76-baa0-2e8b9202428f

Calvo vetoes bill to raise Guam legal age to buy tobacco products
<http://www.guampdn.com/story/news/2016/07/01/calvo-vetoes-bill-raise-age-buying-tobacco-products/86587926/>

Jefferson City (MO) Council Committee rejects raising minimum age for tobacco and vapor products to 21.

<http://halfwheel.com/jefferson-city-mo-rejects-minimum-tobacco-purchasing-age-increase/119640>
<http://www.abc17news.com/news/tobacco-21-measure-falls-flat-at-committee-meeting/40298320>

Courtland County (NY) increases minimum sales age for tobacco and vapor to 21
<http://halfwheel.com/cortland-county-n-y-will-increase-tobacco-age-after-review-vote/120126>

As Massachusetts considers raising minimum tobacco age, Cumberland Farms wants clarity in laws (due to many conflicting local laws) <http://www.csnews.com/product-categories/tobacco/cumberland-farms-calls-unambiguous-tobacco-regs>
<http://www.tauntingazette.com/news/20160707/as-mass-considers-raising-tobacco-buying-age-cumberland-farms-wants-clarity-in-laws>

Canada

In the race to regulate e-cigarettes, smokers may be forgotten http://www.vice.com/en_ca/read/in-race-to-regulate-e-cigarettes-smokers-may-be-forgotten

Plain Cigarette Package Laws

NY Times publishes more propaganda advocating plain packaging laws for cigarettes that blatantly violate the US Constitution, falsely insinuates Australia's 2012 law reduced youth smoking (despite no evidence).
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/05/opinion/ugly-is-the-new-look-for-cigarette-packs.html>

UK/EU

UK House of Lords: Previous Tobacco and Related Products Regulation 2016 / Motion to Regret (July 4, 2016)
<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-07-04/debates/16070434000128/TobaccoAndRelatedProductsRegulations2016>

UK Lord Forsyth of Drumlean says EU TPD rules on e-cigarettes are absurd, will cost lives
<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/686245/eu-rules-ecigarettes-cost-lives>

Altria's stock still smoking hot after the Brexit
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/greatspeculations/2016/07/06/altrias-stock-still-smoking-hot-after-the-brexit/#65dd64fb3530>

EU TPD

Swedish Match to challenge the EU TPD's cigarette protecting snus ban in UK court
<http://www.reuters.com/article/swedish-match-eu-idUSL8N19N45F>

Clive Bates: A strong case to overturn the EU snus ban – 10 reasons why legal action should succeed this time
<http://www.clivebates.com/?p=2461>

Von Vape forced to switch gears on offshore powerboat racing sponsorship due to EU TPD decision
<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/von-vape-forced-to-switch-gears-on-offshore-powerboat-racing-sponsorship-due-to-european-union-tpd-decision-300293529.html>

China

Euromonitor: Unprecedented decline of cigarette volumes in China
<http://blog.euromonitor.com/2016/07/unprecedented-decline-of-cigarette-volumes-in-china.html>

WHO urges prohibition by mandating more harmful reduced nicotine cigarettes

Lynn Kozlowski: Cigarette prohibition and the need for more prior testing of the WHO TobReg's global nicotine-reduction strategy (exposes WHO TobReg advocating black markets for cigarettes, vapor, smokeless tobacco and OTP via laws mandating very low nicotine levels)
<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/07/01/tobaccocontrol-2016-052995.full.pdf>

Ron Borland: Paying more attention to the 'elephant in the room'
http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/07/01/tobaccocontrol-2016-053150.short?g=w_tobaccocontrol_ahead_tab

DHHS funded activists advocate mandatory nicotine reductions (i.e. prohibition) for tobacco products
<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/07/01/tobaccocontrol-2016-053134.extract?papetoc>

Prohibition Laws

Vaping advocates urge Karnataka government to reconsider e-cig sales ban (as cigarettes remain legal), anti-vaping activist defends e-cig ban even though cigarettes remain legal
<http://www.bangaloremirror.com/bangalore/others/Lobbyists-hammer-away-at-states-e-cigarette-ban/articleshow/53104744.cms>

Kerala (India) government decides to ban e-cigarettes (but not cigarettes) due to lies
<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/kerala-govt-decides-to-ban-e-cigarettes-2887377/>

Tanzania bans shisha (but not far more harmful cigarettes) over health concerns
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-36715088>

Tobacco “End Game” Prohibition Conferences Disguised as Public Health Conferences

RSM invites snus and vapor propagandists and prohibitionists to “winning the end-game against tobacco” conference in London Sept 16 to spew more propaganda and promote more counterproductive prohibition laws <https://www.rsm.ac.uk/events/events-listing/2015-2016/sections/epidemiology-public-health-section/epg03-winning-the-end-game-against-tobacco.aspx>

Snus prohibitionists (who still deny that hundreds of thousands of Swedish smokers switched to snus during past 5 decades) to hold “Tobacco Endgame” conference in Sweden September 22/23 <http://www.sls.se/Utbildning/Berzeliussymposier/tobaccoendgame/>

Secret list of 100 tobacco/vapor/nicotine invited to Sept 30 Oct 1 “tobacco endgame” conference in Canada <http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/the-tobacco-endgame-radical-proposals-aimed-at-winning-faltering-war-on-smoking>

More Junk Science, Propaganda and Lies

Konstantinos Farsalinos delineates why study claiming e-cigarette aerosol is toxic is junk science, criticizes incompetence of peer reviewers, urges retraction of the study http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27223106#cm27223106_16492

Farsalinos and Baeyens expose false and misleading fear mongering claims made in biased e-cig toxicology study <http://tobaccoinduceddiseases.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12971-016-0086-7>

Authors of biased e-cig toxicology study respond to Farsalinos and Baeyens <http://tobaccoinduceddiseases.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12971-016-0087-6>

Authors of another inapplicable cell study grossly misrepresent findings to scare public <http://universityofcalifornia.edu/news/e-cigarette-vapors-could-be-toxic-oral-cavity-ucla-study-finds>
<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/smoking-cessation-news-628/e-cigs-may-damage-cells-in-mouth-712389.html>

Study finds college students who vaped were more likely to smoke, but authors falsely claim study found e-cigs are gateways to cigarettes and perhaps to drinking alcohol <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3668663/E-cigarettes-gateway-smoking-young-people-use-linked-greater-risk-alcohol-abuse.html>

Tennessee Health Department lies about e-cigs in letter to TN sheriffs <http://www.murfreesboropost.com/dangerous-pseudo-smokes-or-safe-stress-relief--cms-44693>

CVS still conflates lifesaving vapor products and very low risk smokeless tobacco with deadly cigarettes, still pushes counterproductive abstinence-only anti-tobacco policies <http://www.forbes.com/forbes/welcome/#30d72edf7494>

Study finds media truthfully portray e-cigarettes as a “healthier alternative” to cigarettes and as a “smoking cessation aid”, but anti-vaping authors conclude (based on no evidence in their study) “Public health organizations should provide information to e-cigarette users and the public through these outlets and take a strong stance against their use, especially by school-aged children.” <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4900769/>

Reuters article hypes NIH funded study finding smokers don't know most of the thousands of constituents in tobacco smoke (duh), NIH funded author Kurt Ribisl falsely claims 93 smoke constituents are "quite toxic" (since everything is toxic because 'the dose makes the poison'), urges more deception of smokers about smoke constituents.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-cigarettes-smoke-idUSKCN0ZO22V>
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-016-3151-5>

PBS Nova publishes fear mongering junk science smear on vaping, falsely claims vaping doesn't help smokers quit and many other lies by FDA/NCI funded Stan Glantz.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/next/body/vaping/>

Orland Sentinel publishes 2nd op/ed by plastic surgeon Richard Bosshardt that repeats false fear mongering claims about vaping, and that exposes his ignorance and bias.

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/lake/os-lk-housecalls-07102016-20160710-story.html>

NY government funded Mid-Hudson Prevention Resource Center makes many false fear mongering claims about vaping <http://www.rocklandtimes.com/2016/07/07/vape-culture-grows-still-nobody-knows/>

Cynthia Cabrera interviews former ACS smokeless tobacco THR denier Tom Glynn, who equivocates about vapor products and FDA's vapor product bans and workplace vaping bans (which ACS has lobbied for since 2009 and 2010 by demonizing vaping) <http://sfata.org/episode-7-former-american-cancer-society-director-outlines-areas-agreement/>

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When will your report be issued?

Note the following [and distribute to your committee ASAP]:

http://www.nationalreview.com/article/438328/fda-e-cig-crackdown-another-power-grab?utm_source=jolt&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Jolt07262016&utm_term=Jolt

The FDA Can't Distinguish between Eggplants and Tobacco

In yet another power grab, it's claiming authority to crack down on e-cigs. The Food and Drug Administration just made it clear that it cannot tell the difference between eggplants and tobacco leaves. It has assumed control over nicotine that does not come from tobacco but rather is derived from vegetables or created in labs. This development is part of the continued fallout over the FDA's 499-page "deeming regs," which brought e-cigarettes, e-liquid, and devices used for vaping under its tobacco-control authority. Boston University professor Michael Siegel submitted a question to the FDA that simply asked: "Are e-cigs that do not contain nicotine (or any other tobacco extracts) also covered by the FDA deeming regulations? If so, will they also require pre-market approval like products that do contain nicotine?"

In a drawn-out response posted July 25, the FDA wrote that it does indeed have regulatory power over e-liquid that is not derived from tobacco. This attempts to clarify the FDA's regulations, but all it does is reiterate that the FDA is waging a war on both orally inhaled nicotine and nicotine-free e-liquid — not tobacco.

Nicotine is present in many foods that humans eat (including eggplants, potatoes, and tomatoes), and it can be created in a lab. Some e-liquid companies are already selling synthetic, tobacco-free nicotine. While nicotine is addictive, it is uncontroversial that the carcinogens and toxins released from burning cigarettes are what kills smokers. The FDA even admitted this much by stating in its "deeming regs" that nicotine exposure is "not responsible for the high prevalence of tobacco-related death and disease in this country."

E-liquid does not burn, nor does it contain the vast majority of dangerous toxins found in cigarettes. This is why the British Royal College of Physicians found that vaping e-liquid is 95 percent safer than smoking cigarettes.

This treatment of vaping — even when e-liquid has no connection to tobacco — shows that the FDA's reasoning is circular at best and a deadly power grab at worst. Before looking at direct quotes from the FDA, here is how the FDA's example of torturous logic proceeds:

* The FDA has the authority to regulate tobacco products under the 2009 Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.

* Since e-liquid can contain nicotine that is derived from tobacco, it falls under the FDA's regulatory authority.

* Components and parts (tanks, cartridges, pods, wicks, atomizers) of devices reasonably expected to be used while vaping also fall under the FDA's authority.

* These regulated components and parts can be used to vape e-liquid that contains tobacco-free nicotine and e-liquid that does not contain any nicotine at all.

* Therefore, tobacco-free nicotine and nicotine-free e-liquid fall under the FDA's tobacco authority.

From page 257 of the FDA's regulations:

The definition of "tobacco product" includes any product made or derived from tobacco, including any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product. An e-liquid made or derived from tobacco meets this definition and, therefore, is subject to FDA's chapter IX authorities. E-liquids that do not contain nicotine or other substances derived from tobacco may still be components or parts and, therefore, subject to FDA's tobacco control authorities, if they are an assembly of materials intended or reasonably expected to be used with or for the human consumption of a tobacco product and do not meet the definition of accessory.

And from page 222:

Nicotine-free e-liquid that is intended or reasonably expected to be used with or for the human consumption of tobacco products in most cases would be a component or part of a tobacco product and, therefore, within the scope of this rule.

There are major problems with the FDA's power grab. If Congress wanted the FDA to have control of all products that contain nicotine, it would have spelled that out in law. Instead, Congress limited the purview of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act to tobacco and smoking. Simply put, Congress did not grant the FDA the power to regulate any substance that contains nicotine as a tobacco product.

As if the FDA's unauthorized extension of its regulatory authority to non-tobacco-derived nicotine was not enough, it also claims it can regulate e-liquid that does not contain any nicotine — which is the most common type of e-liquid used by teenagers. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, only 29 percent of 12th-graders who vaped reported using e-liquid that contained nicotine (or were unsure).

To show just how clueless the government is when it comes to reducing the harms of cigarette smoking, the FDA wrote on page 218 of its deeming regs that "regardless of the nicotine content of the tobacco products, FDA believes that deeming tobacco products will result in significant public health benefits and that the additional restrictions imposed by this rule are appropriate for the protection of the public health."

In reality, all FDA control of vaping will do is stifle innovation in a dynamic industry, making it harder for smokers to kick their deadly habit or for young people to avoid getting hooked in the first place. Vaping has been shown to be much more effective at helping smokers quit than going cold turkey or using other nicotine-replacement therapies such as patches or gum. Vaping's increase in popularity has also occurred during a major decline in high-school smoking rates (from 15.7 percent in 2013 to 10.8 percent in 2015).

If the FDA's main concern is public health, it desperately needs to learn the difference between smoking and vaping — and the difference between tobacco and eggplants.

Submission: August 4, 2016

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Subject: RE: NCCN Tobacco-Cessation Guidelines

Inasmuch as you missed your self-announced deadline, please provide this to your members...and confirm you did so.

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Date: Thu, Aug 4, 2016 at 1:34 PM

Subject: Tobacco Harm Reduction Update

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A Billion Lives

A Billion Lives North American Premiere August 6, 2016 at Pabst Theater in Milwaukee

<https://www.facebook.com/ABillionLives>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/150524328705899/>

<http://www.pabsttheater.org/show/abillionlives2016>

Heartland Daily Podcast – Aaron Biebert: E-cigarettes and A Billion Lives

<http://blog.heartland.org/2016/07/heartland-daily-podcast-aaron-biebert-e-cigarettes-and-a-billion-lives/>

FDA Deeming Regulation

FDA Deeming Rule takes effect August 8, 2016 (next Monday), key provisions include:

- bans sales of all deemed products that aren't on the market on August 8, 2016,
- bans manufacturers/retailers from making truthful health claims about deemed products,
- bans free sampling of all deemed products to adults,
- bans sales of deemed products to anyone under 18, and
- requires photo ID of consumers appearing under 27 who tries purchase products

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/NewsEvents/ucm513815.htm>

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/ucm388395.htm>

ACTION ALERT for all vape shops and other vapor product manufacturers in US

To protect your currently manufactured vapor products from being banned by the FDA after August 8, 2016 (next Monday), and to keep your products on the market after August 8, 2018 (if HR 2058 and/or Cole-Bishop amendment to the House Appropriations bill get enacted), you MUST thoroughly document that each of your manufactured vapor products (that you want to continue manufacturing) is on the market on August 8, 2016.

All vapor manufacturers are strongly urged to document (e.g. video record and detail all ingredients, supplies, packaging and labeling) the manufacturing process for each product (including e-liquids, building coils, assembling components, packaging, labeling) to protect your manufactured products from being banned by FDA (as the agency is likely to declare that many/most vapor products on the market after August 8, 2016 were NOT on the market on August 8, 2016), and in preparation for future Substantial Equivalence (SE) reports (if HR 2058 and/or Cole-Bishop amendment are enacted into law).

Helpful FDA Documents on Substantial Equivalence

FDA Guidance: Establishing that a Tobacco Product was Commercially Marketed as of February 15, 2007 (and August 8, 2016 for newly deemed products)

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/UCM416498.pdf>

Demonstrating the Substantial Equivalence of a New Tobacco Product: Responses to Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/ucm436462.htm>

2013-2015 Substantial Equivalence Marketing Orders (i.e. approved by FDA)

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/MarketingandAdvertising/ucm403542.htm>

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/MarketingandAdvertising/ucm403549.htm>

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/MarketingandAdvertising/ucm435693.htm>

Tobacco deeming regs go into effect Aug 8: What retailers need to know about compliance

<http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/tobacco-deeming-regs-go-effect-aug-8>

Jared Meyer: FDA cannot distinguish between eggplants and tobacco In yet another power grab, it's claiming authority to crack down on e-cigs <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/438328/fda-e-cig-crackdown-another-power-grab>

<http://www.valuwalk.com/2016/07/fda-regulates-eggplants-tobacco/>

Mike Siegel: FDA's convoluted response to a simple question shows how arbitrary, capricious, and inane the Deeming Regulations are (Godshall comments) <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/07/fdas-convoluted-response-to-simple.html>

Jacob Sullum: The FDA's incomprehensible answer to a crucial question about its e-cigarette regulations <http://www.forbes.com/sites/jacobsullum/2016/07/25/the-fdas-incomprehensible-answer-to-a-crucial-question-about-its-e-cigarette-regulations/>

Jeff Stier: Checks and Balances are Critical to Public Health (cites Sen. Ron Johnson's inquiry about FDA's vapor deeming ban)

<http://www.forbes.com/forbes/welcome/#3694151077c2>

New FDA tobacco regulations stir help, harm debate http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/new-fda-tobacco-regulations-stir-help-harm-debate/article_0d71152c-07c0-5a79-b93a-efac00da61c0.html

Mike Siegel – FDA Tobacco Center Director to Ex-smoking Vapers: You Don't Exist

<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/08/fda-tobacco-center-director-to-ex.html>

US Rep. Tom Cole interviewed by SFATA's Cap O'Rourke on HR 2058, the Cole-Bishop amendment, small business, vapor advocacy and more <http://sfata.org/episode-8-congressman-tom-cole-legislation-impacting-vaping-industry/>

HR 2058 now has 71 cosponsors, including two Democrats

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/2058?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22HR+2058%22%5D%7D&resultIndex=1>

White Cloud: The FDA vs The Vaping Industry Parts 1 and 2

<http://www.whitecloudelectroniccigarettes.com/blog/fda-vs-vaping-industry-part-1/>

<http://www.whitecloudelectroniccigarettes.com/blog/fda-vs-vaping-industry-part-2/>

FDA Deeming Regulation Litigation

Docket for Nicopure Labs v FDA et al: Five parties have filed motions for leave to appear as amicus curiae in support of plaintiffs.

<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/08/02/docket-for-nicopure-labs-v-fda-et-al-jul-29-aug-2-2016/>

Nicopure v FDA: SFATA's amicus curiae brief in support of plaintiffs <http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/08/04/nicopure-v-fda-brief-of-amicus-curiae-smoke-free-alternatives-trade-association-in-support-of-plaintiffs%E2%80%99-motions-for-summary-judgment-aug-2-2016/>

CTFK files unopposed motion to submit amicus brief supporting FDA deeming ban <http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/2016-07-27-nicopurectfk.pdf>
<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/07/27/nicopure-labs-v-fda-unopposed-motion-of-the-campaign-for-tobacco-free-kids-for-leave-to-file-amicus-curiae-brief-in-support-of-the-defendants-july-27-2016/>
<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/07/28/docket-for-nicopure-labs-llc-v-fda-et-al-jul-25-28-2016/>

Right to be Smoke-Free Coalition and E-Vapor Industry Trade Associations file Motion for Summary Judgment in Lawsuit Challenging FDA's Deeming Regulation and Tobacco Control Act
<https://www.r2bsmokefree.org/2016/08/01/right-to-be-smoke-free-coalition-and-e-vapor-industry-trade-associations-file-motion-for-summary-judgment-in-lawsuit-challenging-fdas-deeming-regulation-and-the-tobacco-control-act/>
<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/07/26/right-to-be-smoke-free-coalition-et-al-v-fda-plaintiff-trade-associations%E2%80%99-motion-for-summary-judgment-july-25-2016/>
<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/2016-07-25-nicopure.pdf>

Right to be Smoke-Free Coalition v FDA: Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Plaintiff Trade Associations' Motion for Summary Judgment <http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/07/26/right-to-be-smoke-free-coalition-et-al-v-fda-memorandum-of-points-and-authorities-in-support-of-plaintiff-trade-associations%E2%80%99-motion-for-summary-judgment-july-25-2016/>
<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/2016-07-25-nicopure-1.pdf>

Not Blowing Smoke (interview with Nicopure Labs' Jeff Stamler and White Cloud's Steve Miller about FDA vapor deeming ban) <http://www.businessobserverfl.com/section/detail/not-blowing-smoke/>

Altria claims FDA has decided to NOT enforce the Deeming Regulation's ban on "mild" brand descriptor for Black and Mild cigars (after Altria sued FDA citing 1st Amendment) <http://www.csnews.com/product-categories/tobacco/altrias-companies-prepare-deeming-rule-compliance>

Deeming Rule on Cigars

New rules could leave cigar industry in ashes
<http://www.tampabay.com/opinion/columns/new-rules-could-leave-cigar-industry-in-ashes/2286469>

FDA cigar rules could snuff out Central Florida cigar makers
<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/consumer/os-orlando-cigar-stores-fda-rules-20160721-story.html>

4 Cigar Concerns Post Deeming
<http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/4-cigar-concerns-post-deeming#page=0>

More FDA CTP

FDA issues Not Substantially Equivalent Order on Maverick Menthol Product
<http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/fda-issues-not-substantially-equivalent-order-maverick-menthol>

FDA: "Not Substantially Equivalent" Determinations Summary

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/MarketingandAdvertising/UCM462409.pdf>

Mike Siegel: FDA claims it is protecting public health by keeping slightly altered cigarettes off the market

<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/07/fda-claims-it-is-protecting-public.html>

FDA proposes "Guidance for Tobacco Retailers on Tobacco Retailer Training Programs" for public comment until August 31, 2016

<https://federalregister.gov/a/2016-18092>

FDA announces four Tobacco Regulatory Science (i.e. propaganda) Fellows

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2016-07/naos-nao072516.php

NIH funded Univ. of Michigan authors write "Tobacco Regulation and Cost-Benefit Analysis: How Should We Value Foregone Consumer Surplus?" <http://www.nber.org/papers/w22471.pdf>

CPSC

SFATA Reveals Child-Resistant Packaging Rules Change by CPSC <http://sfata.org/urgent-child-resistant-packaging-rules-change/>

US government agency suddenly requires child-proofing immediately <http://ecigintelligence.com/u-s-government-agency-suddenly-requires-child-proofing-immediately/>

E-cigarette makers contending with New CPSC and FDA Regulations

<http://www.natlawreview.com/article/e-cigarette-makers-contending-new-cpsc-and-fda-regulations>

More THR Prohibition

Hong Kong public health official determined to protect cigarettes by banning all vapor products (HK banned the sale of nicotine e-cigs in 2008), falsely claims products are marketed to youth and falsely claims products are harming vapers.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/ecigarette-advertisements-are-luring-exsmokers-back-to-tobacco-warns-quit-victoria/news-story/1050fbfda65e814532591c503a224801>

Malaysian Health Ministry keeps protecting cigarettes by lobbying to ban vapor

<http://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2016/07/24/strict-laws-for-malaysia/>

Oman bans sale of chewing tobacco, but not far more harmful cigarettes

<http://timesofoman.com/article/89157/Oman/Government/Distributing-chewing-tobacco-will-now-attract-1000-rial-fine-in-Oman>

Singapore protects cigarettes by banning smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes and other low risk smokefree alternatives.

<http://www.todayonline.com/singapore/full-ban-shisha-emerging-tobacco-products-spore-aug-1>

Vapor Legalization

New Zealand Health Ministry proposes legalizing the sale of nicotine vapor products to adults, public consultation until September 12, 2016 <http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/policy-options-regulation-electronic-cigarettes-consultation-document>

<http://www.nznewsuk.co.uk/news/?id=73036&story=Proposed-changes-to-legal-status-of-E-cigarettes>

Proposal to legalise the sale of nicotine e-cigarettes announced <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/proposal-legalise-sale-nicotine-e-cigarettes-announced>

New Zealand to make nicotine e-cigarettes legal <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/GE1608/S00015/new-zealand-to-make-nicotine-e-cigarettes-legal.htm>

A starter pack on e-cigarettes: what you should know
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/82758495/a-starter-pack-on-ecigarettes-what-you-should-know>

While the US gets more strict on vaping, New Zealand moves to relax its laws
<http://motherboard.vice.com/read/while-the-us-gets-more-strict-on-vaping-new-zealand-moves-to-relax-its-laws>

Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration issues Proposed amendments to Poisons Standard, including one to exempt most nicotine e-liquid products (i.e. <3.5% nicotine) from Schedule 7 (a Dangerous Poison: which now bans the sale of all nicotine vapor products), Public Consultation closes September 1, 2016.
<https://www.tga.gov.au/consultation-invitation/consultation-proposed-amendments-poisons-standard-acms-meeting-november-2016>

Australian TGA: General process for amending the Poisons Standard: Nicotine
<https://www.tga.gov.au/media-release/general-process-amending-poisons-standard-nicotine>

THR Advocacy and Education

Clive Bates: “Disinformation from anti-vaping activists more harmful than from tobacco industry”
<http://www.vapingpost.com/2016/07/22/clive-bates-disinformation-from-anti-vaping-activists-more-harmful-than-from-tobacco-industry/>

NCI survey finds >37.5% of Americans inaccurately believe lifesaving vapor products are just as or more harmful than smoking cigarettes, just 5.3% accurately believe vaping is much less harmful than smoking cigarettes (due to massive War on Vaping by Obama’s DHHS and Big Pharma shills since 2009)
http://hints.cancer.gov/question-details.aspx?PK_Cycle=8&qid=1282

In April 2009, Rita Chappelle announced FDA’s ongoing policy to deceive Americans to inaccurately believe lifesaving e-cigarettes are just as harmful as cigarette smoking:
“We don’t want the public to perceive them as a safer alternative to cigarettes.”
<http://www.webmd.com/smoking-cessation/features/ecigarettes-under-fire>

Mike Siegel: Hiding the truth from the public: American Lung Association is undermining the public’s knowledge of the hazards of smoking <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/08/hiding-truth-from-public-american-lung.html>

What medical ‘experts’ hide: Nicotine does NOT cause cancer
<http://www.therakyatpost.com/life/2016/07/27/what-medical-experts-hide-nicotine-does-not-cause-cancer/>

Smoking rate hits low in England (drops from 17.8% in 2014 to 16.9% in 2015)
<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-us/cancer-news/news-report/2016-08-02-smoking-rate-hits-low-in-england>
<http://www.charitytoday.co.uk/smoking-rate-hits-low-england/>

THR Business

Reynolds American reports 3.9% overall US cigarette industry volume decline in 2Q16 (and a 1.7% decline when adjusted for wholesale inventory changes), 24.6% RJ Reynolds cigarette volume increase (due largely to 2015 purchase of Newport), 3.2% overall US smokeless tobacco industry volume increase, .7% American Snuff volume decline, Vuse is leading selling cigalike with 29% of e-cig market in “traditional retail channels”. <http://www.reynoldsameric.com/About-Us/Press-Releases/Press-Release-Details-/2016/RAI-reports-strong-2Q16-performance-and-positive-outlook-Accelerates-returns-to-shareholders/default.aspx>

Altria reports 5.0% cigarette volume decline in 2Q16, 4.3% smokeless tobacco volume increase, 7.5% cigar volume increase, plans to submit MRTP to FDA for a new heat-not-burn product by end of 2016. <http://www.altria.com/Media/Press-Releases/Pages/PressReleaseDetails.aspx?reqID=2188742>

Vector reports 4.2% cigarette volume decline in 1st half of 2016 (US) <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20160728005637/en/Vector-Group-Reports-Quarter-2016-Financial-Results>

British American Tobacco (BAT) reports 3.4% cigarette volume increase for 1st half of 2016, estimates entire cigarette industry volume will decline by 2.5% during 2016. http://www.bat.com/group/sites/UK_9D9KCY.nsf/vwPagesWebLive/DOAC8DH6

Japan Tobacco International reports 2.2% cigarette volume increase in 2Q16 <http://www.jti.com/media/news-releases/jtis-results-3-month-period-ended-june-30-2016/> http://www.jti.com/files/3914/7003/3032/Supplementary_Document_Japan_Tobacco_International_JTI_Res....pdf

CLSA reports estimate Reynolds lost \$520M, Altria lost \$421M on e-cigarettes from 2013-2105 <https://www.e-cigarette-forum.com/forum/threads/new-clsa-report-estimates-reynolds-lost-520-million-on-e-cigs-from-2013-1015.756543/>

Nerudia licensed by MHRA to manufacture drugs (UK) <http://nerudia.com/news/nerudia-awarded-licence-by-uk-medicines-agency/>

BAT advocates global standards for vapor products, falsely claims doing so would benefit small vapor companies http://www.eurekaalert.org/pub_releases/2016-07/raba-gsf072116.php

SFATA appoints three new board members <http://sfata.org/smoke-free-alternatives-trade-association-appoints-three-new-board-members/>

New Jersey Vapor Rights Coalition launches new website <http://www.njvaporcoalition.org/>

Smoking Cessation Drug Licensing Agreements

Report Buyer issues/sells “Global Smoking Cessation Partnering 2010-2016” report (which delineates why Big Pharma declared War on Vaping in many/most countries) <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/global-smoking-cessation-partnering-2010-to-2016-300307186.html> <https://www.reportbuyer.com/product/3605747/global-smoking-cessation-partnering-2010-to-2016.html>

Abusing MSA Funds

Philadelphia (PA) Health Dept abuses PA settlement funds on ads advocating an unconstitutional tobacco advertising ban, falsely accuses tobacco companies of target marketing to youth (a violation of the 1998 MSA and the 2009 TCA), inaccurately claims tobacco advertising has increased, advocates retail tobacco sales bans.

http://www.philly.com/philly/health/20160725_In_hard-hitting_ad_campaign_Philly_targets_tobacco_industry_marketing_practices.html?nlid=9814842&https://phl.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=2f139f9db50a47c99bd5c13bfb4a9d2b

Philadelphia Health Dept Director Thomas Farley (who banned vaping in NYC workplaces in 2014 by repeating lies about vaping) accuses tobacco companies of target marketing to youth (but provides no evidence, fails to inform PA AG, NAAG or FDA):

"They are not just selling them. They are marketing them, and marketing them to our children," said city Health Commissioner Thomas Farley. "I think that people should be quite unhappy and even outraged about the amount of marketing of this killer product in low-income neighborhoods by companies who want nothing more than to make a profit off people getting sick."

Indiana E-liquid Monopoly Law

Up in Smoke: Legislation vaporizes Indiana e-cig shops http://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/up-in-smoke-legislation-vaporizes-indiana-e-cig-shops/article_1ba1f96c-0ba3-5a50-b0fd-29b0c6546225.html

Taxation

Commonwealth Foundation: Taxes threaten Chris's life (PA's 40% vapor tax)

<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.org/policyblog/detail/taxes-threaten-chriss-livelihood>

Commonwealth Foundation: Why Dori is fighting back against government overreach

<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.org/policyblog/detail/why-dori-is-fighting-back-against-government-overreach>

Commonwealth Foundation: Overtaxing can change lives for the worse (PA vapor tax)

<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.org/policyblog/detail/overtaxing-can-change-lives-for-the-worse>

Smokers, retailers burn as Pennsylvania cigarette tax rises

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jul/31/smokers-retailers-burn-as-pennsylvania-cigarette-t/>

Merchants: Pa. cigarette tax will kill out-of-state business (PA/NJ/NY)

http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/easton/index.ssf/2016/08/smokes_tax_boost_kills_out-of.html

Scranton Times-Tribune editorial: Fair taxation just so much cigar smoke

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/opinion/fair-taxation-just-so-much-cigar-smoke-1.2070427>

Mark Hughes: A tale of two tobacco taxes (MO) http://www.joplinglobe.com/opinion/columns/mark-hughes-a-tale-of-two-tobacco-taxes/article_f30e11ce-f977-5f38-bb6a-0c76c3a1a042.html

New lawsuits aim to throw out proposed tobacco tax hike (MO)

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/new-lawsuits-aim-to-throw-out-proposed-tobacco-tax-hike/article_5472718f-c365-52df-b937-b13bf249baea.html

Vaping Bans

East Peoria is first downstate community to ban vaping in public (IL) <http://www.sjr.com/news/20160720/east-peoria-is-first-downstate-community-to-ban-vaping-in-public>

<http://www.chillicothetimesbulletin.com/news/20160726/ep-city-council-bans-electronic-cigarettes-may-consider-vape-shops-exempt>

Minimum Age Laws

Tasmania decides to not increase minimum age for tobacco sales

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-28/tas-government-backs-away-from-increasing-legal-smoking-age-25/7670186>

<http://www.news.com.au/national/breaking-news/tas-government-dumps-smoking-age-hike/news-story/bbe57987bb59401c33dd382855a637e6>

Legacy lies initiative deceitfully conflates lifesaving vapor products and very low risk smokeless tobacco with exponentially more harmful cigarettes to advocate minimum age 21 laws for the sale of all vapor and tobacco products (to further deceive the public to believe vaping and smokeless tobacco use are just as harmful as cigarette smoking)

<http://truthinitiative.org/news/where-we-stand-raising-tobacco-age-21>

DHHS funded vapor prohibitionist OSU's Micah Berman and vapor prohibitionist Rob Crane falsely claim raising minimum age to 21 for tobacco sales is most effective way to reduce cigarette smoking, deceptively conflate deadly cigarette smoking with use of low risk smokeless tobacco, fail to admit law would also apply to lifesaving vapor products.

<https://news.osu.edu/news/2016/07/26/tobacco-21/>

Litigation

Philip Morris USA settles class action lawsuit (alleging PM USA violated Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act) for \$45 million three days before trial set to begin.

<http://www.nwaonline.com/news/2016/jul/30/45m-deal-settles-suit-on-lights-cigaret-1/>

Las Vegas man files lawsuit after over exploding e-cigarette battery

<http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/las-vegas/las-vegas-man-files-lawsuit-over-exploding-e-cigarette-battery>

Stan Glantz touts frivolous class-action lawsuit (purportedly filed by injured movie goers) against MPAA seeking to mandate R ratings for movies with cigarette smoking <https://smokefreemovies.ucsf.edu/take-action/class-action>

<https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/mpaa-studios-theaters-will-file-response-lawsuit-alleging-ratings-system-fraudulent-sept-15-hearing-likely-oct-27>

<http://blogs.wsj.com/law/2016/07/21/movie-industry-in-first-amendment-clash-with-anti-smoking-activists/>

Plain Packaging

Health Canada weighs plain packaging, size restrictions for cigarettes

<http://www.ottawasun.com/2016/07/24/the-endgame-for-smokes>

<http://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/will-plain-packaged-smokes-help-bring-about-the-endgame-for-tobacco>

<http://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/gross-smokers-react-to-proposed-plain-packaging-for-cigarettes>

Cancer Council Australia's Kylie Lindorff tells Canadians Australia's plain packaging law reduced the number of smokers by 108,000 (yet vaping has helped millions quit smoking, but are banned in Australia)

and, in Canada as well according to Health Canada) <http://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/a-desperate-attempt-australian-advocate-says-plain-packaging-has-worked-down-under>

Advertising Bans

FDA/NIH funded Stan Glantz advocates enactment and aggressive enforcement of advertising bans in foreign countries that violate the 1st Amendment of US Constitution <https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/fctc-followed-accelerated-implementation-tobacco-advertising-bans-effect-fading>

Conferences

Tobacco/vapor prohibitionists to discuss so-called “end game” strategies to ban tobacco and vapor products and industries worldwide (creating new huge black markets) at Royal Society of Medicine in London, September 16, 2016

<https://www.rsm.ac.uk/events/epg03>

ECIG Europe: Vapor Industry Conference London, October 12/13, 2016

<http://www.ecigeurope.com/speakers>

FDLI Introduction to Tobacco Law and Regulation in Washington DC, October 26, 2016

<http://www.fdpi.org/conferences/intro-tobacco-oct-2016>

FDLI Tobacco Conference: Tobacco and Nicotine Policies and Products at a Regulatory and Legislative Crossroads in Washington DC, October 27, 2016 <http://www.fdpi.org/conferences/tobacco-conference-2016/>

Research

Brad Rodu: Smoking and using e-cigarettes? Moffitt Cancer Center wants you to be “Forever Free”

<http://rodutobaccotruth.blogspot.com/2016/07/use-e-cigarettes-moffitt-cancer-center.html>

Koby Michaels – Vaping is cool, smoking is not: Could rise of teen e-cig use have an upside?

<http://www.wbur.org/commonhealth/2016/07/22/e-cigs-public-health>

Junk science, propaganda and lies

Another junk vapor study burns e-liquid to create dry puffing that humans cannot inhale to confuse, scare and lobby for FDA’s vapor ban; CA funded Berkeley Labs deceptive fear mongering press release creates fear mongering headlines and new articles without any fact checking or comments by objective experts

<http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.6b01741>

<http://universityofcalifornia.edu/news/berkeley-lab-study-identifies-two-carcinogens-not-previously-reported-e-cigarettes>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20160729092221/http://newscenter.lbl.gov/2016/07/27/e-cigarettes-emit-harmful-chemicals-emit-others/>

<http://www.theverge.com/2016/7/27/12299784/electronic-cigarettes-e-cigs-chemicals-cancer-fda>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/e-cigarettes-emit-harmful-chemicals-research-suggests-a7159171.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3712465/New-e-cig-dangers-revealed-Devices-toxic-puff-scientists-say-spot-two-new-carcinogens-vapour.html>

<https://www.consumeraffairs.com/news/two-studies-raise-new-e-cigarette-concerns-072716.html>

<http://www.wbur.org/commonhealth/2016/07/27/chemicals-e-cigarettes-study>

Washington Post article grossly misrepresents findings of Berkeley Labs junk vapor study, falsely claims federal health officials consider propylene glycol and glycerin “probable carcinogens”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2016/07/28/e-cig-vapor-releases-two-new-cancerous-chemicals-study-says/>

Bradley Fikes and Kaleigh Rogers also tout inapplicable (for humans) findings of Berkeley Labs “dry puff” vapor study <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/jul/27/e-cigarette-toxin-sleiman-destaillats/>

<http://motherboard.vice.com/read/a-hotter-vape-emits-higher-levels-of-carcinogens-study-shows>

Vapor prohibitionist John Banzhaff (who used to oppose cigarette smoking) touts bogus Berkeley Labs ‘dry puff’ study to push lawsuits against vapor companies and vaping bans

<http://www.valuewalk.com/2016/07/e-cigarette-ban/>

Paul Barnes / Facts Do Matter: Outpourings of Hot Air (delineates how and why Berkeley Labs dry puff study is dishonest junk science).

<http://factsdomatter.co.uk/2016/07/outpourings-hot-air/>

Anyway called halt study (exposes false and misleading claims by anti vaping Berkeley Labs dry puff study authors: German) <http://nebelkraehe.eu/2016/08/%ef%bb%bfwie-auch-immer-nennt-sich-halt-studie/>

<https://translate.google.com/translate?sl=de&tl=en&js=y&prev=t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&u=http%3A%2F%2Fnebelkraehe.eu%2F2016%2F08%2F%25EF%25BB%25BFwie-auch-immer-nennt-sich-halt-studie%2F&edit-text=> (translated into English)

TheWeek article repeats false fear mongering claims about vaping by DHHS funded Stan Glantz and Robert Teran to confuse, scare and discourage smokers from switching

<http://theweek.com/articles/639363/what-ecigarettes-lungs>

DHHS funded activists bait teens with deceptive straw man questions about e-cigarette risks, falsely assume all e-cig products contain nicotine, falsely claim flavored e-cigs are more harmful than non-flavored e-cigs.

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/trsg/trs/2016/00000002/00000003/art00007>

JAMA entitles article “Adults Join Kids in e-Cigarette Use” to deceive readers to inaccurately believe vapor products have been primarily marketed to and used by youth

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2536646>

New Mexico Health Department’s Dan Green deceitfully conflates lifesaving vapor products with highly addictive and deadly cigarettes, claims sharp decline in NM youth smoking (to 11.4% in 2015) was “offset” by increased vaping <http://www.abqjournal.com/811038/highschoolers-alcohol-use-continues-to-decline.html>

Harvard Medical School issues more false and misleading anti vaping propaganda

<http://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/electronic-cigarettes-good-news-bad-news-2016072510010>

Inapplicable cell study by FDA/NCI Benowitz, Jaspers et al confuses and scares readers about vaping, authors falsely claim “the effects of e-cigarettes on human health and how they compare with those induced by cigarette smoking is largely unknown”.

<http://ajplung.physiology.org/content/311/1/L135>

FDA/NCI funded Stan Glantz falsely claims 2013/14 study was just published, grossly misrepresents its findings to confuse, scare and lobby for vaping bans and FDA's ban <https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/more-evidence-e-cigarettes-pollute-air-and-expose-bystanders>
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24336346>

Mike Siegel: Study demonstrates low health risks associated "secondhand vapor" from e-cigarettes
<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/07/study-demonstrates-low-health-risks.html>

Miami Herald article demonizes vaping and nicotine, fails to acknowledge 2015 MTF survey found teen e-cig use declined, and <20% of teen vapers reported vaping nicotine
<http://www.miamiherald.com/living/health-fitness/article91033197.html>

Big Pharma funded Population Reference Bureau report deceitfully conflates low risk smokeless tobacco and e-cigarettes with deadly cigarettes, falsely claims "e-cigarettes may normalize smoking and serve as a gateway to the use of traditional cigarettes, especially among youth", advocates >75% tax on all tobacco products, banning all tobacco advertising, sponsorships and promotions (which violates the US Constitution).
<http://www.prb.org/pdf16/prb-policy-report-ncds-in-asia-2016.pdf>

Big Pharma funded AHA publishes junk rat study by UCSF vaping prohibitionist Stan Glantz et al demonizing 2nd hand pot smoke, fail to acknowledge that vaping or ingesting pot pose no smoke inhalation risks for users or the public.
<https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2016/07/403721/one-minute-second-hand-marijuana-smoke-impairs-cardiovascular-function>
<https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/sites/tobacco.ucsf.edu/files/u9/Springer-JAHA%20marijuana.pdf>
<http://www.medpagetoday.com/pulmonology/generalpulmonary/59344>
<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/311899.php>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3710967/Just-one-minute-second-hand-marijuana-smoke-THREE-times-damaging-body-ordinary-tobacco.html>
<https://consumer.healthday.com/cardiovascular-health-information-20/misc-stroke-related-heart-news-360/pot-is-hard-on-the-heart-lab-study-finds-713299.html>

UCLA Cardiologist Ravi Dave falsely claims e-cigarette advertising "renormalized smoking" when opposing CA ballot initiative that would allow marijuana advertising <http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-california-pot-ads-20160731-snap-story.html>

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From: Robert Sklaroff, M.D., F.A.C.P.
To: [Submissions](#)
Subject: FW: Tobacco Harm Reduction Update
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016 5:47 PM

Please provide this to your tobacco-cessation committee.

Your oft'-delayed report pends [January? "Spring"? May? July?].

Is it POSSIBLE these data have triggered a rewrite???

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FDA Vapor Deeming Ban

FDA/DOJ file 102 page cross-motion for Summary Judgment in Nicopure Labs v FDA that protects cigarettes by making many more false fear mongering claims about vaping <http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-08-17-nicopure-fda.pdf>
<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/08/18/nicopure-v-fda-defendants%E2%80%99-cross-motion-for-summary-judgment-aug-17-2016/>

Jacob Sullum – FDA says nicotine free e-liquids are tobacco products in ‘certain circumstances’:
Manufacturers will have to guess which circumstances those are, because the FDA won’t say.
<http://reason.com/blog/2016/08/19/fda-will-regulate-nicotine-free-e-liquid>

FDA claims authority to regulate nicotine free e-cig products
http://www.journalnow.com/business/business_news/local/fda-claims-authority-to-regulate-nicotine-free-e-cig-products/article_65079123-2360-5649-a74f-43856efff16a.html

Big Pharma funded CTFK/ACS/AHA/ALA/ATS/AAP, Legacy and Tobacco Control Legal Consortium file amicus brief in support of FDA’s life threatening cigarette protecting Vapor Deeming Ban in Nicopure Labs v FDA, repeat dozens of false and misleading fear mongering claims about lifesaving vapor products
<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-08-19-nicopurectfk.pdf>
<http://www.clivebates.com/documents/AmicusCTFK.pdf>

Carl Phillips: FDA Center for Tobacco Products (mostly) know exactly what they are doing.
<https://antithrlies.com/2016/08/12/fda-center-for-tobacco-products-mostly-know-exactly-what-they-are-doing/>

Wells Fargo’s Bonnie Herzog touts FDA deeming regulation as Big Win for Big Tobacco
<http://www.csnews.com/product-categories/tobacco/tobacco-analyst-breaks-down-possible-deeming-effects>
<http://vaping.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Good-For-the-Goose-Less-For-the-Gander-6.pdf>

Holman Jenkins – The FDA’s misguided nicotine crusade Why is the agency trying to ban companies that have no role in smoking-related health problems?

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-fdas-misguided-nicotine-crusade-1471040037>

E-cigarettes do not contain tobacco. They contain nicotine, a chemical derived from tobacco and other plants.

Plain English was never a deterrent, though, to regulators on an empire-expanding mission. The Food and Drug Administration this week rolled out new regulations on e-cigarettes based on a 2009 law giving the agency power over products that “contain tobacco.”

That law, we’re duty-bound to add, was practically written by Philip Morris (now called Altria).

Plain English also does not authorize inclusion of e-cigarettes under the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement, the deal struck between the cigarette industry and 46 states that settled a bunch of lawsuits by imposing a government-run cartel to jack up the price of cigarettes (in the name of curbing consumption, naturally) and distribute the excess profits to the states and a handful of now-plutocrat trial lawyers.

To this day, e-cigarettes enjoy a considerable retail price advantage over products covered by the MSA. If you don’t think this fact plays a role in the move to regulate e-cigarettes, Donald Trump has some inaugural ball tickets to sell you.

Lovers of freedom and enemies of regulatory overkill do not exaggerate when they say FDA rules are designed to murder numerous small manufacturers and thousands of “vape” shops that account for about half the electronic-cigarette business.

E-cigarettes, let’s remember, operate by heating a solution containing nicotine, rather than burning tobacco. These small operators are unlikely to afford the estimated million-dollar cost of submitting each and every existing product and product variation for retroactive consideration by the FDA, as required by the law. Their trade group, the Smoke-Free Alternatives Trade Association, estimates that 99% of existing products therefore will exit the market during the two-year phase-in of the prohibitory new rules.

While government is laying waste to this small-business sector, expect to hear a great deal about how e-cigarettes represent unknown dangers, how they induce youngsters to smoke who wouldn’t otherwise smoke, how they aren’t really useful for smokers trying to quit or curb their usage.

As the redoubtable Jacob Sullum of Reason Magazine puts it, “The FDA’s regulatory scheme, in other words, privileges the most dangerous nicotine delivery devices (conventional cigarettes) while threatening to eliminate much safer alternatives and blocking the introduction of even better products.”

In time, what remains of the market will be consolidated in the hands of Big Tobacco companies that already dabble in e-cigarettes, i.e., Altria and Reynolds. Then expect to hear more about the benefits of e-cigs: a British study finds them 95% safer than traditional smokes; their market consists largely of smokers trying to cut down their risks.

At this point, unless we miss our guess, loud will become talk of the need to “level the playing field” with the MSA-covered brands—i.e., to bring e-cigs under the government-sponsored cartel (in the name of suppressing nicotine addiction of course) before they undercut the states’ \$23 billion annual haul from Marlboro, Winston, Newport, etc.

All this will serve what purpose? To placate anti-smoking groups that have already shown themselves willing to be satisfied with “victories” over Big Tobacco that amount to big wet kisses to Big Tobacco? To

assuage the need of politicians to pose as enemies of smoking while simultaneously receiving most of the profits of smoking?

Unasked will be the question: Has our nicotine prohibition gone too far now that we are trying to ban products that never caused the health problems that prompted the original smoking crackdown? Nicotine is not alcohol or even pot, which is legal in many places. Nicotine is more like caffeine or aspirin—an excellent drug, with few serious side effects (though mildly addictive) and many fine properties: It relieves bad feelings, improves concentration, calms the nerves.

Is the real problem here that many organized activists have made careers out of opposing smoking (or redistributing the revenues of smoking)? To desist would be to deprive themselves of a leverage point that can continue to pay personal and political dividends. Like an army formed to oppose a real enemy, when the war is over, instead of disbanding, it turns to plundering the people it was supposed to protect.

In the latest issue of the Yale Journal of Regulation, Case Western's Jonathan Adler and several co-authors describe the e-cig fight in terms of classic "Baptist" and "bootlegger" coalition, in which do-gooders and self-interested parties cooperate to impose regulation that mostly benefits the self-interested parties—in this case, Big Tobacco.

Their theory perhaps needs to be updated for when the do-gooders degenerate into do-gooders manqué, existing only to prettify the market manipulations that politicians undertake on behalf of big business. What's more, if you don't think such activities play a role in the U.S. economy's poor performance in recent years, Hillary Clinton has an entire economic agenda to sell you."

Vapor Technology Association (VTA) surveys vapor companies about impact of FDA Deeming Regulation
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqhrhDI7AlpndI8TrGitUoEWe4XLMJLPajhHwQsOGemj4tDQ/viewform?c=0&w=1>

TAA donates \$50,000 to FDA lawsuit

<http://www.cigaraficionado.com/webfeatures/show/id/taa-donates-50000-to-fda-lawsuit-18951>

Azarias Cordoba: FDA rules threaten Florida heritage of hand-rolled cigars

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-cigars-florida-way-of-life-anti-fda-rules-front-burner-081716-2-20160817-story.html>

David Garofalo: Why did US Customs cut my cigars in half?

<http://thecigarauthority.com/u-s-customs-cut-cigars-half/>

After lobbying Congress since 2002 to enact the TCA to ban new low risk smokefree tobacco products and require FDA approval of expensive PMTAs, and after lobbying FDA since 2010 to impose the Deeming Regulation, Altria now claims "FDA's proposed pathways to bringing new products to market may hinder rather than support innovation, leading to the reverse of Congress' intention. In some ways, FDA's proposed pathways subject innovative new products to a more strict approach than cigarettes."

http://www.richmond.com/opinion/their-opinion/guest-columnists/article_d8ddb511-ab86-564c-8534-3acd01fb11fa.html

Melissa Vonder Haar: The White House saved flavors, but for how long?

<http://www.cspdailynews.com/print/csp-magazine/article/white-house-saved-flavors-how-long>

What will become of Dallas' many vape shops after regulations favoring tobacco?

<http://www.dallasobserver.com/arts/what-will-become-of-dallas-many-vape-shops-after-regulations-favoring-tobacco-8629442>

FDA sent August 19 e-mail (to hundreds or thousands of tobacco and vapor manufacturers) falsely claiming August 20, 2016 is deadline for newly deemed tobacco product manufacturers to submit “user fee information”, provided weblink to submit info at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/FDAeSubmitter/ucm189469.htm> and weblink to <http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Manufacturing/default.htm> that falsely claims “if you are a tobacco manufacturer, then you must report user fee information, pay user fees” and “If you mix or prepare e-liquids, make or modify vaporizers, or mix loose tobacco, and you also sell these products, you will be regulated as both a retailer and a tobacco product manufacturer.” But same FDA webpage then correctly states the August 20 deadline only applies to “cigar and pipe tobacco” as does weblink at <http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/ucm499355.htm> <http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/ucm514606.htm>

FDA loses lawsuit over tobacco (and vapor) labeling/packaging changes for Substantial Equivalence (SE), Judge Amit Meht’s opinion states “Finally, it is important that none of the actual terms that Congress used to define the term ‘new tobacco product’—and thus to initiate substantial equivalence review—can be read to encompass anything other the physical attributes of the product itself, as distinct from its label or the package in which it is contained.”

<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-08-17-mo-v-fda-43.pdf>
<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/08/17/philip-morris-v-fda-memorandum-opinion-aug-16-2016/>

FDA loses lawsuit over tobacco labeling changes

<http://halfwheel.com/fda-loses-lawsuit-over-tobacco-labeling-changes/128409>

Tobacco companies get partial win in FDA labeling fight <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-tobacco-lawsuit-ruling-idUSKCN10S1RY>

Federal judge rules label change does not make for a new tobacco product

http://www.journalnow.com/business/business_beat/federal-judge-rules-label-change-does-not-make-for-new/article_db8e018a-648b-11e6-9cb2-070ef006b561.html

Former US SG Antonia Novella praises FDA’s Vapor Deeming Ban, falsely insinuates vaping causes cancer, falsely claims nicotine “substantially harms your blood vessels, heart, and lungs,” falsely claims “many experts fear e-cigarettes may represent a gateway to the use of traditional cigarettes and other tobacco products,” and “if we are going to continue the quest to lower tobacco usage in adolescents, then we must curtail the use of e-cigarettes as well.”

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-fda-cut-through-smokeless-screen-front-burner-08172016-20160817-story.html>

Obama’s Military War on Vaping

US Navy report urges banning lifesaving vapor products, calls vaping an “unacceptable risk to Navy personnel, facilities, submarines, ships, vessels and aircraft”, cites a dozen e-cig battery explosions, fails to cite any health benefits for smokers who switch to vaping.

<https://www.navytimes.com/articles/navy-weighs-e-cigarette-ban-amid-safety-concerns>

Indiana E-liquid Monopoly Law

Federal judge grants preliminary injunction for GoodCat in its lawsuit claiming Indiana’s e-liquid monopoly law violates the US Constitution’s interstate commerce clause

<http://www.ibj.com/articles/60055-judge-rules-in-favor-of-scorned-e-liquid-manufacturer-in-vaping-case>

FBI probing for possible corruption in Indiana vaping law <http://www.ibj.com/articles/60064-fbi-probing-for-possible-corruption-in-vaping-law>
<http://www.indystar.com/story/news/politics/2016/08/22/fbi-looking-foul-play-creation-indiana-vaping-law/89108906/>

Taxation

Chris Hughes: State government is killing my business (PA)
<http://triblive.com/opinion/featuredcommentary/10977676-74/tax-business-state>

Prop 56 will increase cigarette tax and will tax vapor products at \$3.37 per-unit sale (CA)
<http://idyllwildtowncrier.com/2016/08/18/prop-56-will-increase-cigarette-tax-include-electronic-brands/>

FDA/NIH funded vapor and vaping prohibitionist Stan Glantz deceitfully lobbies for Prop 56 to tax lifesaving vapor products by failing to acknowledge it taxes vapor products, and by yet again demonizing and blaming tobacco companies.
<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Big-Tobacco-aims-its-guns-to-kill-California-9176345.php>

Sacramento Bee claims ad by anti vaping groups advocating Prop 56 to tax tobacco/vapor products is mostly accurate, but ad deceitfully conflates deadly cigarettes with all other tobacco products (including lifesaving vapor products), falsely insinuates that vaping imposes healthcare costs on taxpayers and that taxing it is a “user fee”
<http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/election/california-elections/poligraph/article96051702.html>

Cigarette makers fight North Dakota tobacco (and vapor) tax hike
http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/cigarette-makers-fight-north-dakota-tobacco-tax-hike/article_854f61ca-26d8-53a6-b56d-b0a5a1351be3.html

Circuit court ruling on cigarette tax initiative expected quickly (MO)
<http://www.missourinet.com/2016/08/19/circuit-court-ruling-on-cigarette-tax-initiative-expected-quickly/>
<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/national-politics/article96790857.html>

Court ruling keeps cigarette tax ballot initiative in Missouri <http://themissouritimes.com/32876/raise-hand-kids-gets-big-legal-victory-still-ballot/>
http://themissouritimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Judgment_FINAL.pdf

Judge rules tobacco tax hike belongs on Missouri ballot, but critics vow to appeal
http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/judge-rules-tobacco-tax-hike-belongs-on-ballot-but-critics/article_e16d21ed-97c6-5d8f-ae3-dbb31470fa20.html

Colorado Secretary of State approves ballot initiative to increase tobacco tax rates
<http://gazette.com/colorado-voters-to-decide-on-ballot-measure-that-could-triple-cigarette-tax/article/1583439>
<http://halfwheel.com/colorado-voters-could-increase-cigar-tax/127473>
<http://www.aurorasentinel.com/news/colorado-decide-whether-triple-cigarette-tax/>

Local Laws

NATO's Thomas Briant: Local restrictions multiply <http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/local-tobacco-restrictions-multiply>

Vaping Bans

8/16/2016 KQV poll finds 66% of 18,178 voters oppose proposed Allegheny County workplace vaping ban (PA) <http://www.kqv.com/opinionpollarchive.asp>

NSW Cancer Council wants to punish smokers for switching to vaping by banning vaping <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3751043/NSW-Cancer-Council-wants-e-cigarettes-restrictions-tobacco-hospitals-cafes-playgrounds-limits.html>

Colin Mendelsohn: Banning e-cigarettes will be a drag on public health <http://www.huffingtonpost.com.au/colin-mendelsohn/banning-e-cigarettes-will-be-a-drag-on-public-health/>

Bangor (ME) bans smokefree vaping in parks purportedly to protect kids from tobacco smoke exposure <https://bangordailynews.com/2016/08/22/news/bangor/bangor-passes-ban-on-smoking-in-city-parks-to-protect-kids-health/>

Outdoor Smoking Bans

Study of Vancouver smoking ban at parks and beaches finds high cost of implementation, many violations, little but very selective enforcement, \$250 fines, no health improvement; but authors call the ban a success <http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-016-3466-2>

Minimum Age

Ann Arbor (MI) Council defies state law, ban cigarette sales to adults age 18 to 20 <http://www.michigancapitolconfidential.com/22692>

Cattaraugus County (NY) Committee advances bill to increase minimum age for tobacco and vapor sales to 21, County lawmakers to consider on August 24.

Bill introduced in St. Louis County (MO) to increase minimum age for sales of lifesaving vapor products, low risk OTP and deadly cigarettes to 21 <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/local-bill-introduced-to-raise-tobacco-sales-age-to-21-in-st-louis-county-300316602.html>

Turkey

Confusing smoke signals from Turkey
Premier vaping network website has been blocked for all Turkish Internet users. <https://nicotinepolicy.net/n-s-p/6506-confusing-smoke-signals-from-turkey>

THR Research

Study finds about six million Europeans have quit smoking with e-cigarette use <http://www.firstpost.com/world/about-six-million-europeans-have-quit-smoking-with-e-cigarette-use-study-2949644.html>

Study finds most US doctors have talked to smoking patients about vaping, but just 40% of doctors have recommended vaping for smokers (likely to due to the massive amount of junk studies in medical journals and anti vaping propaganda by Obama's DHHS, Big Pharma shells, medical organizations, medical journals and left wing Democrats) <http://ntr.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/08/23/ntr.ntw194>

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-08-majority-doctors-discussing-electronic-cigarettes.html>

2013 study found a higher percentage of people in the UK (58%) correctly believed e-cigs are a lot less harmful than cigarettes than in Australia (35%), where nicotine containing e-cigs were banned in 2008 and have been demonized by health agencies.

<http://ntr.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/08/08/ntr.ntw137.full>

Indiana survey finds fewer teens vaping in 2016 than in 2015, but agency spokesperson falsely conflates lifesaving vapor products with highly addictive and deadly cigarettes

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-08-survey-youth-e-cigarette-experts.html>

http://inys.indiana.edu/docs/survey/indianaYouthSurvey_2016.pdf

Online survey of 941 smokers who switched to vaping finds 66% reported fewer respiratory infections, 29% reported no change, 5% reported more infections <http://www.omicsonline.org/open-access/changes-in-the-frequency-of-airway-infections-in-smokers-who-switched-to-vaping-results-of-an-online-survey-2155-6105-1000290.pdf>

Smokers who switch to vaping may have fewer respiratory infections, study reveals <http://www.news-medical.net/news/20160819/Smokers-who-switch-to-vaping-may-have-fewer-respiratory-infections-study-reveals.aspx>

Smokers who switch to vaping have fewer lung infections: 66% report health spike after switching to e-cigarettes <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3749210/Smokers-turn-vaping-fewer-lung-infections-66-people-report-health-spike-switching-e-cigarettes.html>

NIH funded 2011 study (which took 5 years to publish) finds 45% of smokers quit smoking by vaping for 2 weeks, reconfirms that switching to vaping sharply reduced smokers' exposure to toxicants and carcinogens; but Rosswell Park and UCSF authors falsely claim theirs is the first study to find the latter, then back track by claiming switching to vaping "may reduce" exposures for smokers and by falsely claiming lifesaving vapor products are just "potential" harm reduction devices.

<http://ntr.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/08/16/ntr.ntw160>

<https://www.roswellpark.org/media/news/study-smokers-who-switch-e-cigarettes-exposed-same-levels-nicotine-lower-carcinogen>

Craig Boudreau: This study is the last thing anti e-cig crusaders want to see

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/08/18/this-study-is-the-last-thing-anti-e-cig-crusaders-want-to-see/#ixzz4HILsGJOH>

Roswell Park study finds e-cigarettes 'safer, less toxic' than cigarettes

<http://www.bizjournals.com/buffalo/news/2016/08/18/roswell-park-study-finds-e-cigarettes-safer-less.html>

Mike Siegel: New study shows dramatic reduction in toxicant and carcinogen levels in smokers who switch to e-cigarettes <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/08/new-study-shows-dramatic-reduction-in.html>

Jacob Sullum: Experiment confirms lifesaving potential of e-cigarettes

<http://reason.com/blog/2016/08/22/experiment-confirms-lifesaving-potential>

HealthDay blurb on Rosswell Park vapor study promotes Big Pharma funded ACS website that hawks ineffective and less than safe drugs ACS is paid to promote <https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/smoking-cessation-news-628/fewer-cancer-causing-chemicals-in-e-cigarettes-study-713981.html>

ACSH's Lila Abassi: E-cigarettes make smoking seem abnormal <http://acsh.org/news/2016/08/16/e-cigarettes-make-smoking-seem-abnormal/>

Knight-West/Bullen: E-cigarettes for the management of nicotine addiction <https://www.dovepress.com/e-cigarettes-for-the-management-of-nicotine-addiction-peer-reviewed-fulltext-article-SAR>

Brad Rodu: Low-tar cigarettes had merit, said American Cancer Society; So do e-cigarettes <http://rodutobaccotruth.blogspot.com/2016/08/low-tar-cigarettes-had-merit-said.html>

THR advocacy and education

Carl Phillips: Economics holds the smoking gun for why e-cigarettes shouldn't be discouraged <http://www.cityam.com/248094/economics-holds-smoking-gun-why-e-cigarettes-shouldnt>

Sen. Ron Johnson and Aaron Biebert at A Billion Lives premiere in Milwaukee <https://www.facebook.com/ABillionLives/photos/a.944720308895590.1073741827.166640443370251/1227272470640371/?type=3&theater>

Houston & Sweanor: How unsubstantiated fears over aspartame and e-cigarettes are having a detrimental effect on public health <http://www.nationalpost.com/m/wp/full-comment/blog.html?b=news.nationalpost.com/full-comment/how-unsubstantiated-fears-over-aspartame-and-e-cigarettes-are-having-a-detrimental-effect-on-public-health>

Reason Foundation: The Vapour Revolution – How Bottom-Up Innovation is Saving Lives <http://allafrica.com/stories/201608191213.html>

E-cigarettes can help you quit smoking says research (India) <http://www.thehealthsite.com/news/e-cigarettes-can-help-you-quit-smoking-says-research/>

Protestors call for right to vape in Australia <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/protesters-call-for-right-to-vape-20160816-gqtr90.html>

John Kiernan invites comments on health benefits/risks of vaping from 21 so-called experts, but only 8 of them (Jed Rose, Brad Rodu, Riccardo Polosa, Jason Downing, Brian Carter, Jonathan Foulds, Jeff Stier, Peter Killeen) consistently presented accurate and objective information. In sharp contrast, 9 of the so-called experts (Robert Tarran, Laura Crotty Alexander, Robert Jackler, Lena Matthias, Larry Cohen, Larry Williams, Matt Myers, Aruni Bhatgagar, Laurent Huber) protected cigarettes by grossly misrepresenting the evidence on vaping and/or by advocating anti vaping policies. <https://wallethub.com/blog/is-vaping-bad-for-you/23907/#<https://wallethub.com/blog/is-vaping-bad-for-you/23907/>>

THR Business

iQOS proving a sellout hit in Japanese market <http://www.the-japan-news.com/news/article/0003165033>

PAX labs hires CEO Tyler Goldman to handle rapid growth <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/pax-labs-hires-ceo-tyler-goldman-to-handle-rapid-growth-300316084.html>

Smart Toothpicks markets nicotine toothpicks in three different flavors <https://www.smarttoothpicks.com/>

Conferences

Global Tobacco & Nicotine Forum 2016 September 27-29 in Belgium (Tobacco Industry) <http://gtnf-2016.com/agenda/>

SFATA to hold conference October 20/21 in Hollywood, Florida <http://sfata.org/2016ConferenceandExpo>

Drug Harm Reduction

A step towards legalizing cannabis? NHS to test marijuana based vaporiser to relieve pain
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3742930/A-step-legalising-cannabis-NHS-test-marijuana-based-vaporiser-relieve-pain.html>

Alex Wodak: Hysteria about drugs and harm minimization. It's always the same old story
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/aug/11/hysteria-about-drugs-and-harm-minimisation-its-always-the-same-old-story>

Stigmatizing Drug Users

Sarah Wakeman – Words Matter: The language of addiction and life-saving treatments (Godshall comments on similar problems due to stigmatizing tobacco users and vapers)
<http://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/words-matter-language-addiction-life-saving-treatments-2016081510130#comment-125601>

DHHS funded Junk Science, Propaganda and Lies

FDA's "The Facts on the FDA's New Tobacco Rule" repeats false and misleading claims about health risks of vapor products, fails to acknowledge the rule bans the sale of all vapor product sales to adults and destroys 10,000 small vapor businesses, touts Big Pharma drugs as the only effective way to quit smoking, falsely claims purpose of rule is to protect children and public health.
<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm506676.htm>

CDC advocates smokeless tobacco usage bans by deceitfully conflating very low risk smokeless tobacco with deadly cigarettes, criticizing smokeless tobacco companies because sports or sporting events accounted for .4% of smokeless tobacco industry advertising/promotional expenditures in 2013, promotes WHO policy to ban all tobacco advertising (in violation of the 1st Amendment of the US Constitution), claims athletes who use smokeless tobacco at sporting events are "unpaid advertisements".
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6532a3.htm#T1_down

Big Pharma & DHHS funded NRT hawk Michael Fiore deceitfully praises Obama Administration for huge decline in cigarette smoking (that was largely due to vaping) and to "tobacco-control interventions at the federal, state, nonprofit, and private-sector levels", the TCA, ACA, AARA, HITECHA and Obama DHHS appointees Corr, Frieden, Zeller and Koh (who lobbied FDA to ban e-cigs since 2009 and lobbied for vaping bans by lying about the lifesaving products)
<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1607850#t=article>
<http://www.ctri.wisc.edu/NEJM-Smoking-Divide-Obama.htm>

Big Pharma funded CTFK's Matt Myers (who has lobbied FDA to ban vapor products since 2009) touts Fiore's praising of Obama Administration for cigarette smoking decline (that was primarily due to vaping), which Obama's FDA unlawfully banned e-cigs in 2009 and has falsely claimed (since then) that e-

cigs are target marketed to youth, are addicting nonsmoking teens, may be as harmful as cigarettes to users and nonusers, and haven't helped smokers quit smoking.

http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/press_releases/post/2016_08_17_nejm

NCI funded study by vapor prohibitionist Thomas Wills finds e-cigs primarily used by teen smokers, but authors misrepresent their own findings (and ignore all other evidence) to conclude "e-cigarettes are recruiting lower risk adolescents to smoking"

<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/08/19/tobaccocontrol-2016-053116.abstract?papetoc>

Mike Siegel: New study purports to show that e-cigs are a gateway to smoking, but provides no evidence to support that conclusion <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/08/new-study-purports-to-show-that-e-cigs.html>

FDA/NIH funded vapor/vaping prohibitionist Stan Glantz repeats lie that e-cigs are target marketed to youth by citing Thomas Wills' propaganda <https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/evidence-e-cigs-are-expanding-cigarette-market-recruiting-kids-just-keeps-piling>

For the nth time, FDA/NCI funded vapor prohibitionist Stan Glantz misrepresents scientific evidence on lifesaving vapor products to confuse, scare, lobby for more cigarette protecting vaping bans

<https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/more-evidence-e-cigs-have-rapid-and-substantial-adverse-effects-cardiovascular-system>

Mike Siegel: Anti-tobacco researcher: Cardiovascular effects of e-cigarettes are nearly as big as smoking <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/08/anti-tobacco-researcher-cardiovascular.html>

CDC finds trace levels of caffeine in some coffee flavored e-liquids, warns about unknowns to confuse and scare, fails to compare to far more harmful cigarette smoke, promotes state/local laws banning and testing for traces of caffeine in vapor products.

<http://ntr.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/08/12/ntr.ntw192.abstract?papetoc>

NCI awards \$20.1 million to ITC project (including \$8.8 million to Geoff Fong) to misrepresent scientific evidence on vaping and anti-vaping laws; OICR's press release announcing Fong's grant inaccurately called vaping "smoking e-cigarettes" (which was changed to "using e-cigarettes" after criticism), claims e-cigs "may" be less harmful than cigarettes and help smokers quit smoking (despite clear evidence vaping is far less harmful than smoking and has helped millions of smokers quit), and "may expose nonusers to nicotine consumption, which could lead to tobacco use" (despite no evidence of that occurring after seven years and thousands of the same fear mongering allegations)

<https://news.oicr.on.ca/2016/08/oicrs-geoff-fong-receives-major-funding-to-examine-e-cigarettes-and-the-impact-of-public-health-policy/>

Regulator Watch: Reasoned Research – \$8.8 Million E-cig Study Explained (NCI funded ITC study to tout FDA vapor/vaping prohibition policies as scientifically sound, as no one else funded by DHHS has criticized FDA's vapor bans and anti-vaping propaganda) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-wvfSd3CE4&feature=youtu.be>

More Junk Science, Propaganda and Lies

Clive Bates and Gerry Stimson expose, refute many false claims by vapor prohibitionists Martin McKee and Simon Chapman

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27518691#cm27518691_26101

Mike Siegel: Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids is apparently indoctrinating youth to lie about e-cigarettes and downplay the health hazards of smoking <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/08/campaign-for-tobacco-free-kids-is.html>

Clive Bates: Telegraph writer Sarah Knapton puts the record straight. Not really. <http://www.clivebates.com/?p=4268>

Lauren Millar: E-cigarettes a critical tool in the war on smoking (Canada) <http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-e-cigarettes-a-critical-tool-in-the-war-on-smoking-1.2321792>

British Columbia Chief Medical Officer Richard Stanwick repeats many lies about vapor products and vaping in response to Lauren Millar's truthful statements about vaping <http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/letters/e-cigarettes-less-harmful-not-harmless-1.2323939>

Vapor prohibitionist WHO names vaping prohibitionist Michael Bloomberg a "Global Ambassador for Noncommunicable Diseases" after he gave them money to conflate very low risk smokefree alternatives with deadly cigarettes and to lobby for THR bans. <http://who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2016/bloomberg-WHO-Ambassador-Noncommunicable-Diseases/en/>

Michael Bloomberg funded THR prohibitionist CTFK's Matt Myers praises WHO for praising Bloomberg http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/press_releases/post/2016_08_17_bloomberg_WHO

Big Pharma funded AAP (which has lied about and lobbied to ban e-cigs since 2009) activist Rachel Dawkins and Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital protect cigarettes, commit public health malpractice by claiming "Parents should also consider vaping just as dangerous as smoking cigarettes when talking to their teens," and by making many other false and misleading fear mongering claims about vaping <https://www.hopkinsallchildrens.org/ach-news/general-news/the-dangers-of-e-cigarettes?>

Mike Siegel: Johns Hopkins physician and vaping opponent urges parents to lie to their kids about the hazards of smoking <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/08/johns-hopkins-physician-and-vaping.html>

Mike Siegel: Vaping opponents continue to just make up the "facts" <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/08/vaping-opponents-continue-to-just-make.html>

Tobacco Control editors and Stanford vaping opponent Robert Jackler falsely accuse vapor companies of marketing to youth because unicorns appear in some ads <http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/08/19/tobaccocontrol-2016-053206.extract?paperoc>

Snopes debunks fraudulent fear mongering about diacetyl, popcorn lung and vaping <http://www.snopes.com/vaping-causes-popcorn-lung/>

Utah Hospital Association CEO Greg Bell falsely claims "one still ingests plenty of harmful chemicals by vaping", claims "e-cigs may be a gateway to cigarettes" by citing a study that found no evidence e-cigs are gateways to cigarettes, lobbies for vapor taxes (all of which protect the financial interests of the healthcare industry that relies on increasing revenue from treating sick smokers, now costing \$200 Billion/year in the US). <http://beta.deseretnews.com/article/865660504/If-tobacco-were-new-wed-never-let-it-be-sold.html>

THR prohibitionist Simon Chapman urges more scientific journals to censor (refuse to publish) tobacco industry funded studies that debunk Chapman's false accusations <https://theconversation.com/when-industry-sponsored-research-is-on-the-nose-64154>

Royal College of Medicine invites Snus and Vapor prohibitionists and propagandists Simon Chapman and Martin McKee to lie about THR, vaping, tobacco companies, etc. at intollerent and nonsensical prohibition (i.e. end-game) conference Sept 16 in London. <https://www.rsm.ac.uk/events/epg03?utm>

Montana government funded Sarah Shapiro accuses tobacco and vapor companies of target marketing to youth (in violation of the MSA, the FDA Deeming Rule and MT law) simply because teens are allowed in convenience stores, provides no actual evidence. http://mtstandard.com/news/opinion/guest/tobacco-e-cigarette-marketing-targets-kids/article_923ce51d-dce8-589f-ae3b-26f132affac0.html

Deseret News editorial protects cigarettes by repeating anti vaping propaganda and by advocating anti-vapor and anti-vaping laws. <http://beta.deseretnews.com/article/865660777/In-our-opinion-New-FDA-age-and-advertising-limits-for-e-cigarettes-a-positive-move.html?pg=all>

JAMA Internal Medicine promotes Finnish study finding some Fins living closer to a tobacco retailer were slightly less likely to quit smoking (than other Fins living further from a retailer), activist authors propose reducing number of retailers (based on one study finding a slight association, but nothing causal) <http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2543750>

JAMA Vaping prohibitionist and drink tax activist Thomas Farley (who is now Philadelphia Health Cmsnr) advocates tobacco retailer and flavoring bans, unconstitutional tobacco advertising and display bans, unconstitutional plain packaging laws; falsely accuses tobacco industry of target marketing to youth <http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2543746>

Press releases and news stories cite Finnish study to falsely claim that reducing the number of tobacco retailers will prompt more smokers to quit smoking <http://www.medpagetoday.com/pulmonology/smoking/59709>
<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/smoking-cessation-news-628/this-key-neighborhood-factor-may-help-smokers-quit-713829.html>
<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-smoking-retail-distance-idUSKCN10Q1KP>

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Your oft'-delayed update invites a query as to the etiology of your procrastination; could it be that additional submissions [such as this one] have caused consternation regarding the global-dismissal of vaping?

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THR Surveillance

MTF authors finally acknowledge 2015 MTF survey (released in December) finding that just 20% of teens who reported vaping in past 30 days reported vaping nicotine, release more data (Table 2) finding teens who vaped 6+ times in past 30 days were twice as likely to vape nicotine than teens who vaped 1-5 times, and about three times more likely to vape nicotine than teen ever vapers who didn't vape in past 30 days, indicating teens who vape regularly are far more likely to vape nicotine than experimenters, finds:

- Nicotine was vaped by 47.5% of 12th graders who vaped 6+ times in past 30 days, by 22.7% who vaped 1-5 times, by 15.5% of ever vapers who didn't vape in past 30 days.
- Nicotine was vaped by 40.5% of 10th graders who vaped 6+ times in past 30 days, by 19.0% who vaped 1-5 times, by 14.3% of ever vapers who didn't vape in past 30 days.
- Nicotine was vaped by 19.5% of 8th graders who vaped 6+ times in past 30 days, by 14.5% who vaped 1-5 times, by 11.4% of ever vapers who didn't vape in past 30 days.

<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/07/21/tobaccocontrol-2016-053014.full>

Newly released 2015 MTF data (Table 2) also found that most teens who ever vaped did NOT vape in the past 30 days, while just 15% vaped 6+ times in the past 30 days, indicating the vast majority of teen vaping in the US has been experimental; finds:

- Among 12th graders who ever vaped, 15.1% vaped 6+ times in past 30 days, 28.9% vaped 1-5 times in past 30 days, and 56.0% did not vape in past 30 days.
- Among 10th graders who ever vaped, 16.3% vaped 6+ times in past 30 days, 26.4% vaped 1-5 times in past 30 days, and 57.3% did not vape in past 30 days.
- Among 8th graders who ever vaped, 13.7% vaped 6+ times in past 30 days, 24.7% vaped 1-5 times in past 30 days, and 61.6% did not vape in past 30 days.

<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/07/21/tobaccocontrol-2016-053014.full>

But headline and first sentence of BMJ press release misrepresented 2015 MTF survey finding (that 20% of teens reported vaping nicotine the last time they vaped) to falsely claim intent "US teens more likely to vape for flavourings than nicotine in e-cigarettes". Press release then falsely claimed "It is widely assumed that teen vapers are vaping nicotine" (instead of truthfully admitting that Obama's DHHS has falsely classified all teen vapers as nicotine/tobacco users since 2013), then quoted authors contradicting

their findings by falsely claiming “vaporiser use does indeed increase tobacco/nicotine prevalence,” and falsely insinuating vaping nicotine causes addiction. But authors do acknowledge the term ENDS doesn’t accurately describe many vapor products.

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2016-08/b-utm082316.php

Note these same MTF authors still haven't released 2015 MTF data comparing frequency of vaping by smokers, exsmokers and never smokers, nor have they released 2015 MTF data comparing nicotine vaping by smokers, exsmokers and never smokers, which almost certainly found that smokers and exsmokers are far more likely to vape nicotine than never smokers, and are far more likely to be frequent vapers.

AVA’s Greg Conley: Turns out vaping isn’t causing a ‘nicotine epidemic’ among teens

<http://vaping.org/press-release/turns-vaping-isnt-causing-nicotine-epidemic-among-teens/>

Mike Siegel: Results of new study refute e-cigarette gateway hypothesis as well as claim that youth vaping is renormalizing smoking <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/08/results-of-new-study-refute-e-cigarette.html>

ACSH exposes 2015 MTF survey finding that just 20% of teen vapers vaped nicotine

http://www.science20.com/news_articles/its_not_the_nicotine_us_teens_more_likely_to_vape_for_flavorings-179247

<http://acsh.org/news/2016/08/29/e-cigarette-flavors-biotech-courts-and-more-media-links/>

NIDA funded MTF surveyor Richard Miech falsely tells Medical New Today that vaping encourages teens to smoke and is a gateway to cigarettes (even though his 2015 MTF survey found just 20% of teen vapers reported vaping nicotine) <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/312535.php>

Consumer Healthday headline repeats BMJ press release’s inaccurate headline about 2015 MTF survey findings on teen vaping, invites vaping prohibitionist Patricia Folan (who they falsely called an “expert”) to lie about vaping and criticize the MTF survey.

<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/smoking-cessation-news-628/many-teens-vaping-for-flavor-not-nicotine-714194.html>

Washington Post headline “Teen vaping is not what you think it is” repeats false claim in BMJ press release “It is widely assumed that teen vapers are vaping nicotine” on article about 2015 MTF finding that just 20% of teen vapers reported vaping nicotine.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/08/25/teen-vaping-is-not-what-you-think-it-is-researchers-say/>

Winston-Salem Jrnl headline repeats inaccurate BMJ press release headline (that misrepresented the MTF survey finding) to insinuate that flavorings are the reason most teens vape

http://www.journalnow.com/business/business_news/local/study-finds-more-youths-smoke-vaporizers-for-flavored-liquids-rather/article_347c7092-5034-5375-b670-bf98a4a8e789.html

AP reporter Mike Stobbe falsely claims “Health officials warn that electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices are poisoning kids with nicotine” and that teens “are using sweet and fruity flavors like strawberry, chocolate cake and bubble gum” in first two sentences of article on 2015 MTF survey finding just 20% of teen vapers reported vaping nicotine, fails to acknowledge CDC has falsely classified all vapor products as containing nicotine for many years to greatly exaggerate the number of teen tobacco users to lobby for FDA deeming ban, cites Big Pharma funded CTFK’s Matt Myers criticizing survey.

http://hosted2.ap.org/APDEFAULT/386c25518f464186bf7a2ac026580ce7/Article_2016-08-25-US-MED--What%20Kids%20Vape/id-283733575d0143a99baa5232f013d5b9

and NR News headline repeated Stobbe's false fear mongering claim. "Health officials warn that electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices are poisoning kids with nicotine"

<http://nr.news-republic.com/Web/ArticleWeb.aspx?regionid=3&articleid=71611380>

Legacy lies initiative's Robin Koval touts 2015 MTF finding (that 20% of ever vaping teens vaped nicotine) to lobby FDA to ban flavorings in all vapor and tobacco products (after Legacy has lobbied FDA since 2009 to ban all nicotine vapor products), reposts false fear mongering NR News headline claiming

<http://truthinitiative.org/news/new-study-underscores-need-get-rid-flavored-tobacco-products>

Big Pharma funded vapor prohibitionist CTFK's Matt Myers criticizes MTF survey finding just 20% of teen ever vapers reported vaping nicotine the last time they vaped

http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/press_releases/post/2016_08_25_ecigarettes

Ken Warner evaluates MTF data on teen vaping, concludes: "Non-smoking high school students are highly unlikely to use e-cigarettes; among those who do, most used them only on 1–2 of the past 30 days. By contrast, current smokers are likely to use e-cigarettes and on many more days."

[http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797\(15\)00782-5/abstract](http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797(15)00782-5/abstract)

Mike Siegel: New study refutes e-cigarette gateway hypothesis

<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/09/new-study-refutes-e-cigarette-gateway.html>

Vaping Research

New study finds smokers who switched to vaping after one year sharply reduced shortness of breath and cough/phlegm, increased FEF 25%-75%

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27543458>

Study evaluates THC vaping via new e-liquid cartridges

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4881394/>

Study finds very few, if any, vapers or smokers refer to vapor products as ENDS, an inaccurate term (since many vapor products contain/emit no nicotine) widely used by Obama's DHHS and its anti-vaping funding recipients

<http://ntr.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/09/01/ntr.ntw206.abstract?papetoc>

Study finds 74% of vapers reported no restrictions (in workplaces and public places) on their vaping, 26% reported restrictions <http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/09/05/tobaccocontrol-2016-053074.abstract?papetoc>

PMI Reduced-Risk Product Scientific Update

http://www.pmi.com/eng/media_center/press_releases/Documents/PMI%20Scientific%20Update%20Spt%202016.pdf

http://www.pmi.com/eng/media_center/press_releases/Pages/201609060800.aspx

THR Education and Advocacy

Dr. Brian Goldman: MDs who blow smoke about vaping (Canada/US)

<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/whitecoat/blog/mds-who-blow-smoke-about-vaping-1.3739739>

Mark Tyndal: The time is right to spark easier electronic-cigarette access (Canada)

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/the-time-is-right-to-spark-easier-electronic-cigarette-access/article31601459/>

Rob Breakenridge interviews Dave Sweanor about vaping risks and benefits
<http://www.newstalk770.com/afternoons-with-rob-breakenridge/>

A Billion Lives North American Premiere Recap
<https://www.facebook.com/ABillionLives/videos/1240163106017974/>
<https://www.facebook.com/ABillionLives/posts/1236264156407869>

A Billion Lives French Premiere September 11 at the Grand Rex in Paris
<https://www.facebook.com/ABillionLives/photos/a.944720308895590.1073741827.166640443370251/1241328469234771/?type=3&theater>

A Billion Lives at Jozi Film Festival on September 16th in Johannesburg, South Africa
<https://www.facebook.com/ABillionLives/photos/a.944720308895590.1073741827.166640443370251/1242619649105653/?type=3&theater>

Reason Foundation Working Paper
The Vapour Revolution: How Bottom-Up Innovation is Saving Lives
http://reason.org/files/vapour_revolution_working_paper.pdf
<http://reason.org/news/show/vapour-revolution-working-paper>

Vaping is saving lives, American think tank argues <http://harbourtimes.com/2016/09/02/vaping-is-saving-lives-american-think-tank-argues/>

Houston/Sweanor: Is vaping the new aspartame?
<http://vancouversun.com/opinion/opinion-is-vaping-the-new-aspartame>

Freddie Dawson: Fear of Innovations will hit e-cigs as hard as aspartame
<http://ecigintelligence.com/opinion-fear-of-innovation-will-hit-e-cigs-as-hard-as-aspartame/>

Call for softer line on vaping (UK)
http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/14724346.Call_for_softer_line_on_vaping_/

FDA Deeming Rule

Nicopure v FDA: Vapor industry plaintiffs file 55 page joint memorandum in opposition to FDA's cross-motion for summary judgment and reply <http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/08/29/nicopure-v-fda-plaintiffs%E2%80%99-joint-memorandum-in-opposition-to-defendants%E2%80%99-cross-motion-for-summary-judgment-and-reply-aug-29-2016/>
<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-08-29-nicopure-memo.pdf>

Christopher Russell: "Unintended Consequences of the FDA's E-Cigarette Regulations"
<http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/292542-unintended-consequences-of-the-fdas-e-cigarette-regulations>

New FDA regulations could extinguish Nevada's vapor industry
<https://lasvegassun.com/news/2016/aug/28/new-fda-regulations-could-extinguish-nevadas-vapor/>

FDA revises its 2011 Guidance on HPHCs to include vapor products and emissions
<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/ucm241339.htm>
<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/UCM241352.pdf>

FDA issues Draft Guidance for Submission of Warning Plans for Cigars
<http://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FDA-2016-D-2495-0001>

<http://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FDA-2016-D-2495-0002>
<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/08/31/2016-20913/submission-of-warning-plans-for-cigars-draft-guidance-for-industry-availability>

Charlie Minato: FDA issues cigar warning, advertising plan draft guidance
<http://halfwheel.com/fda-issues-cigar-warning-advertising-plan-draft-guidance/129196>

Brad Rodu – FDA study: Cancer risks nearly nil for 1-2 cigars per day
<http://rodutobaccotruth.blogspot.com/2016/08/fda-study-cancer-risks-nearly-nil-for-1.html>

Brad Rodu: FDA study Part II, Heart and lung disease nearly zero for 1-2 cigars per day
<http://rodutobaccotruth.blogspot.com/2016/09/fda-cigar-study-part-ii-heart-lung.html>

Note that all five FDA mandated cigar warnings (below) make grossly misleading fear mongering claims to demonize cigars, which are far less harmful than cigarettes

- Cigar smoking can cause cancers of the mouth and throat, even if you do not inhale.
- Cigar smoking can cause lung cancer and heart disease.
- Cigars are not a safe alternative to cigarettes.
- Tobacco smoke increases the risk of lung cancer and heart disease, even in nonsmokers.
- Cigar use while pregnant can harm you and your baby.

New York Times headline/article falsely claims tobacco industry lobbied against FDA's cigarette protecting Vapor Deeming Ban (that Altria urged FDA to impose since 2010, and Altria, Reynolds and Lorillard endorsed in their 2014 Deeming docket comments)
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/03/us/politics/e-cigarettes-vaping-cigars-fda-altria.html>

FDA/NIH funded vapor prohibitionist Stan Glantz highlights NY Times article, absurdly blames former OMB staffer Andrew Perraut for “exploding e-cigarette use among kids and keeping smokers smoking cigarettes” after CDC, FDA, Glantz and other vapor prohibitionists generated thousands of news articles and subsequent teen interventions that repeatedly dared teens to vape (by telling them not to).
<https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/behind-scenes-how-big-tobacco-works-block-federal-rules-e-cigarettes>

TCA Litigation

Sanzo/Dorsey: Court strikes FDA Preapproval for tobacco product labeling changes
<http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=bc8c0b42-eac6-4f96-b6df-d6d36053bbf9>

US Congress

Sen. McConnell's comment on TPP ends Obama's chance to close deal
<http://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/mcconnell-comment-tpp-ends-obamas-chance-close-deal>

US Senator Ron Johnson now in statistical tie with Russ Feingold (Wisconsin)
<http://letamericawork.com/>

THR Economics and Business

Carl Phillips: Understanding the basic economics of tobacco harm reduction
<https://iea.org.uk/publications/understanding-the-basic-economics-of-tobacco-harm-reduction/>

Philip Morris International touts IQOS as low risk alternative for smokers in Japan, but Bloomberg reporter and editor refer to heat-not-burn products as vapor products

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-08-28/no-smoke-nicotine-hits-heat-up-japan-s-moribund-tobacco-market>

PMI hires former Big Pharma lobbyist/publicist Liam English to direct communications

<http://www.prweek.com/article/1407772/tobacco-giant-pmi-names-ex-pharma-comms-man-liam-english-global-pr-chief>

Corresta Newsletter August 2016

<https://www.coresta.org/sites/default/files/newsletter/Newsletter45-Aug2016.pdf>

E-Liquid

UK man committed suicide by drinking e-liquid <http://www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk/county-man-s-death-from-drinking-liquid-nicotine-is-only-the-fifth-ever-recorded-in-the-world/story-29675925-detail/story.html>

Vapor Taxation

R Street's Steven Greenhut and Cameron Smith – Prop 56: Tobacco Initiative Fails to Make Crucial Distinctions <http://www.rstreet.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/RSTREETSHORT33.pdf>

R Street: California's misguided anti-vaping measure will harm public health (Prop 56)

<http://www.rstreet.org/news-release/californias-misguided-anti-vaping-measure-will-harm-public-health/>

No on Proposition 56: Stop the Special Interest Tax Grab (CA) <http://www.noonproposition56.com/>
<http://www.noonproposition56.com/coalition/>
<http://www.noonproposition56.com/read-prop-56/>

California Proposition 56: Committees and Funding (for/against)

<http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov/Campaign/Measures/Detail.aspx?id=1381640&session=2015>

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors/nov-16-gen-v2.html#noprop56>

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors/nov-16-gen-v2.html#1741as>

San Francisco Chronicle editorial endorses Prop 56, fails to acknowledge it unfairly taxes lifesaving vapor products and low risk OTP at same rates as deadly cigarettes

<http://www.sfgate.com/opinion/editorials/article/Chronicle-recommends-Yes-on-Prop-56-9180531.php#<http://www.sfgate.com/opinion/editorials/article/Chronicle-recommends-Yes-on-Prop-56-9180531.php>>

Sweanor/Warner: Measure 4 wrongly target all tobacco products (North Dakota)

<http://www.grandforksherald.com/opinion/op-ed-columns/4107097-their-view-measure-4-wrongly-targets-all-tobacco-products>

Robert Jack shuts down Azure Vaping in York, PA after six years citing FDA vapor deeming ban and PA's 40% vapor tax <https://spinfuel.com/robert-jack-closes-azure-vaping/>

<http://www.azurevaping.com/>

Local vapor shops struggle with new taxes, regulations (PA)

<https://www.indianagazette.com/news/indiana-news/local-vapor-shops-struggle-with-new-taxes-regulations,24898567/>

PA lawmaker countering 40% vape tax

<http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/pa-lawmaker-countering-40-vape-tax>

PA pols should be sweating over vaping tax <http://triblive.com/opinion/featuredcommentary/11017978-74/tax-percent-revenue>

Central PA Vape Expo, Carlise Expo Center, September 17/18 (sell/buy vapor products before PA's 40% tax goes into effect October 1) <http://www.centralpavapeexpo.net/>

David Sweanor: Now is not the time to tax e-cigarette liquid (Ireland) <http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/now-is-not-the-time-to-tax-e-cigarette-liquid-1.2768585>

Flavoring Ban

Marion (MA) Board of Health considers banning menthol cigarettes <http://www.wanderer.com/news/boh-risks-lawsuit-with-menthol-cig-ban/>

Vapor Prohibition

Punjab police issue warnings to e-cig retailers (after lifesaving vapor products were banned, but not deadly cigarettes) http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/punjab-police-issues-warning-on-sale-of-e-cigarettes-116083100817_1.html

Vapor/Tobacco Retailer Bans

CDC lobbies to ban pharmacies from selling tobacco (including lifesaving vapor products, very low risk smokeless tobacco, and low risk cigars), touts survey finding 66% public support, hawks Big Pharma drugs, stigmatizes tobacco consumers by claiming a ban "may reinforce pharmacy stores' efforts to promote wellness, and further cultivate social climates that reduce the desirability, acceptability, and accessibility of tobacco," fails to acknowledge that banning tobacco sales at pharmacies doesn't reduce smoking.

[http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797\(16\)30246-X/fulltext](http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797(16)30246-X/fulltext)

CDC press release advocates banning pharmacies from selling tobacco/vapor products <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/p0901-pharmacies-tobacco.html>
<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/misc-tobacco-health-news-666/most-americans-don-t-want-tobacco-on-drug-store-shelves-714439.html>

Big Pharma/FDA funded AHA touts CDC survey, lobbies to ban pharmacies from selling vapor or tobacco products, fails to ethically disclose AHA's Big Pharma funding <https://www.law360.com/articles/835492/american-heart-association-wants-pharmacy-tobacco-ban>

Big Pharma funded CTFK's Matt Myers touts CDC lobbying survey to ban pharmacies from selling vapor and tobacco products, praises CVS for banning sales, but fails to ethically disclose that CVS funds CTFK http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/press_releases/post/2016_09_01_cdc_study

NCI funded UNC activists advocate banning tobacco retailers located within 1,000 feet of schools, cite study finding tobacco retailers are closer to schools in black urban areas, press release headline falsely claims banning retailers can reduce racial/ethnic disparities

<http://ntr.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/08/24/ntr.ntw185.abstract>
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/08/160826101507.htm>

Pharmacies urged to ban tobacco

<http://thehill.com/regulation/healthcare/294078-health-advocates-call-for-pharmacy-tobacco-ban>

Vaping Bans

California Senate sends bill (SB 977) banning vaping, smoking within 250 feet of youth sporting events to Gov. Brown http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_0951-1000/sb_977_bill_20160826_enrolled.html
http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_0951-1000/sb_977_bill_20160830_history.html

California Senate sends bill (SB 1333) banning vaping and smoking at state's 270 beaches and parks to Gov. Brown <http://www.latimes.com/politics/essential/la-pol-sac-essential-politics-updates-smoking-would-be-banned-in-california-1472593191-htmlstory.html>
<http://halfwheel.com/california-legislature-approves-smoking-ban-for-state-parks-and-beaches/129173>

Malaysia Health Ministry to ban vaping and smoking at all national parks, maximum fine for violations to be US\$1,239
<https://www.malaysiakini.com/news/353824>

Minimum Age

St. Louis County (MO) Council to consider bill to increase minimum age for vapor and tobacco product sales to 21
<http://halfwheel.com/tobacco-purchase-age-passes-first-vote-in-st-louis-county-mo/129102>

Vapers urge St. Louis County Council to keep minimum age for vapor sales at 18
<http://fox2now.com/2016/08/30/st-louis-county-moves-one-step-closer-to-upping-the-age-to-purchase-tobacco-products/>

Columbia County (NY) BOH rejects proposal to increase minimum age for tobacco/vapor sales
<http://halfwheel.com/columbia-county-n-y-rejects-tobacco-purchase-age-increase-proposal/128806>

Mandating Reduced Nicotine Cigarettes

Lynn Kozlowski: Let actual markets help access the worth of optional very-low-nicotine cigarettes before deciding on mandatory regulations <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/add.13515/full>

DHHS funded FDA Vapor Deeming Ban advocates Benowitz, Donny, Hatsukami feign support for smokers switching to vaping to advocate mandatory low nicotine cigarettes, but fail to criticize or renounce support for FDA's rule banning lifesaving vapor products.
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/add.13534/full>

Imperial Tobacco Canada tells Health Canada proposed plain packaging tobacco legislation violates Canada's Constitution <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/federal-governments-plain-tobacco-packaging-proposal-is-unlawful-and-flawed-imperial-tobacco-canada-591986571.html>

Cigarette Black Markets

Australia's cigarette wars turn violent
<http://intpolicydigest.org/2016/08/27/australia-s-cigarette-wars-turn-violent/>

More Junk Science, Propaganda and Lies

Researchers find that giving mice nearly lethal levels of nicotine "trigger effects normally associated with the development of COPD". But since humans don't consume nearly lethal levels of nicotine, and since

rodents react to nicotine differently than humans, the study is useless. Peter Hajek's comment exposes and refutes authors' assertions.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27558745>

<http://thorax.bmj.com/content/early/2016/08/24/thoraxjnl-2015-208039.full>

Greek cardiologist Charalambos Vlachopoulos fraudulently claims vaping causes heart disease at Big Pharma funded conference, UK news outlets sensationalize false fear mongering claims in headlines and articles with little or no fact checking.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/08/29/vaping-as-bad-for-your-heart-as-smoking-cigarettes-study-finds/>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/living/1693653/e-cigs-are-just-as-bad-for-your-heart-as-smoking-fags-as-they-damage-key-blood-vessels-say-experts/>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/science/e-cigarettes-bad-you-smoking-8731169>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3763932/E-cigarettes-bad-heart-tobacco-Nicotine-vapour-damages-blood-vessels-raises-risk-disease.html>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/vaping-risk-is-similar-to-smoking-22lzxml5>

<http://nypost.com/2016/08/30/vaping-messes-up-your-heart-just-like-cigarettes-do/>

Note the Greek study cited above found (as have many studies) vaping nicotine caused the same temporary cardiovascular changes (i.e. higher BP, increased heart rate, aortic stiffness) that are caused by other forms of nicotine consumption, caffeine consumption, exercise and stress. In sharp contrast to Vlachopoulos' sensationalized claims at the conference and to the news media, his study only measured temporary impacts of vaping, absurdly instructed smokers to vape continuously for 30 minutes (something vapers don't do), and inappropriately equated/compared it to smoking one cigarette for 5 minutes.

A 2003 study by Vlachopoulos found caffeine consumption also caused aortic stiffness.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12640250/>

Zvi Herzog, Riccardo Polosa and Clive Bates expose/debunk fraudulent claims by Greek researcher claiming their study found vaping increases risk for cardiovascular disease

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27282901>

Clive Bates: When you thought public health could go no lower – it just did

<http://www.clivebates.com/?p=4311>

Ontario Ministry of Health funded junk study authors conclude e-cigs don't help smokers quit smoking after excluding all vapers who quit smoking from participating in their study, after inaccurately classifying all participants who vaped even once (with or without nicotine) as e-cigarette users, and after studying only smokers who enrolled in a biased smoking cessation service that promoted and gave away free NRT.

<http://ntr.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/08/31/ntr.ntw218.abstract>

FDA/NIH funded vapor prohibitionist touts Canadian junk smoking cessation study

<https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/evidence-e-cigarettes-inhibit-quitting-smoking-cigarettes-just-keeps-piling-strong-longitudinal-study-canada>

NIH/California funded Stanford study by anti vaping activists finds most US doctors massively misinformed about vaping (after years of lies by Obama's DHHS and Big Pharma shells), finds 47% of doctors' answers to patients about vaping were negative, 33% were neutral, just 20% were positive; but study authors falsely claimed there's no evidence vaping helps smokers quit smoking and falsely claimed some vapor flavorings are toxic, questioning the objectivity of authors when conducting and writing study

[http://www.ajponline.org/article/S0749-3797\(16\)30247-1/fulltext](http://www.ajponline.org/article/S0749-3797(16)30247-1/fulltext)

<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/electronic-cigarettes-970/doctors-e-cigs-ajpm-stanford-release-batch-2835-714128.html>

FDA scientists find higher levels of bacteria in moist snuff than in snus and some chewing tobacco products, but authors fail to acknowledge that all smokeless tobacco products are far less harmful than cigarettes, while claiming (without any evidence) that bacteria in smokeless tobacco might/could/may cause infections and cancer

<http://aem.asm.org/content/early/2016/08/08/AEM.01612-16>

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/08/160826142008.htm>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/health/bacteria-in-chewable-tobacco-may-up-risk-of-cancer/>

Mike Siegel: Hypocrisy Alert: Nevada health official blasts vaping industry for spreading misinformation, then claims vaping is known to cause cancer <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/08/hypocrisy-alert-nevada-health-official.html>

Activist researchers lobby to ban/restrict vapor advertisements by unethically urging nonsmoking/nonvaping teens to vape (by showing them lots of e-cig ads), find no evidence that seeing lots of e-cig ads encourages teens to smoke cigarettes, but authors cite irrelevant finding in abstract and falsely claim occasional smoking is as harmful as daily smoking.

<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/08/12/tobaccocontrol-2016-052940.full>

Press Association headline falsely claims e-cig ads may cause children to underestimate smoking risks citing study finding e-cigs ads had no impact on teens smoking based on misrepresentation by authors of study findings.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/sep/06/e-cigarette-vaping-ads-children-underestimate-smoking-risks-study-tobacco-cigarettes>

Univ. of Texas and MD Anderson Cancer Center lie to youth about e-cigarettes

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-middle-school-program-increases-students-knowledge-of-e-cigarette-dangers-cuts-intended-use-300321279.html>

Vapor and snus prohibitionist Simon Chapman protects cigarettes, lies about THR, conflates lifesaving vaping with deadly cigarette smoking, fails to mention smokeless <https://theconversation.com/the-failed-history-of-tobacco-harm-reduction-64561>

Vapor prohibitionist ASH's Laurant Huber obfuscates about vaping, risk reduction and public health by claiming vaping isn't "a hundred percent safe" (as nothing is 100% safe) <http://ash.org/is-vaping-bad-for-you-is-it-safe-experts-weigh-in/>

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Please disseminate; when will a report emerge?

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Vaping Research

80% of Malaysians say health improved after switching to vape: Study
<http://www.thesundaily.my/news/1969376>

New Cochrane Review of 24 studies confirms vaping helps smokers quit smoking, poses very low risks
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD010216.pub3/full>

Cochrane: Conclusions about effects of electronic cigarettes remain the same
<http://www.cochrane.org/news/conclusions-about-effects-electronic-cigarettes-remain-same>

Cochrane Review coauthor Jamie Hartmann-Boyce: Why can't scientists agree on e- cigarettes?
<https://www.theguardian.com/science/sifting-the-evidence/2016/sep/14/why-cant-scientists-agree-on-e-cigarettes-vaping>

New Cochrane Review finds vaping helps smokers quit smoking, and poses no serious side effects.
http://www.science20.com/news_articles/new_cochrane_review_on_ecigarettes-180194

Electronic cigarettes can help smokers quit says study
<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/sep/13/electronic-cigarettes-can-help-smokers-quit-says-study>

New UK study in BMJ confirms vaping has helped many people quit smoking, but authors inaccurately (using a dubious method based on "serious quit attempts") estimated that just 18,000 UK smokers quit smoking by vaping in 2015. <http://www.bmj.com/content/354/bmj.i4645>
The authors previously estimated that just 16,000-22,000 quit smoking by vaping in the UK in 2014 (several items below)

John Britton: Electronic cigarettes and smoking cessation in England
<http://www.bmj.com/content/354/bmj.i4819>

E-cigarettes do work: Devices helped 18,000 MORE people kick the habit last year (UK)
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3787240/E-cigarettes-work-Devices-helped-18-000-people-kick-habit-year.html>

E-cigarettes 'help more smokers quit' (UK)
<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-37338992>

Scientific evidence grows for e-cigarettes as quit-smoking aides
<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-cigarettes-idUSKCN11J2R8>

E-cigarette use linked to success in quitting <http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/e-cigarette-use-linked-to-success-in-quitting-420795.html>

Robert West et al deployed similarly dubious methods to estimate that just 16,000- 22,000 UK vapers quit smoking in 2014 by switching to vaping (in March, 2016)
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/add.13343/full>

NNA's Sarah Jakes: What do you mean ecigs only helped 16,000 people? (questions Robert West et al's estimate and methods, in March, 2016) <http://nnalliance.org/blog/106-what-do-you-mean-ecigs-only-helped-16-000-people>

Ken Warner on West et al estimate that 16,000-22,000 UK vapers quit smoking in 2014
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/add.13405/full>

FDA/NIH funded study found cigarette smokers who vaped in 2014 were more likely than non vaping smokers to intend to quit smoking, and to have attempted to quit smoking during the past year <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0306460316302039>

Public Health Surveillance

SAMHSA's 2015 NSDUH survey finds record low daily and past month cigarette smoking rates for youth, young adults and older adults (as increasingly more smokers have switched to vaping)
<http://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/NSDUH-FFR1-2015/NSDUH-FFR1-2015/NSDUH-FFR1-2015.pdf>
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/09/science/smoking-and-drinking-rates-among-us-teenagers-fall-to-new-lows.html>

Newly released (by Ken Warner) 2014 MTF survey data confirms US teen smokers and exsmokers were/are exponentially more likely to vape than never smokers (as many teen smokers have switched to vaping). Reveals data among 12th graders (many/most of whom are 18 years old adults), including:

- 14.7% of regular smokers, 15.0% of regular past smokers, and just 0.7% of never smokers reported vaping 20 or more days during past 30 days,
- 20.8% of regular smokers, 21.4% of regular past smokers, and just 1.2% of never smokers reported vaping 10 or more days during past 30 days,
- 27.7% of regular smokers, 26.3% of regular past smokers, and just 1.7% of never smokers reported vaping 6 or more days during past 30 days,

- Most never smokers who vaped during past 30 days vaped just 1-2 days (3.9%/6.5%),
- 93.5% of never smokers, 42.7% of regular smokers, and 53.2 of regular past smokers reported NO use of an e-cig during past 30 days.

[http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797\(15\)00782-5/abstract](http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797(15)00782-5/abstract)

(For full text of study, please send me an e-mail request. Bill)

Canadian survey finds significant teen cigarette smoking decline from 2012/13 to 2014/15 (confirming that vaping has NOT renormalized smoking), finds

- Daily smoking by 6th-12th graders declined from 2% in 2012/13 to 1.6% in 2014/15,
- Daily or occasional smoking by 6th-12th graders declined from 4% in 2012/13 to 3.4% in 2014/15,
- Ever cigarette use by 6th-12th graders declined from 24% in 2012/13 to 18% in 2014/15,
- Ever cigarette use by 6th-9th graders declined from 13% in 2012/13 to 8% in 2014/15,
- Ever cigarette use by 10th-12th graders declined from 37% in 2012/13 to 29% in 2014/15,
- 18% of 6th-12th graders ever used an e-cig, while 6% used in past 30 days in 2014/15,
- 9% of 10th-12th graders and 3% of 6th-9th graders used an e-cig in past 30 days in 2014/15,
- Only 65% of 6th-12th graders thought regular cigarette smoking posed a “great risk”, while 25% inaccurately thought regular e-cig use posed a “great risk”

<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/science-research-sciences-recherches/data-donnees/cstads-ectade/summary-sommaire-2014-15-eng.php>

<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/science-research-sciences-recherches/data-donnees/cstads-ectade/tables-tableaux-2014-15-eng.php#t1>

<http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?mthd=index&crtr.page=2&nid=1124009>

Utah Health Dept survey finds teen cigarette smoking declines to record low 3.4%, so agency once again attacks vaping (which helped many smokers quit) in news media

https://ibis.health.utah.gov/pdf/opha/publication/hsu/2016/1609_AlcTobAdol.pdf

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865662294/Report-Half-of-Utah-students-who-report-using-alcohol-are-also-vaping.html?pg=all>

Vaping Advocacy

A Billion Lives in Theaters October 26 A

Billion Lives – Official Trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCozEhqdkQw&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.facebook.com/ABillionLives/videos/1252036524830632>

Demand.film partners to promote A Billion Lives internationally

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/dongroves/2016/09/12/tugg-and-gathr-face-competition-from-a-new-international-platform/#74945bb748bc>

Pamela Gorman named SFATA executive director <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/former-state-legislator-pamela-gorman-appointed-executive-director-of-smoke-free-alternatives-trade-association->

[300325009.html](#)

<http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/vaping-association-picks-new-leader>

FDA Vapor Deeming Ban

FDA responds to Nicopure Labs and Right To Be Smoke-Free Coalition <http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/2016-09-09-nicopure-fda-reply.pdf>
<http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/09/11/nicopure-v-fda-reply-to-opposition-to-motion-re-44-motion-for-summary-judgment-filed-by-fda-sep-9-2016/>

Clive Bates and Eli Lehrer send letter to FDA's Mitch Zeller challenging Zeller's recent fear mongering claims about lifesaving vapor products and vaping <http://clivebates.com/documents/Zeller2016.pdf>

Steven Allen – The E-cigarette Ban: A Win for Liars and Big Tobacco

<https://capitalresearch.org/2016/09/the-e-cigarette-ban-a-win-for-liars-and-big-tobacco/>

Vape industry goes on attack against FDA over e-cigarettes CASAA, AVA and ATR to conduct October bus tour

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/vape-industry-goes-on-attack-against-fda-over-e-cigarettes/article/2601036>

Steps to confront the FDA to avoid influence on e-cigs (US/China) <http://www.joinnest.com/steps-to-confront-the-fda-to-avoid-influence-on-ecigs.html>

New FDA regulations point to uncertain future for e-cigarette industry (OK)

http://www.normantranscript.com/news/oklahoma/new-fda-regulations-point-to-uncertain-future-for-e-cigarette/article_9952523e-2cf7-59d3-90a2-136b55f74b9b.html

Carl Phillips: Weaponized Kafkaism

<https://antithrillies.com/2016/09/05/weaponized-kafkaism/#more-3197>

FDA to conduct seminar on PMTAs for ENDS (and no-nicotine vapor products) on October 17/18 in Hyattsville, MD (with October 6 deadline for attendees to register)

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/NewsEvents/ucm517650.htm>

FDA sends warning letters to 55 retailers for selling newly deemed tobacco products to a minor (but FDA didn't disclose the retailer compliance rate, as they and SAMHSA have done for cigarettes and smokeless tobacco); FDA press release boasts that agency protects kids as it protects cigarettes (by repeating fear mongering claims about vaping)

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm520865.htm>

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/TobaccoProducts/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Retail/UCM520813.pdf>

http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oce/inspections/oce_insp_searching.cfm

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/warningletters/wlSearchResult.cfm?office=Center%20for%20Tobacco%20Products&displayAll=true>

FDA revises guidance for tobacco industry to submit documents on "health,

toxicological, behavioral or physiological effects of their current or future products” to also apply to vapor products and other newly deemed tobacco products

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/09/09/2016-21686/health-document-submission-requirements-for-tobacco-products-revised-draft-guidance-for-industry>

FDA increases fines for violations by tobacco/vapor retailers retroactively assessed for violations of the TCA since November 2, 2015

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/NewsEvents/ucm519578.htm>

FDA revises its 2011 Guidance on HPHCs to include vapor products and emissions

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/ucm241339.htm>

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/UCM241352.pdf>

Note the FDA has failed to comply with Sections 904(d) and 904(e) of the Tobacco Control Act, which required FDA to publish a tobacco brand specific HPHC list in 2013 and annually since then

<http://nicotinecontent.blogspot.com/2013/05/when-will-fda-publish-list-of-harmful.html>

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/ucm237092.htm>

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/tobaccoproducts/labeling/productsingredientscomponents/ucm435035.pdf>

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/ucm297786.htm>

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/ucm261826.htm>

Section 904(d)

"(1) In general.-- Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall publish in a format that is understandable and not misleading to a lay person, and place on public display (in a manner determined by the Secretary) the list established under subsection (e).

"(2) Consumer research.-- The Secretary shall conduct periodic consumer research to ensure that the list published under paragraph (1) is not misleading to lay persons. Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the results of such research, together with recommendations on whether such publication should be continued or modified.

"(e) Data Collection.--Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, the Secretary shall establish, and periodically revise as appropriate, a list of harmful and potentially harmful constituents, including smoke constituents, to health in each tobacco product by brand and by quantity in each brand and subbrand. The Secretary shall publish a public notice requesting the submission by interested persons of scientific and other information concerning the harmful and potentially harmful constituents in tobacco products and tobacco smoke.

A list of TCA deadlines is at

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/ucm237395.htm>

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) issues reference tobacco filler for deadly cigarettes (to help cigarette manufacturers comply with the TCA's nonsensical HPHC requirements) as FDA prepares to ban all lifesaving vapor products on 8/8/2018.

<https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2016/09/new-nist-reference-material-helps-assure-accurate-measurement-constituents>

https://www.s.nist.gov/srmors/view_detail.cfm?srm=3222

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-09-nist-material-accurate-tobacco-product.html>

More DHHS

After Obama appointees at FDA/DHHS protected cigarettes by banning and lying about vaping products, Obama's Cancer Moonshot's Blue Ribbon Panel recommends 10 things to reduce cancer that won't reduce cancer morbidity or mortality nearly as much as the Cole bill or the Cole/Bishop Approps amendment, and informing the public that vaping is >95% less harmful than smoking and has helped millions of smokers quit.

<https://www.cancer.gov/research/key-initiatives/moonshot-cancer-initiative/blue-ribbon-panel/blue-ribbon-panel-report-2016.pdf>

<https://www.cancer.gov/research/key-initiatives/moonshot-cancer-initiative/blue-ribbon-panel>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2016/09/07/cancer-moonshot-panel-names-top-10-ways-to-speed-progress-against-the-disease/>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2016/09/07/cancer-moonshot-panel-names-top-10-ways-to-speed-progress-against-the-disease/>

Litigation

Arlington woman sues vapor shop after e-cigarette battery exploded <http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/arlington/article101570947.html>

<http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/tarrant-county/woman-suing-vape-store-after-battery-explodes-in-pocket/317448067>

Taxation

PA Rep. Russ Diamond reports that 45 vape shops have already shut down in PA due to 40% tax

https://www.facebook.com/russdiamond/posts/10210079125031022?comment_id=10210080051134174&reply_comment_id=10210080354421756¬if_t=feed_comment_reply¬if_id=1473239349133173

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California Prop 56 proponents run ad falsely insinuating that punitive taxes on lifesaving vapor products and low risk smokeless tobacco products and cigars, and increasing cigarette taxes for adult smokers is necessary to protect children from cigarettes

<https://youtu.be/9lvpohccbsg>

California Prop 56 opponents run ad pointing out that just 13% of the Prop 56 tax revenue would be spent on tobacco prevention, education and cessation programs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UDgu6o3wEo>

Foes of tobacco/vapor tax hike pour millions into campaign (CA)

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/Foes-of-tobacco-tax-hike-pour-millions-into-9206300.php>

Beth Kramer makes false claims about vaping to promote Prop 56, Godshall replies

<http://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/the-la-beat/11791-prop-56-big-tobacco-is-blowing-smoke-smoker-health-issues-cost-non-smokers-big-bucks>

Sweanor/Warner: Better way to structure tobacco tax (ND)

<http://www.minotdailynews.com/page/content.detail/id/637811/Better-way-to-structure-tobacco-tax.html?nav=5618>

State Funds to Promote Big Pharma Cessation Drugs

New Jersey Senate Health Cmte reduces funding for smoking cessation from 5% to 1% of cigarette tax revenue http://www.burlingtoncountytimes.com/news/local/senate-panel-advances-smoking-cessation-bill/article_0a4f54b2-7902-11e6-bf7f-dfad65c6f78c.html

Arkansas State Senator wants to eliminate \$1.8 smoking quitline (that hawks Big Pharma drugs as the only ways to quit smoking) because its costly, redundant, and overreaching

<http://ualpublicradio.org/post/senator-promises-17-legislative-session-will-stub-smokers-quitline-out>

Minimum Age Laws

St. Louis County (MO) Council increases minimum age for sales of lifesaving vapor products, deadly cigarettes and low risk OTP from 18 to 21 http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/want-tobacco-you-ll-have-to-be-to-buy-it/article_39a7185d-9497-5c19-baa0-c0a5b46137e8.html
<http://halfwheel.com/st-louis-county-mo-raises-minimum-age-to-purchase-tobacco/129594>

Young adults say vaping helped them quit smoking, restrictions are dangerous (St. Louis)

http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/young-adults-say-vaping-helped-them-quit-smoking-restrictions-are/article_3a2d32cc-e169-5b68-8e25-7f15e17be085.html

Michigan State Sen. Rick Jones introduces bill (SB 1066) to preempt local governments from increasing minimum age for tobacco (but not vapor) product sales to 21.

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(evui1lo3cuyf3mua2wro122c\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2016-SB-1066](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(evui1lo3cuyf3mua2wro122c))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2016-SB-1066) <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2015-2016/billintroduced/Senate/pdf/2016-SIB-1066.pdf>
<http://halfwheel.com/michigan-state-senator-seeks-to-stop-cities-from-increasing-tobacco-purchase-age/129948>

Vaping Bans

Poland protects cigarettes and threatens public health by banning vaping where smoking is banned

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-09-poland-sale-e-cigarettes-minors-vaping.html>

Clive Bates exposes, refutes false conclusions of biased DHHS funded study lobbying for vaping bans by absurdly concluding that vapers don't care if vaping is banned

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27596227>

Vancouver's response to BC anti vaping regulations remains hazy

<http://www.vancourier.com/news/city-s-response-to-provincial-e-cigarette-legislation-remains-hazy-1.2338420>

Oxnard (CA) City Council bans vaping and smoking at parks, beaches, bus stops and other outdoor locations <http://www.vcstar.com/story/news/local/communities/oxnard/2016/09/07/oxnard-approves-ban-smoking-most-outdoor-areas/89936898/>

Univ. of Arizona protects cigarettes by proposing vaping ban

http://tucson.com/news/local/education/college/ua-looks-to-ban-e-cigarettes-on-campus/article_5ee83a68-381f-518a-834d-35dfc0a9995b.html

Business

Totally Wicked opens factory that can manufacture 10 million bottles of e-liquid annually

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/708995/Boom-vaping-sees-UK-first-ever-ecigarette-liquid-production-factory>

JTI Korea introduces Logic Pro tank vaping system in South Korea

<http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20160906000986>

Reynolds elects former Congressman John Boehner to serve on board of directors

<http://www.reynoldsameric.com/About-Us/Press-Releases/Press-Release-Details-/2016/RAI-board-elects-two-new-directors/default.aspx>

http://www.journalnow.com/business/business_news/local/boehner-named-to-reynolds-board-of-directors/article_b182a1a3-5597-5a04-bec3-f0003e51c9ae.html

Legalizing Vapor Products

40 international THR experts urge Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration to exempt nicotine from Schedule 7 "dangerous poison", and to allow sales of vapor products containing less than 3.6% nicotine

<http://colinmendelsohn.com.au/tga>

http://colinmendelsohn.com.au/files/9814/7281/5038/Nicotine_rescheduling_proposal_comment_-_Final.pdf

http://colinmendelsohn.com.au/files/8214/7296/5899/Media_release_for_letter_of_support.pdf

Nicotine for vaping should be legalised in Australia: 40 international and Australian experts

<https://theconversation.com/nicotine-for-vaping-should-be-legalised-in-australia-40-international-and-australian-experts-64802>

Ban on 'life-saving' e-cigs 'unethical' (Australia) <http://www.skynews.com.au/>

news/national/2016/09/07/academics-slam--unethical--e-cigarette-ban.html

Liberals call for rethink on e-cigarette ban (Australia) <https://au.prime7.yahoo.com/n1/news/a/-/national/32614823/libs-call-for-rethink-on-e-cigarette-ban/>

Australia considers allowing nicotine <http://factasia.org/australia-considers-allowing-nicotine/>

E-cigarettes and the law in Australia <http://www.racgp.org.au/afp/2015/june/e-cigarettes-and-the-law-in-australia/>

Cancer Council divided over e-cigarettes (Australia) <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2016/09/07/cancer-council-divided-over-e-cigarettes>

Cancer Council lobbies for even more bans for lifesaving vapor products (Australia) http://wiki.cancer.org.au/policy/Position_statement_-_Electronic_cigarettes

Cancer Council's "Tobacco in Australia" report contains dozens of false and misleading fear mongering claims about vaping, smokeless tobacco, nicotine and harm reduction
<http://www.tobaccoaustralia.org.au/chapter-18-harm-reduction>
<http://www.tobaccoaustralia.org.au/chapter-18-harm-reduction/indepth-18b-e-cigarettes/18b-5-safety>
<http://www.tobaccoaustralia.org.au/chapter-18-harm-reduction/indepth-18a-smokeless-tobacco>

Bates/Sweanor/Laugesen: E-cigarettes could help half-million Kiwi cigarette smokers
http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11707730

Martin Johnson: Legalising e-cigarettes could save thousands of NZ smokers' lives
http://www.nzherald.co.nz/lifestyle/news/article.cfm?c_id=6&objectid=11707688

Fraser/Chee/Laugesen: Perspectives of New Zealand health professionals and smokers on e-cigarettes http://img.scoop.co.nz/media/pdfs/1609/Fraser_NZMJ_1441_FINAL.pdf
<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/GE1609/S00041/health-professionals-called-upon-to-learn-about-vaping.htm>

NZ consultation for policy options on e-cigarette regulation ended Sept 12
<http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/policy-options-e-cigarette-regulation-consultation-aug16.pdf>

Vapor Prohibition and Censorship

WHO FCTC COP-7 report inhumanely protects cigarettes by urging nations to ban lifesaving vapor products and to ban truthful health claims about vapor products
http://www.who.int/fctc/cop7/cop7/FCTC_COP_7_11_EN.pdf?ua=1

31. Objective: prevention of unproven health claims being made about ENDS/ENNDS. Parties that have not banned the importation, sale, and distribution of ENDS/ENNDS may consider the following options:

1. Prohibiting implicit or explicit claims about the effectiveness of ENDS/ENNDS as smoking cessation aids unless a specialized governmental agency has approved them;
2. Prohibiting implicit or explicit claims that ENDS/ENNDS are innocuous or that ENDS are not addictive; and
3. Prohibiting implicit or explicit claims about the comparative safety or addictiveness of ENDS/ENNDS with respect to any product unless these have been approved by a specialized governmental agency.

http://who.int/tobacco/industry/product_regulation/appendices_who_ends_report_cop7_sep2016.pdf?ua=1

FDA/NIH funded vapor prohibitionist Stan Glantz praises WHO's cigarette protecting vapor prohibition and censorship campaign

<https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/who-issues-new-report-e-cigs-contains-cautious-read-science-and-sensible-policy-recommendations>

Taiwan anti vaping activists demand even more cigarette protecting vapor regulations because many smokers are switching to vaping despite Taiwan's nicotine vapor sales ban

<http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2016/09/11/2003654929>

Vapor Advertising Litigation

Australian Competition & Consumer Commission claims and charges Joystick vapor company (whose products are already banned in Australia) in Federal Court for saying its products didn't contain toxins or formaldehyde (even though levels of constituents found were far below toxic levels)

<https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/accc-takes-action-against-the-joystick-company-for-alleged-misleading-e-cigarette-%E2%80%9Cno-toxic-chemicals%E2%80%9D-claims>
<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2016/09/09/e-cig-seller-court-over-non-toxic-claim>

UK Parliament

9/14/2016 UK House of Lords praise goal of reducing smoking, confuse tobacco control plans with policies and communications that actually reduce smoking, some acknowledge vaping has reduced smoking but repeat false claims by CDC about teens <https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-09-14/debates/16091442000095/Smoking-RelatedDiseases>

Battery Safety

35 Samsung cell phone batteries explode or cause fires (in 1 of every 42,000 cell phones, a far greater rate than e-cig batteries). But in sharp contrast to e-cigs, there have been NO calls for or proposed regulations to ban the sale or use of cell phones by the Obama Administration, left wing Democrats or the liberal news media. <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-samsung-galaxy-20160902-snap-story.html>

Mike Siegel: Unlike Samsung Galaxy, FDA regulations don't allow e-cigarette companies to fix their exploding batteries <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/09/unlike-samsung-galaxy-fda-regulations.html>

NY Times articles expose laptop and cell phone battery explosions and fires on airlines (that caused far more damage than e-cig batteries), but NY Times hasn't editorialized for banning the sale or use of laptops or cell phones (as it did for lifesaving vapor products)
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/13/business/as-more-devices-board-planes-travelers-are-playing-with-fire.html> <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/13/business/why-business-class-poses-a-unique-fire-hazard.html>

Chantix Safety

FDA issues 564 background document questioning Chantix, Wellbutrin, Zyban study
<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AdvisoryCommittees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/Drugs/PsychopharmacologicDrugsAdvisoryCommittee/UCM520103.pdf>

FDA staff question Pfizer study of Chantix psychiatric effects
<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-09-12/fda-staff-question-pfizer-study-of-chantix-psychiatric-effects>

FDA staff flags concerns about Pfizer's quit-smoking drug study
<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-pfizer-chantix-fda-idUSKCN111GI>
<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Pulmonology/Smoking/60197?>

Mike Siegel: Pfizer study of psychiatric risks of Chantix marred by financial conflicts of interest and under-reporting of adverse events <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/09/pfizer-study-of-psychiatric-risks-of.html>

FDA panel split on softening Chantix warning
http://www.medpagetoday.com/Pulmonology/Smoking/60236?xid=NL_breakingnews_2016-09-15&eun=g220600d0r

Pfizer spins FDA committee vote on Chantix to further promote Chantix
<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20160914006429/en/FDA-Advisory-Committees-Recommend-Remove-Boxed-Warning>

Weekly Standard article defends/promotes Pfizer's Chantix, grossly misrepresents risks
<http://www.weeklystandard.com/up-in-smoke/article/2004289>

Plain Cigarette Packaging

NZ Parliament votes to mandate plain packaged cigarettes despite no evidence Australia's 2012 plain packaging law reduced smoking or cigarette consumption
<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/national/plain-packaging-tobacco-confirmed>

Junk Science, Propaganda and Lies

Jonathan Grigg falsely claims (despite no evidence) vaping can cause pneumonia and other bacterial infections
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/8215b9c4-778f-11e6-8994-a768c12cac7d>

Mike Siegel: Anti vaping researcher gives negligent advice to the public

<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/09/anti-vaping-researcher-gives-negligent.html>

Colin Mendelsohn: Alarmist vaping headlines a hazard to health

<http://www.doctorportal.com.au/mjainsight/2016/35/alarmist-vaping-headlines-a-hazard-to-health/>

Matt Ridley: Warning: Junk science damages your health (on anti vaping junk science)

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/warning-junk-science-damages-your-health-kfnpbvpc>

Anti vaping activists find that 60% of vapers have vaped in smokefree locations, then irrationally conclude that vaping should be banned where smoking is banned

<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/09/08/tobaccocontrol-2016-053118.abstract>

CDC funded ANR keeps lying about vaping (as it has since 2010) to lobby for cigarette protecting vaping bans

<http://no-smoke.org/pdf/dangers-of-e-cigarettes.pdf>

FDA/NIH funded vaping critics claim socioeconomic gap in smoking could grow if more educated smokers switch to vaping, but fail to endorse vaping for less educated smokers

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0306460316302039>

<http://news.gsu.edu/2016/09/07/college-educated-likely-use-e-cigs-quit-cigarette-smoking-georgia-state-study-finds/>

CDC publishes DHHS funded study touting irrelevant cherry picked factoids from 2011-2013 teen survey on vaping and smoking cessation intentions to falsely conclude vaping doesn't help smokers quit smoking. http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2016/15_0564.htm

Mike Siegel: More shoddy research on e-cigarettes by Big Pharma funded scientists

<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/09/more-shoddy-research-on-e-cigarettes-by.html>

Researchers unethically urge teens to vape by showing them lots of e-cig ads, then absurdly claim e-cig ads may encourage youth to smoke cigarettes

<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/08/12/tobaccocontrol-2016-052940.full>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/living/1735574/ads-promoting-e-cigarettes-lull-kids-into-thinking-smoking-isnt-harmful-and-encourages-social-smoking/> <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/e-cigarette-adverts-could-encourage-children-to-take-up-tobacco-warn-cambridge-scientists/story-29686498-detail/story.html>

MayoCancerCare falsely claims (in a tweet) that nicotine use causes cancer and weaker bones; dozens of vapers and THR advocates respond; MayoCancerCare then tweets CORRECTION and deceitfully conflates tobacco with cigarette smoking

<https://twitter.com/mayocancercare/status/773129497642168321>

NIDA still falsely claims marijuana is a gateway drug, misrepresents its definition, and demonizes marijuana (as Obama's DHHS has with lifesaving vapor products)

since 2009)

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/marijuana/marijuana-gateway-drug>

Junk Science and Historic Revisionism

FDA/NIH funded UCSF vapor prohibitionists tout their deceitful campaign to credit then blame the tobacco industry for the public health activism by vapers and THR advocates.

Although vapor regulations have been enacted by virtually every state since Lorillard bought blu, authors absurdly conclude: "Passing e-cigarette regulations at the state level has become more difficult since cigarette companies have entered the market." <http://www.milbank-quarterly/current-issue/article/4112/e-cigarette-policy-making-by-local-and-state-governments-2009-2014> <https://tobacco.ucsf.edu/advocacy-coalitions-oppose-state-and-local-e-cigarette-policy-making-changed-after-major-tobacco-companies-entered-mark>

FDA/NIH funded junk scientist (and vapor prohibitionist) and JAMA blame sugar industry for decades of inaccurate heart disease and anti-fat diet claims and advice by the AMA, AHA & NAS-NRC. But don't expect Glantz, JAMA, or other vaping opponents to criticize Big Pharma and their Tobacco Control shills (including Mitch Zeller) for lying about and lobbying to ban very low risk THR alternatives for smokers since 2001.

<http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2548255>

Front page NY Times headline and article blame sugar industry for inaccurate heart disease and anti-fat diet claims by the AMA, AHA, NAS-NRC, but fail to expose or criticize Glantz, Big Pharma funded Tobacco Control shills (or NY reporters or editors) for protecting cigarettes by lying about and lobbying to ban lifesaving vapor products.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/13/well/eat/how-the-sugar-industry-shifted-blame-to-fat.html>

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From: Robert B. Sklaroff, M.D.
To: Submissions
Subject: FW: Tobacco Harm Reduction Update
Date: Friday, September 23, 2016 2:36 PM

This is becoming a bit tiresome; please forward to the committee, acknowledge you did so, and provide an update as to when you will release your oft'-delayed report-update.

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From: Bill Godshall <billgodshall@verizon.net<<mailto:billgodshall@verizon.net>>>
Date: Fri, Sep 23, 2016 at 2:33 PM
Subject: Tobacco Harm Reduction Update
To: BillGodshall@verizon.net<<mailto:BillGodshall@verizon.net>>

Public Health Surveillance

Public Health England survey finds smoking rate falls to record low 16.9% in 2015 (as increasingly more smokers switch to vaping) <http://www.tobaccoprofiles.info/tobacco-control#page/0/gid/1938132885/pat/15/par/E92000001/ati/6/are/E12000007/iid/92443/age/168/sex/4>

Smoking rates in England fall to lowest on record
<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-37406105>

Number of smokers in England drops to an all-time record low <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3797458/Smoking-rates-England-lowest-record-say-health-officials.html>

Number of smokers in England falls to record low <http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/number-of-smokers-in-england-falls-to-record-low-a7317551.html>

Rise in e-cigarettes use as smoking falls in Scotland
<http://www.scotsman.com/news/rise-in-e-cigarettes-use-as-smoking-falls-in-scotland-1-4235535>

Research finds increase in number of Scots using e-cigarettes as smoking declines
http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14753743.Research_finds_increase_in_number_of_people_using_e_cigarettes/

Sharp decline in number of Scots children exposed to second-hand smoke in their homes
<http://www.thenational.scot/news/sharp-drop-in-number-of-scots-children-exposed-to-second-hand-smoke-in-their-homes.22651>

Christopher Snowdon – The government’s great triumph on smoking: it left e-cigarettes alone (UK)
<http://health.spectator.co.uk/the-governments-great-triumph-on-smoking-it-left-e-cigarettes-alone/>
Vaping Research

ACSH: Benefits of smoking cessation or harm reduction by vaping

<http://acsh.org/news/2016/09/19/benefits-smoking-cessation-or-harm-reduction-vaping-10181>

<http://www.clinsci.org/content/early/2016/08/19/CS20160268>

Jacob Sullum: Two new studies discredit the CDC's dire warnings about e-cigarettes and teenagers

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/jacobsullum/2016/09/15/two-new-studies-discredit-the-cdcs-dire-warnings-about-e-cigarettes-and-teenagers/>

<http://reason.com/archives/2016/09/19/more-reasons-to-doubt-that-vaping-is-a-g>

BAT study finds toxicant levels in Vype ePen aerosol 95% less than in cigarette smoke

<http://pubs.acs.org/doi/full/10.1021/acs.chemrestox.6b00188>

<http://www.prnewswire.co.uk/news-releases/toxicant-levels-average-95-lower-in-e-cigarette-vapour-versus-cigarette-smoke-new-study-by-british-american-tobacco-593905331.html>

http://www.bat-science.com/groupms/sites/BAT_9GVJXS.nsf/vwPagesWebLive/DOADUHH9

CDC survey of adult vapers in 2014 found the most common reasons for vaping were cessation/health (84.5%), consideration of others (71.5%), and convenience (56.7%); But CDC authors (who have made many false fear mongering claims about vaping to promote FDA's deeming ban) falsely insinuate that vapor flavorings cause nicotine addiction (in the same sentence stating consumers should be provided accurate information on the health effects of e-cigarettes).

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0091743516302687>

Study finds smokers who didn't want to quit smoking reduced cigarette consumption from average of 16 to 7 cigarettes per day when given flavored vapor products

<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/09/15/tobaccocontrol-2016-053223.abstract>

THR Education and Advocacy

Reason Foundation's Julian Morris – The WHO's Opposition to Tobacco Harm Reduction: A Threat to Public Health?

http://reason.org/files/pb136_tobacco_harm_reduction.pdf

<http://reason.org/news/show/who-opposition-to-harm-reduction>

US Think tank says WHO tobacco treaty a threat to public health <http://medicalobserverph.com/news-us-think-tank-says-who-tobacco-treaty-a-threat-to-public-health/>

Gerry Stimson – A tale of two epidemics: drugs harm reduction and tobacco harm reduction in the United Kingdom <https://www.scribd.com/document/324944823/Gerry-Stimson-A-tale-of-two-epidemics>

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/pdfplus/10.1108/DAT-03-2016-0007>

SFATA Annual Conference October 19-21, Hollywood, FL <http://sfata.org/2016ConferenceandExpo>

<http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/?u=e739583f3fc216a80b74c12c3&id=b1b092e404&e=f4f6b4e57b>

Anders Milton and 16 THR experts send letter to Swedish Health Ministry urging agency to publicly acknowledge and support snus as a low risk alternative for cigarette smokers

<https://www.scribd.com/document/324791060/Letter-Wikstrom-15-Sept-2016-09-04-Final>

<https://www.scribd.com/document/324791719/Brev-Till-Wikstrom>

Brad Rodu: "ENDS" don't justify the means with e-cigarettes

<http://rodutobaccotruth.blogspot.com/2016/09/ends-dont-justify-means-with-e.html>

THR Business

NJOY files for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 <http://ecigintelligence.com/njoy-files-for-bankruptcy-blaming-poor-sales-and-compliance-costs/>

<http://upshotservices.s3.amazonaws.com/files/7b9f0cd7-5494-4863-8692-c9869b4d49ce/436f5f5f-b0f9-41cf-a534-a7cf8c0c6160.pdf>

<http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/5-reasons-njoy-s-bankruptcy#page=0>

<http://nypost.com/2016/09/19/e-cigarette-maker-files-for-bankruptcy/>

Mike Siegel: FDA-induced crumbling of e-cigarette market begins: NJOY files for bankruptcy

<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/09/fda-induced-crumbling-of-e-cigarette.html>

Sales of cigalike e-cigs increase in US during past several months

http://www.journalnow.com/business/business_news/local/electronic-cigarette-sales-rebound-ahead-of-tighter-fda-regulations/article_32e593b3-7ac4-50d4-992d-13bf52c6bc1b.html

FDA

Charles Seife: How the FDA manipulates the media (delineates how FDA censored Deeming Ban opponents from news stories) <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-the-fda-manipulates-the-media/>

Mike Siegel: FDA violated ethics rules to censor dissenting opinions about its e-cigarette regulations

<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/09/fda-violated-ethics-rules-to-censor.html>

Judge Amy Berman Jackson reschedules Motions Hearing in Nicopure Labs v FDA for October 11 at

10:15AM in Courtroom 3 <http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/09/16/docket-for-nicopure-labs-v-fda-et-al-sep-14-16-2016/>

FDA sends warning letters to retailers selling newly regulated products to youth

<http://halfwheel.com/fda-issues-first-set-of-warning-letters-to-retailers-selling-newly-regulated-products/130167>

<http://thehill.com/regulation/overnights/296173-overnight-regulation-fda-cracks-down-on-e-cig-sales>

Brad Rodu – Selling tobacco to kids: FDA inspection data from 2015 and 2016 (finds 88% and 89%

retailer compliance, 2% fined by FDA for repeat violations) <http://www.rstreet.org/op-ed/selling-tobacco-to-kids-fda-inspection-data-from-2015-and-2016/>

FDA seeks voting members of TPSAC (who will do whatever FDA instructs them to do)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/09/12/2016-21819/request-for-nominations-for-voting-members-on-a-public-advisory-committee-tobacco-products>

Mike Siegel: Deciding vote in FDA advisory committee recommendation to remove Black Box warning for Chantix is cast by pharmaceutical company president

<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/09/deciding-vote-in-fda-advisory-committee.html>

General Cigar raises prices from \$.10 - \$.80 per cigar to cover compliance costs of FDA Deeming Regulation

<http://halfwheel.com/general-cigar-raising-prices-cites-fda/130396>

FDA releases 2017 tobacco user fee costs totaling \$635 million (none for vapor products)

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Manufacturing/ucm521052.htm>

<http://halfwheel.com/fda-releases-2017-user-fee-costs/130440>

Congress

Former House Speaker John Boehner joins Square Patton Boggs lobbying firm

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/21/business/dealbook/former-house-speaker-john-boehner-joins-washington-law-firm.html>

Taxation

PA State Rep. Jeff Wheeland introduces bill (HB 2342) with 47 cosponsors that would change vapor tax from 40% to \$.05/ml of e-liquid

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2015&sInd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=2342>

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2015&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=2342&pn=3860>

PA State Rep. Joseph Petrarca to introduce bill to repeal 40% vapor tax

<http://www.pahouse.com/Petrarca/InTheNews/NewsRelease/?id=79072>

<http://www.pahouse.com/petrarca>

CASAA urges PA vapers to urge State Reps to oppose 40% vapor tax and to support Bill (HB 2342) to tax e-liquid at \$.05/ml <http://blog.casaa.org/2016/09/pa-take-action-to-change-40-tax-on.html>

Tax could vaporize e-cigarette business (PA) <http://www.poonorecord.com/news/20160916/tax-could-vaporize-e-cigarette-businesses>

American Cancer Society criticizes tobacco companies for deceptive anti Prop 56 ads, but fails to ethically disclose ACS has received hundreds of millions of dollars from Big Pharma to deceitfully conflate lifesaving vapor and low risk smokeless tobacco products with deadly cigarettes to protect Big Pharma's NRT and Chantix markets <http://www.yeson56.org/media/press-releases/big-tobacco-offers-smoke-lies-deceptive-advertising-campaign/>

Proposed cigarette tax hike will stay on Missouri ballot

http://thegardenisland.com/news/national/proposed-tobacco-tax-hike-will-stay-on-missouri-ballot/article_87e5861a-6667-53eb-b901-940cced95861.html

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/missouri-supreme-court-rules-tobacco-tax-hike-proposal-should-remain/article_d73ee1ad-c0a1-54ba-af54-b0fd4f4f25ea.html

<http://www.missourinet.com/2016/09/20/mo-supreme-court-rules-tobacco-tax-proposal-will-go-before-voters/>

Oman doubles tobacco tax rate (from 20% to 40%)

<http://www.albawaba.com/business/tobacco-tax-skyrockets-40-percent-oman-885030>

<http://menafn.com/1094954425/Oman-100-increase-in-tobacco-tax>

Litigation

New York AG seeks \$872 million in federal court from UPS for delivering 683,000 cartons (i.e. \$1,277 per carton) of untaxed cigarettes to NY smokers <https://www.thestreet.com/story/13744670/1/will-ups-stock-be-hurt-by-872-million-cigarette-delivery-lawsuit.html>

<http://www.reuters.com/article/united-parcel-lawsuit-idUSL2N1BV1FW>

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-09-19/ups-tells-judge-little-cigars-at-heart-of-untaxed-smoke-case>

Philip Morris agrees to pay \$45 million to Arkansas smokers

<http://www.ky3.com/content/news/Tobacco-giant-Philip-Morris-to-pay-45-million-to-Arkansas-smokers-394057501.html>

Flavoring Bans

Legacy lies initiative urges FDA to create black market for untaxed unregulated menthol cigarettes, deny federal and state governments tens of billions of tax and MSA dollars

<http://truthinitiative.org/news/experts-gather-discuss-critical-public-health-issues-menthol-and-flavored-tobacco>

NIH awards two grants to vapor prohibitionist Legacy lies initiative to demonize (and keep lobbying to ban) flavorings in tobacco, and to demonize tobacco and cannabis users

<http://truthinitiative.org/news/two-new-grants-explore-tobacco-and-marijuana-use-and-appeal-flavored-tobacco>

Prince Edward Island (CA) to ban sales of flavored tobacco products May 1, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-flavoured-tobacco-ban-1.3768898>

http://www.gov.pe.ca/ordersincouncil/pdf/20160913_594-612.pdf

Usage Bans

NRPA calls for banning all tobacco use (and probably vaping) at all public parks and recreation centers, deceitfully conflates use of lifesaving low risk smokefree alternatives with cigarette smoking, falsely claims goal is to “protect visitors, especially children”.

<http://www.nrpa.org/Press-Releases/NRPA-Issues-Position-Statement-on-Tobacco-Consumption-in-Parks/>

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/nrpa-issues-position-statement-tobacco-195038457.html>

Minimum Age

St Louis County (MO) executive signs bill increasing minimum age for tobacco and vapor product sales to 21 <http://www.kmov.com/story/33126106/controversial-tobacco-bill-to-be-signed-into-law>

Northampton (MA) BOH increases minimum age for tobacco and vapor sales to 21, restricts sales of flavored products, limits number of retailers

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2016/09/northampton_raises_tobacco_age.html

<http://halfwheel.com/northampton-mass-board-of-health-unanimously-approves-tobacco-purchase-age-increase/130225>

DC bill to raise minimum age for tobacco and vapor sales to 21 estimated to cost DC \$1.3 million in tax revenue next year, and \$5 million over four years <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-3800542/Raising-smoking-age-DC-cost-5-million.html>

Legalizing Vapor Products

NZ Health Ministry cabinet paper from July misrepresented risks and benefits of e-cigs prior to public consultancy on proposal to legalize vapor products

<http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/cabinet-paper-ecig-policy-options-2016.pdf>

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/313550/e-cigarettes-fail-to-get-health-ministry-support>

Public Health Hypocrisy

Johns Hopkins hypocritically celebrates 100th year of its public health school with event featuring cigarette protecting vaping prohibitionists Michael Bloomberg, WHO's Margaret Chan and CDC's Tom Frieden (paid for by Bloomberg) <http://www.globalhealthnow.org/2016-09/luminaries-celebrate-100-years-saving-lives>

Banning Speech

Vapor prohibitionists at WHO urge nations to ban tobacco companies from lobbying (despite no evidence that doing so will reduce cigarette smoking)

<http://www.sunstar.com.ph/manila/local-news/2016/09/16/who-warns-intensified-tobacco-industry-interference-498036>

Vapor prohibitionist Robert Jackler et al falsely claim 22 of 23 e-cigarette brand advertisements were "cessation-themed", urge FDA to ban truthful vapor ads

<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/abs/10.2105/AJPH.2016.303437>

Stanford press release hypes bogus study by Jackler et al falsely claiming vapor ads make therapeutic claims <http://scopeblog.stanford.edu/2016/09/15/e-cigarette-brands-make-unvalidated-claims-their-product-helps-people-quit-smoking/>

AJPH press release urges news media to hype junk study by Jackler et al claiming most vapor ads unlawfully make smoking cessation claims <https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-releases/ajph-news-releases/2016/ajph-september-2016-highlights>

Historic Revisionism

ACSH's Hank Campbell: Fred Stare was not in cahoots with Big Sugar (rebutts Stan Glantz' false claims in JAMA that NY Times further embellished in a front page article, Godshall responds)

<http://acsh.org/news/2016/09/22/fred-stare-was-not-cahoots-big-sugar-10161>

Foodnavigator calls Glantz et al claims about sugar industry historic revisionism (Godshall responds)
<http://www.foodnavigator-asia.com/Policy/Sugar-review-Rewriting-history-to-expose-a-non-existent-conspiracy?cxtnav=1474404766599>

Junk Science, Propaganda and Lies

FDA and CDC yet again conflate lifesaving vapor products, very low risk smokeless tobacco products, and low risk OTP with highly addictive and deadly cigarettes to confuse, scare and demonize vaping yet again
http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2016/16_0151.htm?
<https://consumer.healthday.com/kids-health-information-23/adolescents-and-teen-health-news-719/smoking-may-be-losing-its-cool-715061.html>

NIH junk study by Kelvin Choi of 2012 Florida teen survey data falsely concludes that “ever use” of an e-cigarette may cause cigarette smoking and asthma [http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797\(16\)30063-0/abstract](http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797(16)30063-0/abstract)

NIH funded vaping opponents at Rosswell Park conduct inapplicable cell study, find vapor products “were significantly less toxic than tobacco cigarettes”, but press release deceitfully claims the study found strawberry and other flavored vapor products are toxic
<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/09/15/tobaccocontrol-2016-053205.full>
<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-09-e-cigarette-flavorings-higher-voltage-toxicity.html>
<http://www.medpagetoday.com/pulmonology/smoking/60384>
<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/electronic-cigarettes-970/flavorings-boost-toxicity-of-e-cigarettes-in-lab-study-715093.html>

Vapor junk scientists and prohibitionists Prue Talbot and James Pankow use inapplicable cell studies to once again falsely claim vapor products are toxic
<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/09/15/tobaccocontrol-2016-053224.abstract>

FDA/NIH funded UCSF press release hypes bogus study by Glantz et al claiming tobacco industry has been leading lobbying campaigns to oppose anti vapor laws.
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/09/160915090026.htm>

DHHS funded vaping opponents demonize flavored vapor products, advocate advertising ban for flavored vapor products <http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/09/15/tobaccocontrol-2016-053224.abstract>

DHHS funded Jonathan Foulds et al advocate vaping bans by misrepresenting 2012-14 survey responses by vapers, falsely insinuate that most vapers don’t oppose vaping bans.
<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/09/05/tobaccocontrol-2016-053074>

Vaping prohibitionists’ study finds most vapers have vaped in smokefree areas (where vaping isn’t banned), then advocate vaping bans by making false fear mongering claims
<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-ecigarettes-user-attitudes-idUSKCN11S296>
<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/09/08/tobaccocontrol-2016-053118.abstract>

Canadian Cancer Society's Donna Pasielny is upset many Saskatchewan teen smokers are switching to vaping, deceitfully conflates lifesaving vapor with deadly cigarettes, calls for regulations to prevent adult smokers from switching to vaping

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/sask-teens-vaping-rate-1.3764932>

Carl Phillips: Extraordinary claims

<https://antithrlies.com/2016/09/15/extraordinary-claims/>

Legacy lies initiative exaggerates negligible risks of smokeless tobacco (that has helped millions of smokers quit smoking) to further demonize the products, promote smokeless tobacco use bans, flavoring bans, and banning smokeless sales to anyone under 21 <http://truthinitiative.org/news/truth-about-smokeless-tobacco>

<http://truthinitiative.org/news/where-we-stand-smokeless-tobacco>

http://truthinitiative.org/sites/default/files/Smokeless-Tobacco-Fact-Sheet_0.pdf

Study finds workplace smoking bans did NOT result in short term reductions in hospital admissions for acute myocardial infarction (in sharp contrast to more than a decade of claims by FDA/NIH funded Stan Glantz, and hundreds of news stories that he generated).

<http://mcr.sagepub.com/content/early/2016/09/12/1077558716668646>

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-09-overestimated-effect-hospitalizations.html>

Mike Siegel: Helena miracle: Not so much; New study casts doubt on conclusions of anti-smoking groups

<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/09/helena-miracle-not-so-much-new-study.html>

DHHS funded THR opponents tout benefits of low nicotine cigarettes after conducting unrealistic clinical study that gave free low nicotine cigarettes to smokers

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/add.13603/abstract>

Texas A&M researchers find mice fed lots of nicotine reduced their food intake and body weight, but Texas A&M press release inappropriately told the news media the study found nicotine can prevent Alzheimers and Parkinsons in humans <http://juniperpublishers.com/oajt/pdf/OAJT.MS.ID.555552.pdf>

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/09/160920160635.htm>

<http://www.news-medical.net/news/20160921/Texas-AM-research-shows-nicotine-could-help-protect-brain-aging.aspx>

http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/nicotine-sans-tobacco-may-ward-off-alzheimer-s-disease-study-116092100932_1.html

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3799977/How-NICOTINE-help-prevent-obesity-dementia-Drug-reduces-appetite-slows-brain-s-ageing.html>

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Submission: October 7, 2016

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To: Submissions
Subject: Fwd: Tobacco Harm Reduction Update
Date: Thursday, October 06, 2016 8:02 PM

perhaps you may wish to adopt any of THESE papers "by reference"

On Thu, Oct 6, 2016 at 6:58 PM, Bill Godshall
<billgodshall@verizon.net<<mailto:billgodshall@verizon.net>>> wrote:
THR Advocacy & Education

Sweanor/Houston – Rethinking Nicotine: The Role of Public Health Law in Ending an Epidemic
http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2744461

British Columbia Centre for Disease Control's Mark Tyndall says vaping (and consumption of other smokefree nicotine products) is far less harmful than smoking, urges smokers to sharply reduce disease risks switch to smokefree nicotine alternatives <http://bit.ly/2dKKeFU>

Hanson O'Haver: Why Grover Norquist won't stop fighting for your right to vape
http://www.vice.com/en_uk/read/grover-norquist-talks-vaping-taxes

Regulator Watch: Puritans and Paternalists – Why public health wages war on vaping (interview with Christopher Snowden) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKfjWjBQVDs>

Cancer Research UK advocates vaping and smoking cessation services for smokers
<http://scienceblog.cancerresearchuk.org/2016/10/05/stoptober-2016-could-e-cigarettes-help-stop-smoking-services-beat-addiction/>

Institute of Economic Affairs' Mark Littlewood: Stop burning cash on anti-smoking schemes; The route to giving up cigarettes is through profit-making corporations
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/comment/stop-burning-cash-on-anti-smoking-extravaganzas-n527sgnx6>

Beyond the Cloud – Documentary film about vaping (French)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cghFuqhU_o

E-cigarettes can help smokers kick the habit, say Indian researchers
<http://zeenews.india.com/health/e-cigarettes-can-help-kick-the-habit-say-indian-researchers-1936255>

E-cigarettes can reduce burden of smoking-related deaths in India <http://www.indialivetoday.com/e-cigarettes-can-reduce-burden-of-smoking-related-deaths-in-india/42014.html>

Vapor Research

NCI funded longitudinal study of 2,028 US smokers in 2012 compared long-term vapers (i.e. vaped during past month in both 2012 and in 2014) with short-term vapers (i.e. vaped during past month in either 2012 or in 2014) with non-vapers (i.e. didn't vape during past month in 2012 or 2014) found:

- Long-term vapers were >4 times more likely to quit smoking cigarettes than non-vapers and short-term vapers,
- 44% who vaped during past month in 2012 also vaped during past month in 2014,
- Among baseline smokers who made a quit attempt before 2014, vaping surpassed the use of FDA-approved "tobacco treatment" drugs,
- 96% of long-term vapers, 83% of short-term vapers and 71% of non-vapers correctly believed vaping is less harmful than cigarette smoking,
- 88% of long-term vapers, 83% of short-term vapers and 63% of non-vapers correctly believed vaping helps with quitting smoking, and
- 14% of long-term vapers, 12% of short-term vapers and 32% of non-vapers incorrectly believed secondhand vapor is harmful. http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/25/Suppl_1/i90.full
http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/25/Suppl_1/i90/T3.expansion.html
http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/25/Suppl_1/i90/T4.expansion.html

Survey finds 66% of Indian smokers view e-cigarettes as "positive alternative"
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/66-Indian-smokers-view-e-cigarettes-as-positive-alternative/articleshow/54582276.cms>

BAT study finds e-cigarette vapor does not cause oxidative stress in viable lung epithelial cells
https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2016-10/raba-evd100516.php
<http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.chemrestox.6b00188>

Conferences

Pamela Gorman: Invitation to the SFATA 2016 Conference (Hollywood, FL / Oct 19-21)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBIFSNUdWnM>
<http://sfata.org/2016ConferenceandExpo>

FDLI to host Tobacco Conference: Tobacco and Nicotine Policies and Products at a Regulatory and Legislative Crossroads (Washington DC / October 27) <http://www.fdpi.org/conferences/tobacco-conference-2016/general-information>

THR Business

Philip Morris sees \$1.2 billion gain in smoking substitutes
<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-09-29/philip-morris-sees-1-2-billion-boost-from-cigarette-alternative>

Philip Morris invests in cigarette alternative as smoking rates decline (iQOS)
<https://www.rt.com/business/361081-philip-morris-iqos-cigarette-alternative/>

New innovation in vaping (PAX)
<http://www.cspdailynews.com/category-news/tobacco/articles/new-innovation-vaping>

Madvapes opens its first location in Ireland <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/madvapes-opens-its-first-location-in-the-republic-of-ireland-300339124.html>

BAT buys Polish vapor manufacturer Chic Group, forms research alliance with Reynolds
<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-09-22/bat-expands-in-e-cigarettes-with-reynolds-accord-chic-purchase>

FDA

Big Pharma funded vapor prohibitionists (CTFK, ACS, AHA, ALA, AAP) finally advocate Congressionally mandated graphic warnings covering 50% of cigarette packs, sue FDA in federal court in Boston. Note that CTFK, ACS, AHA, ALA vehemently opposed Sen. Mike Enzi's 2007 amendment to the TCA to require graphic warnings on cigarette packs, and then touted FDA's unconstitutional cigarette pack warnings in 2011.

http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/content/press_office/2016/2016_10_04_fda_complaint.pdf

http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/press_releases/post/2016_10_04_fda

<http://www.aappublications.org/news/2016/10/04/FDALawsuit100416>

<http://truthinitiative.org/news/truth-initiative-calls-fda-enforce-graphic-warning-labels-requirement>

<https://consumer.healthday.com/public-health-information-30/food-and-drug-administration-news-315/u-s-fda-sued-over-delay-in-graphic-cigarette-warning-labels-715489.html>

<https://consumerist.com/2016/10/04/pediatricians-american-cancer-society-take-fda-to-court-over-delayed-graphic-warning-labels-on-cigarettes/>

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2016/10/04/make-cigarette-pack-warnings-scary-health-groups-say-lawsuit-against-fda/DB9OIox0jx6tNzD0WGV08M/story.html>

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/antitobacco-groups-sue-fda-to-require-graphic-warning-labels-on-cigarette-packs-1475599261>

http://www.journalnow.com/business/business_news/local/public-health-groups-sue-fda-on-graphic-cigarette-warning-labels/article_c10f2489-a3d2-50db-a57f-333981c3c4bf.html

http://www.bostonherald.com/business/business_markets/2016/10/mass_docs_sue_fda_to_ok_graphic_anti_smoking_images

Vape Rally with US Sen. Ron Johnson on October 15 in Hartland, WI

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vape-rally-2016-hartland-wi-tickets-27618435484>

Jared Myer: Government puts tobacco interests above a billion lives (interview with Aaron Biebert)

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/jaredmeyer/2016/10/02/government-puts-tobacco-interests-above-a-billion-lives/>

New FDA rules for e-cigarettes could hurt small businesses (FDA/NJ)

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/special-reports/2016/10/01/new-fda-rules-e-cigarettes-could-hurt-small-businesses/91214226/>

Why vape shops in Washington are welcoming new state regulations, but are concerned about federal rules (FDA/WA) <http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/politics-government/article104791231.html>

Eli Lehrer: The opposition to vaping is vapid (FDA/OH)

<http://www.weeklystandard.com/the-opposition-to-vaping-is-vapid/article/2004666>

Daren Bakst: The FDA's rule on e-cigarettes will hurt public health
<http://dailysignal.com/2016/09/28/the-fdas-rule-on-e-cigarettes-will-hurt-public-health/>

Steven Allen – E-cigs and Joe Camel: To the Washington elite, we're all children
<https://capitalresearch.org/2016/10/e-cigs-and-joe-camel/>

Can Breathing Oils or Herbs Calm and Aid Well Being? (pay walled article reveals some vapor companies are now marketing their products for "aroma therapy", but fails to acknowledge this marketing strategy may protect the products from FDA's deeming ban)
<http://www.wsj.com/articles/can-breathing-oils-and-herbs-aid-calm-and-well-being-1474894804>

David Bufkin: Cigars won't hurt you, but the FDA's new cigar tax will
<http://thefederalist.com/2016/10/05/cigars-wont-hurt-fdas-new-cigar-tax-will/>

After repeating false fear mongering claims about vapor products since 2009 to ban them, Obama's FDA updates its website falsely entitled "FDA Promotes Health Literacy"
<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm424523.htm>

Mike Siegel: In my view, FDA is partly to blame for explosion that injured teen on the Hogwarts Express
<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/10/in-my-view-fda-is-partly-to-blame-for.html>

FDA/NCI/RWJF funded vapor prohibitionist Micah Berman absurdly claims FDA's deeming rule (that bans the sale of all lifesaving vapor products to all US adults on August 8, 2018) isn't adequate to protect children from vaping, repeats many false claims
<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2556206>
<http://www.medpagetoday.com/pulmonology/smoking/60472>

Taxation

Vaping enthusiasts opposed to 'crazy' tax crushing small businesses (PA)
<http://triblive.com/news/allegHENY/11248244-74/tax-vaping-state>

Eric Boehm: Pennsylvania's new tax on vape shops is forcing them out of business
<http://reason.com/blog/2016/10/03/pennsylvanias-new-tax-on-vape-shops-is-f>

Ketchikan (AK) voters barely approve a \$2/pack cigarette tax and 50% OTP/vapor tax
<http://www.krbd.org/2016/10/05/ketchikan-voters-narrowly-approve-tobacco-tax/>

CTFK, ACS, AHA, ALA et al urge Missouri voters to reject two ballot measure that increase cigarette taxes (purportedly because both ballot initiatives are supported by the tobacco industry, and don't raise the cigarette tax as high as tobacco controller desire) <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/tobacco-industry-bankrolls-amendment-3--proposition-a-to-deceive-missouri-voters--keep-cigarettes-cheap-395715061.html>

Please note that neither ballot to hike Missouri cigarette taxes would tax vapor products.

Missouri Amendment 3 would increase the cigarette tax by \$.60/pack over four years and impose an additional \$.67/pack fee on NPM cigarettes.
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/Elections/Petitions/2016-152.pdf>

Missouri Proposition A would increase the MO cigarette tax by \$.23/pack over four years and would increase the OTP tax from 10% to 15% of manufacturer's price.

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/Elections/Petitions/2016-080.pdf>

In 2006, Missouri tobacco controllers ran a petition (that was rejected by voters) to increase the cigarette tax by \$.80/pack and increase the OTP tax from 10% to 30%.

<https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/2006ballot/>

In 2002, Missouri tobacco controllers ran a petition (that was rejected by voters) to increase the cigarette tax by \$.55/pack and increase the OTP tax from 10% to 30%.

<https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/2002ballot/2002ballotmsr.asp>

NIH/RWJF study found 18.5% of cigarette packs discarded on US sidewalks and streets avoided higher state and/or local cigarette taxes, with non compliance higher in urban areas with higher cigarette tax rates.

http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/25/Suppl_1/i38.full#T2

Hungary to protect cigarette markets by imposing taxes on all vapor products

http://bbj.hu/business/hungary-to-introduce-fees-for-e-cigarettes_122876

Litigation

Reynolds hit with \$6.4 million verdict in smoker's death (FL) <http://blog.cvn.com/jury-hits-rjr-with-6.4m-judgment-for-pain-and-suffering-punitives-pending>

\$55 million in punitive damages award against four tobacco companies overturned due to attorney misconduct (FL) http://www.dailyreportingsuite.com/products-liability/news/55m_in_punitive_damages_award_against_four_tobacco_companies_overturned_due_to_attorney_misconduct

Utah sues Vapex LLC vapor company for defrauding consumers <http://www.sltrib.com/home/4418119-155/state-says-e-cigarette-company-changed-its>

Peter Hayes promotes lawsuit filed by Tony Gwynn's family against Altria, fails to acknowledge that smokeless tobacco is far less harmful than cigarettes and has helped millions of smokers quit smoking, or that Gwynn's type of cancer hasn't even been associated with smokeless tobacco use.

<http://www.bna.com/tony-gwynn-push-n5798207732/>

Canada Vapor Regulation

Canadian Vaping Association responds to federal vaping regulation announcement

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/business/cnw/release.html?rkey=20160928C1512&filter=5599>

Vaping industry says federal government's move to regulate e-cigarettes long overdue

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/vaping-industry-regulations-1.3781670>

Smoking bans

Santa Barbara (CA) City Council considers extending smoking ban (but no vaping ban)

<http://www.keyt.com/health/new-smoking-bans-considered-by-santa-barbara-city-council/106396758>
<http://www.independent.com/news/2016/oct/05/could-santa-barbara-go-smoke-free/>

Fulton County (GA) bans smoking at parks

<http://halfwheel.com/fulton-county-ga-bans-smoking-in-parks/130945>

EU TPD / Snus Ban

New Nicotine Alliance calls for repeal of EU e-cigarette regulation and snus ban

<http://www.clivebates.com/?p=4412>

WHO Prohibitionists

Tobacco Growers seek inclusion at WHO FCTC meeting in Delhi

<http://www.iol.co.za/business/news/tobacco-growers-seek-inclusion-2075327>

<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/tobacco-control-indian-farmers-want-to-be-heard-at-who-meet/article9163757.ece>

WHO FCTC's Vera Luiza da Costa e Silva cites decades old actions by some tobacco companies to ban the entire industry, journalists and others from WHO FCTC COP-7 "some sessions will be held in public and some behind closed doors."

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/vera-luiza-da-costa-e-silva/transparency-yes-interfer_b_12351906.html

Although WHO has protected cigarettes by lying about and advocating bans on lifesaving vapor products and very low risk smokeless tobacco, Silva accuses the tobacco industry of "killing one in every two regular users of its products" and of lying to prohibit the industry and others from attending "We cannot sit at the negotiating table with the people who caused this global disaster because one thing is crystal clear - this industry lies."

WHO FCTC COP-7 agenda urges nations to ban all tobacco advertising, promotions, sponsorships and retail displays (that prevent smokers from knowing about low risk alternatives and prevent smokers from switching to low risk smokefree alternatives).

http://www.who.int/fctc/cop/cop7/FCTC_COP_7_38_EN.pdf

http://www.who.int/fctc/guidelines/article_13.pdf?ua=1

Canadian End Game Hypocrisy

Canadian THR prohibitionists and propagandists falsely call themselves "leading health experts," hold two day conference with selectively invited extremists at Queens University, conclude with silly End Game call to reducing smoking rate to 5% by 2035. But organizers deny the many health benefits that have already occurred because millions of smokers switched to very low risk vapor and smokeless tobacco products, while proposing even more cigarette protecting policies including banning smokeless tobacco advertising, further increasing smokeless tobacco taxes, and banning flavored products.

<http://www.queensu.ca/gazette/media/news-release-queen-s-led-summit-concludes-call-bring-tobacco-prevalence-rate-less-5-35>

<http://www.queensu.ca/gazette/sites/default/files/assets/attachments/EndgameSummit-Backgroundpaper%20.pdf>

<http://www.thewhig.com/2016/10/03/summit-aims-to-butt-out-cigarette-use>

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Regulator Watch: Promoting the tobacco epidemic? Stanton Glantz on e-cigarettes (Glantz admits vaping is far less harmful (he claims 50%-60%) than smoking cigarettes; then falsely claims vaping has increased nicotine use among teens, falsely claims vaping discourages smokers from quitting, falsely claims vaping harms public health) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTVLHAo4Uww>

Regulator Watch: Is nicotine dangerous? Stanton Glantz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDwvOskT6xQ>

NIDA/NIH funded junk science propaganda (published by CDC) about Twitter deceitfully concludes “Vaping poses a threat to smoking prevention progress” based upon no evidence presented in the article that demonize vaping and tweets about e-cigs

https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2016/16_0274.htm

Clive Bates refutes twitter study authors’ conclusion that “Vaping poses a threat to smoking prevention progress” (that was based on no evidence presented in their study).

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27685432>

Mike Siegel: Medical School researchers criticize campaigns intended to get smokers to quit

<http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/10/medical-school-researchers-criticize.html>

Brad Rodu: The Truth Initiative belies its name in new anti smokeless tobacco screed

<http://rodutobaccotruth.blogspot.com/2016/09/the-truth-initiative-belies-its-name-in.html>

Norwegian researchers criticize falsely claims about snus by NTNU activists and news article falsely entitled “Snuff as dangerous as cigarettes”

Unethical research dissemination

<https://www.nrk.no/ytring/uetisk-forskningsformidling-1.13152422>

Yet again, CDC falsely claims “tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable disease and death” (it’s cigarette smoking) in report on 2014 state surveillance data for adult use of smokeless tobacco and cigarettes, conflates use of very low risk smokeless tobacco with deadly cigarette smoking to deceive readers and prevent smokers from switching.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/pdfs/mm6539a1.pdf>

Clive Bates: Anatomy of a public health tweet (i.e. a tweet by Simon Capewell)

<http://www.clivebates.com/?p=4395>

What do we really know about e-cigarettes? (SAHMRI’s Jacqueline Bowden repeats many false fear mongering claims about vaping to oppose legalization in Australia)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgRFHXuHhx0>

NIAAA funded study of 198 former smokers found vapers drank more alcohol than nonvapers (perhaps due to the War on Vapers by Obama's DHHS), anti vaping authors fail to consider health benefits of quitting smoking by vaping, falsely claim vaping doesn't help people quit smoking and can increase alcohol use to urge clinicians and D&A treatment professionals to oppose vaping.

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10826084.2016.1197940>

Study finds nontoxic (but detectable) levels of cigarette smoke constituents in homes six months after smokers quit smoking, but lead author George Matt deceitfully tells the news media that all barely detectable smoke constituents are a threat to public health.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/04/well/live/toxins-linger-in-homes-long-after-smokers-quit.html>
<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/09/20/tobaccocontrol-2016-053119.abstract>

NEJM publishes fear mongering letter by UW vaping opponents sensationalizing e-cig battery fires without objective comparisons to fire risks of cigarettes or other electronic devices with batteries, or to the far greater disease risks of cigarette smoking

http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc1608478?query=featured_home

HealthDay article deceptively hypes FDA's cigarette protecting vapor deeming ban by further sensationalizing fear mongering letter in NEJM and e-cig battery fires; AVA's Greg Conley points out that batteries in laptops, cell phones and other devices (that vapor prohibitionists aren't lobbying to ban) pose similar or greater battery fire risks

<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/electronic-cigarettes-970/exploding-e-cigarettes-sending-vapers-to-burn-centers-715506.html>
<http://www.newsmax.com/Health/Health-News/exploding-e-cigarettes-vapers-burn/2016/10/06/id/751961/>

DHHS funded UNC vapor prohibitionists protect cigarettes, promote FDA vapor deeming ban (without acknowledging it bans all vapor products) and even more FDA vapor bans, by sensationalizing e-cig battery fire risks without properly comparing them to cigarette fire risks, fire risks from other battery powered devices, or disease risks from cigarette smoking.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/10/161005084319.htm>
<http://www.bmj.com/content/354/bmj.i5024>

Article repeats false fear mongering claims about vaping from bogus "dry puff" study conducted at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

http://www.chromatographytoday.com/news/preparative/33/breaking_news/analysing_harmful_chemicals_from_e-cigarettes/40428/

Big Pharma funded authors of article in NEJM exaggerate the negligible and hypothetical risks of vaping, deny the enormous health benefits vaping has already provided for millions of smokers and exsmokers, falsely claim only clinical trials can determine vaping's effectiveness for helping smokers quit smoking.

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMra1502466?>

NCI funded UCSF anti-vaping and anti-marijuana activists lobby for cigarette protecting vaping bans by demonizing tobacco, marijuana and vaping, but confirm that many young adults in Denver (CO) vape marijuana and smoke marijuana via blunts (in sharp contrast to CDC's false classification of many marijuana smokers and vapers as tobacco users to lobby for FDA's deeming rule).

http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/25/Suppl_1/i96.full

Fairchild and Bayer again equivocate about the benefits and risks of vaping
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-amy-fairchild/the-real-reason-why-eciga_b_12308108.html

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Submission: November 1, 2016

From: Robert B. Sklaroff, M.D.
To: Submissions
Subject: Fwd: Tobacco Harm Reduction Update
Date: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 3:01 PM

Again, for your committee:

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From: Bill Godshall <billgodshall@verizon.net<mailto:billgodshall@verizon.net>>
Date: Tue, Nov 1, 2016 at 2:48 PM
Subject: Tobacco Harm Reduction Update
To: BillGodshall@verizon.net<mailto:BillGodshall@verizon.net>

Public Health Surveillance

FDA/NIH funded study (coauthored by former CDC Office of Smoking and Health Director Michael Eriksen) finds tripling of American adults who inaccurately believe vaping is just as or more harmful than smoking cigarettes (from 13% to 40%) from 2012-2015, as well as those who inaccurately believe vaping is addictive (from 32% to 68%); wisely concludes “The study highlights the need to design public health messages that accurately interpret the scientific data on the potential harm of e-cigarettes and clearly differentiate the absolute from the relative harm of e-cigarettes.”

[http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797\(16\)30443-3/fulltext](http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797(16)30443-3/fulltext)

[http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797\(16\)30443-3/pdf](http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797(16)30443-3/pdf)

<http://news.gsu.edu/2016/10/25/georgia-state-researchers-finds-perception-e-cigarette-harm-growing-among-american-adults/>

<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/electronic-cigarettes-970/more-american-adults-think-e-cigs-as-harmful-as-cigarettes-survey-716237.html>

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-10-perception-e-cigarette-adults.html>

http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/e-cig-studies-provide-more-conflicting-outcomes-on-potential-harm/article_f1bf6e4b-90e8-5c52-86c5-f845e4808150.html

The cause of this change (not mentioned by the authors) was the massive War on Vaping (by Obama’s DHHS, Legacy & Big Pharma funded CTFK, ACS, AHA, ALA, AAP, etc. since 2009) to ban vapor products and deceive Americans about vapor benefits and risks.

ASH Fact Sheet: Young people’s regular use of e-cigarettes in Great Britain

2016 survey finds just 1% of 11-18 year olds in UK use e-cigarettes more than once/week

<http://ash.org.uk/download/use-of-electronic-cigarettes-among-children-in-great-britain/>

Note that, in contrast to the US, health agencies and charities in the UK did NOT issue hundreds of press releases and junk studies with “e-cigarettes” and “kids” in the headline, which have encouraged and dared nonsmoking US teens to experiment with vaping.

Young people's regular use of e-cigarettes still low

<http://www.onmedica.com/NewsArticle.aspx?id=ceedfb46-cafe-421b-a52e-ced0b1e0d73c>

Vapor Research

Dr. Robert West – Bias in public health research: with examples from e-cigarette research (critiques bias and false claims by Stan Glantz & other anti-vaping junk science activists)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiBwjv13IJs>

Dr. Robert Cranfield: Formaldehyde in electronic cigarettes vs combustible tobacco

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxuFSGjZeBg>

Simple demonstration debunks NEJM e-cig formaldehyde lie, shows cigarette smoke create 60 times more formaldehyde than an e-cig, cigar smoke create 100 times more.

Could vaping be a new weapon in the battle of the bulge?

<http://ntr.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/10/23/ntr.ntw278>

Study finds e-cigarettes may prevent weight gain in smokers trying to quit

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-obesity-ecigarettes-idUSKCN12P1DB>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3870216/How-e-cigarettes-help-fight-obesity-Vaping-using-food-flavours-helps-suppress-cravings.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/oct/25/vaping-could-help-prevent-ex-smokers-piling-on-the-pounds-research-suggests>

http://www.vice.com/en_au/read/is-vaping-actually-the-secret-to-weight-loss

Review of 53 longitudinal studies of youth finds vaping NOT among 98 different potential predictors of cigarette smoking onset by teens [http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797\(16\)30094-0/fulltext](http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797(16)30094-0/fulltext)

Jerome Harlay: What do scientists think about vaping?

Konstantinos Farsalinos at Vapexpo 2016, Paris <http://www.vapingpost.com/2016/10/07/what-do-scientists-think-konstantinos-farsalinos-at-vapexpo-2016-paris/>

Frances Thirlway – Everyday tactics in local moral worlds: E-cigarette practices in a working-class area of the UK

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0277953616305809>

Vapor at WHO FCTC COP-7

UK Centre for Tobacco and Alcohol Studies issues Commentary on WHO Report on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (UK health experts issue devastating critique on WHO anti-vaping propaganda report)

<http://ukctas.net/pdfs/UKCTAS-response-to-WHO-ENDS-report-26.10.2016.pdf>

<http://ukctas.net/news/commentary-on-WHO-report-on-ENDS&ENNDS.html>

http://ukctas.net/pdfs/UKCTAS-PR-WHO_E-cigs.pdf

The main concerns with the WHO report are as follows:

- Positioning ENDS as a threat rather than opportunity.
- Failure to quantify risk.
- Inadequate comparisons with smoking.

- Misrepresenting second hand ENDS vapour risks.
- Discounting the evidence that ENDS do help smokers quit.
- ENDS marketing can be anti-smoking advertising.
- Flavours are essential to the appeal of ENDS as alternative to smoking.
- Mischaracterisation of the ENDS market and role of tobacco transnationals.
- Unjustified support for ENDS prohibition.
- Policy proposals made with no supporting policy analysis.
- No assessment of unintended consequences.
- Transparency and quality.

Clive Bates: WHO's anti-vaping scientific castle of cards toppled

<http://www.clivebates.com/?p=4457>

UK scientists to WHO: your vape report is junk <http://vaping360.com/uk-scientists-attack-who-vape-report/>

Clive Bates: First build your echo chamber – how WHO excludes dissent and diversity

<http://www.clivebates.com/?p=4426>

Julian Morris: Smokers keen to break the habit get no help from the WHO (paywalled)

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/smokers-keen-to-break-the-habit-get-no-help-from-the-who-1477845612>

Gary Johns: WHO must allow wider debate on dealing with worldwide smoking problem

<http://english.caixin.com/2016-10-20/100999023.html>

New book by Gary Johns – Throw open the Doors: The World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

<https://www.amazon.com/Throw-Open-Doors-Organization-Convention/dp/1925501256>

Tobacco growers stage protest in Delhi

<http://www.canindia.com/tobacco-growers-stage-protest-in-delhi/>

India's tobacco growers, government face off ahead of WHO conference

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-3877576/Indias-tobacco-industry-government-face-ahead-WHO-conference.html>

WHO FCTC responds to valid criticisms with self praise, call for greater regulation of low risk smokeless tobacco, and more attacks on tobacco companies.

<http://www.who.int/fctc/mediacentre/press-release/cop7-expected-to-see-changes/en/>

More Vaping Education and Advocacy

A Billion Lives coming to a theatre near you <http://resources.tugg.com/billion-lives/>

Rhonda Shaffler: Documentary "A Billion Lives" targets FDA regulations on vaping (interviews Aaron Biebert, Sally Satel and Dave Goerlitz) <https://www.thestreet.com/video/13872381/documentary-quot-a-billion-lives-quot-targets-fda-regulations-on-vaping.html>

Kimber Myers - Review: Pro vaping documentary 'A Billion Lives' makes a compelling case
<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/la-et-mn-capsule-billion-lives-review-20161024-snap-story.html>

Neil Genzlinger - Review: A Billion Lives claims there's a conspiracy against vaping
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/28/movies/a-billion-lives-review.html>

Note the NY Times ran many articles, editorials and letters promoting the War on Vaping in collaboration with Big Pharma shells, Obama's DHHS and its funding recipients.

Beyond the Cloud: A Documentary Film (French) <http://vapenewsmagazine.com/october-2016/beyond-the-cloud-a-documentary-film>
www.vapingpost.com/2015/12/04/documentary-trailer-beyond-the-cloud/
<<http://www.vapingpost.com/2015/12/04/documentary-trailer-beyond-the-cloud/>>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cghFuqHU_o

Regulator Watch: Part 2 / Politicizing Science / Siegel on Glantz & E-Cigs
<https://regulatorwatch.com/brent/part-2-politicizing-science-siegel-on-glantz-e-cigs/>

Head in the clouds: The complete noobe's guide to e-cigs and vaping
<https://www.yahoo.com/music/complete-beginner-guide-ecigarettes-vaping-191551109.html>

Louise Ross: E-cigarette samples – a legitimate way of helping people to switch?
<http://www.clivebates.com/?p=4446>
(note that US FDA's deeming rule banned vapor companies from giving free samples)

Public Health Philanthropy

Giving can go a long way, even around the world (David Sweanor to be honored as Outstanding Individual Philanthropist in Ottawa) <http://healthbridge.ca/news/entry/giving-can-go-a-long-way-even-around-the-world>
<http://healthbridge.ca/board/entry/david-t.-sweanor>
<http://afpottawa.afpnet.org/content.cfm?contentItemID=173058&navItemNumber=37643>

Civil Justice

Anti-smoking experts to sue Times for claims of tobacco payouts Times apologizes to one in group of scientists suing for defamation after paper claimed they accepted money from tobacco companies
<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2016/oct/23/anti-smoking-experts-to-sue-times-for-claims-of-tobacco-payouts>

Public Safety Surveillance

Fire deaths down dramatically in Minnesota, 'vaping' may be one reason
<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/10/24/fire-deaths-fall-in-minnesota>

THR Business

Altria reports 1.0% decline in cigarette volume in 3Q16 (and a 3% decline when adjusted for inventory), reports 5.6% increase in smokeless tobacco volume in 3Q16, reports its plan to partner with PMI to submit a MRTP application for iQOS to FDA by the end of 2016 and to submit a PMTA for iQOS to FDA in the first quarter of 2017.

<http://www.altria.com/Media/Press-Releases/Pages/PressReleaseDetails.aspx?reqID=2216476>

CORRECTION (of comment in 10/19/16 THR Update):

iQOS was NOT on sale in the US on August 8, 2016, and won't be sold in the US until/unless FDA approves the PMTA for iQOS (which could occur in 3Q17)

One day I hope we won't sell cigarettes, says Marlboro boss Philip Morris chief Andre Calantzopoulos is puffing up his 'reduced-risk' product. But will the public health lobby listen?

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/business/one-day-i-hope-we-wont-sell-cigarettes-says-marlboro-boss-zfclx5dt>

Philip Morris fearless about going smokeless <http://asia.nikkei.com/Business/Companies/Philip-Morris-fearless-about-going-smokeless>

Retailer interest in heat-not-burn cigarettes despite lack of product

http://www.journalnow.com/business/business_news/local/retailer-interest-in-heat-not-burn-cigarettes-rising-despite-lack/article_c456bb84-13ed-52ba-912b-cb0b41e845ac.html

Japan Tobacco reports .1% increase in tobacco shipment volume (includes many different tobacco products) for 3Q16 http://www.jti.com/files/1614/7789/3267/12016Q3_JTI_Results_for_the_3-month_period_ended_September_30_2016.pdf

Vaper-ised! Why boom in e-cigarettes is key to BAT and Reynolds's £38bn merger as tobacco sales go up in smoke <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/markets/article-3862312/Vaper-ised-boom-e-cigarettes-key-38bn-merger-tobacco-sales-smoke.html>

Reynolds deal could help British American Tobacco make up lost ground; US company would bring with it technology to catch up in race over alternatives to cigarettes

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/reynolds-deal-could-help-british-american-make-up-lost-ground-1477236062>

Past, future intertwine in landmark deal (BAT's potential acquisition of Reynolds)

http://www.journalnow.com/news/past-future-intertwine-in-landmark-deal/article_a3935605-14fa-5b41-85c4-c413eac566e6.html

A BAT deal with Reynolds adds to Big Tobacco's e-cig advantage <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-reynolds-amricn-m-a-vape-analysis-idUSKCN12P2YW>

The real reason Big Tobacco is getting even bigger

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/10/21/the-real-reason-big-tobacco-is-getting-even-bigger/>

THR/Vapor Policy Conferences

FDLI Conference held on October 27 in DC: Tobacco and Nicotine Policies and Products at a Regulatory and Legislative Crossroads <http://www.fdpi.org/conferences/tobaccodc-2016/#agenda>

2016 E-Cigarette Summit, November 17, Royal Society in London <http://www.e-cigarette-summit.com/>
(note that all American presenters [Abrams, Benowitz, Leischow, Miller] endorsed FDA's Deeming Regulation that bans all vapor product sales to US adults on 8/8/2018)

Regulations for E-cigarettes, Alexandria, VA on December 6-7, 2016 <http://www.e-cig-regulations.com/agenda>

FDA

In Nicopure Labs v FDA, Judge Amy Berman Jackson orders both sides to submit a supplemental memorandum by November 1 regarding nicotine-free e-liquid (that FDA claims is a tobacco product) <http://www.tobacco-on-trial.com/2016/10/26/docket-for-nicopure-labs-v-fda-et-al-oct-17-26-2016/>

FDA responds to joint CAA/CRA/IPCPR lawsuit (full text of cigar industry lawsuit and FDA's response brief) <http://halfwheel.com/fda-reponds-to-joint-caacraipcpr-lawsuit/132525>

Libertarian Gary Johnson first presidential contender to condemn FDA vaping regs <http://vapenewsmagazine.com/uncategorized/johnson-campaign-first-to-condemn-fda-vaping-regs>
<http://guidetovaping.com/2016/10/04/presidential-campaign-endorses-vaping/>

Brad Rodu: FDA tobacco director ignores 2.5 million anecdotal reports about e-cigarettes <http://www.rstreet.org/op-ed/fda-tobacco-director-ignores-2-5-million-anecdotal-reports-about-e-cigarettes/>
<http://rodotobaccotruth.blogspot.com/2016/10/fda-tobacco-director-ignores-25-million.html>

VTA criticizes FDA Deeming Regulation for banning sales of safer vapor products <http://vaportechnology.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/FINAL-Safety-Release-10.26.16.pdf>

Brittany Hunter: The Government's War on Vaping <https://fee.org/articles/the-governments-war-on-vaping/>
<http://blog.generationopportunity.org/articles/2016/10/15/governments-war-vaping/>

The e-cigarette ban: A win for liars and Big Tobacco Capital Research Center's Dr. Steven Allen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6f1VJ1OWE0>

Pro-vaping advocates held Wisconsin rally to protest government overreach <http://vapenewsmagazine.com/agent-vape/pro-vaping-advocates-held-wisconsin-rally-to-protest-government-overreach>

Eric Boehm: Why is FDA dragging its feet on admitting snus is safer than smoking? <http://reason.com/blog/2016/10/24/why-is-the-fda-dragging-its-feet-on-auth>

Brad Rodu – Intelligent Regulation of Smokeless Tobacco: Currently an Oxymoron
<http://rodutobaccotruth.blogspot.com/2016/10/intelligent-regulation-of-smokeless.html>

Former FDA deputy commissioner Josh Sharfstein (who began FDA's War on Vaping by unlawfully banning lifesaving e-cigs in 2009, and who lobbied Congress to enact the cigarette protecting TCA and oppose all THR amendments) hired by Johns Hopkins to administer \$300 million grant from vaping prohibitionist Michael Bloomberg <http://www.baltimoresun.com/health/blog/bs-md-sharfstein-hopkins-20161027-story.html>

Edolaru Cigars quits cigar business due to FDA regulations
<http://halfwheel.com/eduardo-de-lara-of-edolaro-cigars-leaving-cigar-industry/132584>

Federal regulation threatens Florida's historic premium cigar industry
<http://watchdog.org/279367/federal-regulation-cigar/>

Marco Rubio highlights problems with new FDA cigar rules
<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/marco-rubio-highlights-problems-with-new-fda-cigar-rules/article/2605137>

Rubio visits regulation-burdened historic cigar manufacturer
<http://www.sunshinestateneews.com/story/rubio-visits-regulation-burdened-historic-cigar-manufacturer>

Republicans raise trademark concerns about Cuban cigars <http://origin-ny.thehill.com/regulation/302215-republicans-raise-trademark-concerns-about-cuban-cigars>

FDA issues revised Guidance for Tobacco Ingredient Listings (requiring ingredient list submissions by February 8, 2017, and August 8, 2017 for small-scale manufacturers), public comments accepted until November 28, 2016
<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/ucm191982.htm>

FDA falsely touts its many CTP guidances that protect cigarettes as intended to "support the public health goals of the Tobacco Control Act"
<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/RulesRegulationsGuidance/ucm281147.htm>

FDA to host November 17 webinar to exaggerate low risks of vapor and other smokefree tobacco products, to encourage more nurses to comment and report their concerns about vaping and OTP use to FDA <http://www.fda.gov/ForHealthProfessionals/LearningActivities/ucm524662.htm>

FDA study touts 2014 US adult survey data on flavored vapor and OTP use, demonizes flavored vapor and OTP, falsely classifies all vapers as tobacco users, ignores cigarettes.
<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/early/2016/10/28/tobaccocontrol-2016-053373.full>

Mike Siegel: Why are FDA and CDC incapable of telling the truth? E-cigarettes are NOT a form of tobacco use <http://tobaccoanalysis.blogspot.com/2016/10/why-are-cdc-and-fda-incapable-of.html>

CDC

Brad Rodu – Memo to Feds: Tobacco ≠ Smoking <http://rodutobaccotruth.blogspot.com/2016/10/memo-to-feds-tobacco-smoking.html>

CDC issues chart showing 2015 NHIS data found adult smokers and exsmokers were far more likely to vape during past-30-days than never smokers; found 58.8% of past-30-day vapers cigarette smokers, 29.8% were former smokers, and 11.4% never smoked; touts CDC weblink that falsely claims switching away from cigarettes (i.e. dual use) to vapor and/or smokeless tobacco “is not an effective way to safeguard your health” and touts CDC ad falsely hinting that e-cigs may have caused Kristi’s lung cancer. https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6542a7.htm?s_cid=mm6542a7_e
<http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/diseases/dual-tobacco-use.html>

CDC’s new webpage for Lung Cancer Awareness month fails to mention that vapor and smokeless tobacco products are far less harmful alternatives to cigarettes that have helped millions of smokers quit and/or sharply reduce cigarette consumption to reduce lung cancer risk, touts ineffective and less than safe Big Pharma smoking cessation products.
<https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/resources/features/lungcancer/>

Cancer Moonshot

VP Joe Biden’s Cancer Moonshot report to President Obama fails to recommend anything to reduce cigarette smoking (which caused most preventable cancer deaths in the US during the past 5 decades, and is still the leading cause of cancer deaths); fails to mention vaping could reduce cancer deaths more than all Cancer Moonshot initiatives.
https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/finalvp_exec_report_10-17-16final_3.pdf
<https://medium.com/cancer-moonshot/my-report-to-the-president-3c64b0dae863#.jfovodqrt>
https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/10/17/fact-sheet-vice-president-biden-delivers-cancer-moonshot-report?s_cid=govD_CancerNewsOctober27_03

Cancer Research

ACS study estimates 28.6% of all 2014 cancer deaths in the US (i.e. 167,133) were caused by cigarette smoking, estimates cigarette attributable cancer deaths for all states (from 16.6% in Utah to 34% in Kentucky) and sexes (33.7% for men, 22.9% for women); but authors blame tobacco industry and lack of tobacco control laws, and fail to disclose Big Pharma has funded ACS for 25 years to promote anti-THR policies and propaganda to prevent and discourage smokers from switching to low risk smokefree alternatives.
<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/2571615>
<http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-cancer-deaths-smoking-20161024-snap-story.html>
<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-smoking-cancer-states-idUSKCN12O2KU>
<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2016/10/24/one-fourth-us-cancer-deaths-linked-with-1-thing-smoking.html>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3867534/One-fourth-US-cancer-deaths-linked-1-thing-smoking.html>

Note that ACS has lobbied FDA to ban vapor products since 2009, lobbied to ban vaping in workplaces since 2010, and lobbied to tax vapor the same rate as cigarettes since 2014.

Litigation

Engle jury awards \$29 million in damages against Reynolds

http://www.journalnow.com/business/business_news/local/engle-jury-awards-million-in-damages-against-reynolds/article_dd5595c4-0cc2-5bee-bafa-ec171beca26d.html

Taxation

PA House ends regular session of 2015/16 without taking action on bill (HB 2342) to change 40% vapor tax to \$.05/ml tax on e-liquid.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ELVPA/permalink/1331551440196535/>

<http://www.house.state.pa.us/>

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/SC/HC/0/RC/CAL.PDF?r=1477593601794>

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2015&sInd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=2342>

BNA: State ballot initiatives aimed at increasing tobacco taxes <http://www.bna.com/extras-excise-state-b57982078832/>

Vaping vendors fear 67% e-cigarette tax will crush their businesses (CA)

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/10/25/vaping-vendors-fear-e-cigarette-tax-will-crush-their-businesses/>

Vapers beware: E-cigarettes in line for a big tax increase if Proposition 56 passes (CA)

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-vaping-tax-proposition-56-20161024-snap-story.html>

Vaping on the verge: Prop 56 would tax it like tobacco

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/Vaping-on-the-verge-Prop-56-would-tax-it-like-10151863.php>

Poll finds support for CA tobacco/vapor taxes and marijuana legalization ballot measures

<http://elections.kqed.org/article/11146573/harris-widens-lead-marijuana-legalization-cigarette-tax-ahead-in-ppic-poll>

<http://www.ppic.org/main/publication.asp?i=1218>

FDA/NIH funded vaping prohibitionist Stan Glantz keeps lying to push huge vapor tax in Prop 56, falsely claims “Electronic cigarettes are extending and expanding the tobacco epidemic” (as vaping has helped millions quit smoking and has reduced the cigarette epidemic, while no tobacco epidemic exists), “They are bringing a whole new group of kids into the tobacco market who would never start cigarettes.” (as teen smoking has declined by half since teen smokers began switching to vaping, and the 2015 MTF found <20% of teen vapers vaped nicotine), “If voters pass 56, I think we will wipe out tobacco as a health issue in the next few years,” (as millions of New Yorkers still smoke despite no vapor tax, a \$4.35/pack cigarette tax, and an additional \$1.50/pack tax in NYC).

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/Vaping-on-the-verge-Prop-56-would-tax-it-like-10151863.php>

Bloomberg editorial falsely claims a \$.60/pack cigarette tax hike measure in Missouri is “a mockery of the very idea of sin taxes”, repeats false claims by CTFK/ACS/AHA/ALA

<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2016-10-24/tobacco-taxes-work-but-only-if-they-re-high>

In fact, a \$.60/pack cigarette tax in MO (from \$.17 to \$.77/pack) would reduce cigarette sales in MO by >10%, and would significantly reduce cigarette smuggling to other states.

Kansas City Chamber of Commerce opposes \$.60/pack cigarette tax hike ballot measure by falsely claiming it “is insufficient to effectively cut the rate of smoking”

<http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article110498282.html>

Dueling Missouri tobacco tax initiatives causing confusion [http://www.nbc-](http://www.nbc-2.com/story/33447442/dueling-missouri-tobacco-tax-initiatives-causing-confusion)

[2.com/story/33447442/dueling-missouri-tobacco-tax-initiatives-causing-confusion](http://www.nbc-2.com/story/33447442/dueling-missouri-tobacco-tax-initiatives-causing-confusion)

Poll shows Missouri voters not fired up about raising nation’s lowest cigarette tax

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/poll-shows-missouri-voters-not-fired-up-about-raising-nation/article_1d19c4ea-48af-58e7-ac78-40c24aaadbef.html

Flavoring Sales Bans

Yolo County (CA) Supervisors ban sales of flavored vapor and OTP (but not far more harmful menthol cigarettes) due to fear mongering lies by THR opponents

<http://halfwheel.com/yolo-county-calif-passes-ban-on-flavored-tobacco/132691>

<http://www.dailydemocrat.com/article/NI/20161027/NEWS/161029875>

Raucous hearing on restrictions on flavored tobacco products ends abruptly in Leominster (MA)

http://www.sentinelenterprise.com/breakingnews/ci_30506937/raucous-hearing-restrictions-flavored-tobacco-ends-abruptly-leominster

Tobacco/Vapor Retailer Ban

Philadelphia Board of Health to vote on tobacco/vapor retailer ban/restrictions on Nov 10th

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/20161018_Philly_effort_to_restrict_tobacco_sellers_moves_forward.html

Vaping Bans

Allegheny County (PA) Board of Health is scheduled to consider and vote on its proposed vaping ban at its meeting on Wednesday, November 2 at 12:30PM

<http://www.achd.net/chrond/smoking/ecig.html>

<http://www.achd.net/board/meetings.html>

http://www.achd.net/board/pubs/pdf/110216_BOH_Agenda.pdf

Malta Health Minister Chris Fearne conflates lifesaving vapor products with deadly cigarettes, says vaping will also be banned (along with smoking) in cars with a minor

http://www.maltatoday.com.mt/lifestyle/health/70949/ban_on_smoking_in_cars_carrying_minors_will_include_electronic_cigarettes#.WBZxktQrLMo

Minimum age

Medford (MA) increases minimum age for tobacco and vapor sales to 21 (article includes map of MA municipalities where Boards of Health increased the minimum age to 21)

<http://medford.wickedlocal.com/news/20161025/medford-raises-tobacco-purchasing-age-from-18-to-21>

DC Council debating raising age to buy tobacco (and vapor) products to 21
<http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/212486083-story>

Haldon (NJ) increases minimum age for tobacco and vapor sales to 21
<http://halfwheel.com/haldon-n-j-raises-smoking-age-to-21-today/131767>

Canada

The Fifth Estate – E-cigarettes: Welcome Back Big Tobacco; 40 minute Canadian TV documentary reveals lifesaving benefits of vaping for smokers, interviews Canadian heart surgeon and vape shop owner Gopal Bhatnagar, Canadian researcher David Hammond, BAT's David O'Reilly, Public Health Ontario's Peter Donnelly, UK researcher Ann McNeill and Imperial Tobacco Canada's Eric Gagnon
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2myg-4zkE8>

Regulator Watch – Access & Choice: Canada's Upcoming Federal Vaping Regs (interviews Canadian Vaping Association's Sam Tan) <https://regulatorwatch.com/brent/access-choice-canadas-upcoming-federal-vaping-regs/>

Public Health Ontario's Peter Donnelly falsely claims vapor products that are sold by tobacco companies will addict many nonsmoking teens and will be gateways to cigarettes (in sharp contrast to evidence from dozens of different countries during the past decade)
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/big-tobacco-public-health-ontario-1.3815921>

Hong Kong

Nicoventures' Stephen Jenkins urges Hong Kong to regulate, instead of ban, e-cigarettes
<http://harbourtimes.com/2016/10/20/market-expert-regulating-e-cigarette-a-one-way-direction/>

Big Pharma drugs

Big Pharma funded ALA and MD Anderson to lobby 7 states to promote more taxpayer subsidization of ineffective NRT and counseling, less than safe Chantix to smokers.
<http://www.pharmacist.com/article/ala-and-md-anderson-center-target-7-states-increased-smoking-cessation-efforts>

Pfizer to receive an estimated \$900 million of revenue in 2016 from Chantix sales (with the vast majority of money paid by taxpayers and healthcare insurance policy holders)
<http://marketrealist.com/2016/10/chantix-expected-boost-pfizers-revenues-2016/>

End Gamer Embraces THR

Anti-THR activist Ruth Malone (editor of Tobacco Control) now endorses low risk vaping and smokeless tobacco for reducing cigarette smoking in End Game editorial

<http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/25/6/607.full>

“Yet, e-cigarettes and the burgeoning list of other non-combustible tobacco and nicotine products could represent potential leverage for accomplishing what once seemed unthinkable: phasing out combustible

cigarettes, the single most deadly consumer product ever marketed. Yes, these other products may cause harm. Yes, there may be unintended and unanticipated negative consequences. But we do not require a single additional study to know with absolute certainty that the continued sale and use of cigarettes will reliably deliver more disease, death and suffering than any other product. And we do know that for at least some people who smoke, the use of these alternative tobacco and nicotine products is acceptable as a substitute or a transition to quitting. Let's keep our eyes on the prize.”

Cigarette Prohibition (i.e. mandating low-nicotine cigarettes)

Lynn Kozlowski: Why requiring low-nicotine cigarettes is still ill-advised

<http://theconversation.com/why-requiring-low-nicotine-cigarettes-is-still-ill-advised-66545>

22nd Century Group falsely claims low nicotine cigarettes “reduce harm from smoking”

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20161026006058/en/Santa-Fe-Natural-Tobacco-Company-Executive-Joins>

THR Junk Science, Propaganda and Lies

Peter Hajek debunks claims by authors of junk snus prostate cancer study (of ever users)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27582277>

<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/press-releases/smokeless-tobacco-snus-prostate-cancer-death/>

<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/chewing-or-snuff-tobacco-health-news-663/smokeless-tobacco-tied-to-higher-risk-of-prostate-cancer-death-715823.html>

http://www.medpagetoday.com/clinical-context/ProstateCancer/60760?xid=nl_mpt_DHE_2016-10-14&eun=g220600d0r&pos=0

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ijc.30411/full>

NIH funded study (published by Big Pharma funded AAP Pediatrics) touts and complains about a 2014 finding that 3/4th of teens knew vaping was less harmful than cigarette smoking, coauthor Stephen Amrock falsely claims vaping is a gateway to cigarettes, and that vaping is renormalizing smoking (after smoking rates are at record lows) <https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/electronic-cigarettes-970/teens-think-e-cigarettes-are-safer-than-tobacco-716148.html>

<http://www.aappublications.org/news/2016/10/17/e-cigarette-and-teen-smoking-other-tobacco-products-pediatrics-1016>

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2016/10/20/peds.2015-4306.abstract>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/many-kids-say-e-cigarettes-may-be-okay-even-as-experts-debate-their-safety/2016/10/28/1aaf3212-9b96-11e6-9980-50913d68each_story.html

<http://health.usnews.com/health-care/articles/2016-10-25/3-in-4-teens-think-e-cigarettes-safer-than-tobacco-survey>

<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/electronic-cigarettes-970/teens-think-e-cigarettes-are-safer-than-tobacco-716148.html>

<http://www.psychcongress.com/news/kids-believe-e-cigs-less-dangerous-cigarettes>

Big Pharma financed AAP’s Robert McMillen (who FDA appointed to its TPSAC after he demonized vaping and urged FDA to ban vapor products) urges vaping bans in vapers’ homes, deceitfully claims vapor and trace levels of nicotine are toxic, cites irrelevant attitudes of nonvapers (who were deceived about vaping by Obama’s DHHS, Big Pharma shills and left wing Democrats) as reasons to ban vaping in vapers’ homes.

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2016-10-adults-surveyed-dont-e-cigarette-deposits.html>
<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/electronic-cigarettes-970/many-adults-unaware-e-cigarettes-can-hurt-kids-study-715954.html>

"E-cigarettes primarily emit a toxic aerosol, not harmless water vapor," Dr. McMillen said.

Peter Hajek debunks DHHS conducted and funded junk study claiming e-cigs don't help smokers quit smoking

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27769302>

Yet another FDA/NIH funded study falsely insinuates that trace nontoxic levels of constituents in vapor products are toxic

<http://www.nature.com/articles/srep35577>

Snus and Vapor prohibitionist Simon Chapman criticizes public health advocates who support smokers switching to far lower risk snus and vapor products

<https://theconversation.com/big-tobacco-sees-its-future-in-cigarettes-not-vaping-67363>

Australian researchers to study vaping, but reporter claims there's "no evidence" vaping helps smokers quit (note that nicotine vapor products were banned in Australia in 2008)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbeQ_zdi7Po

Opioid Harm Reduction / Marijuana Legalization

Gallup poll finds 58% of American adults support legalizing marijuana use, with age strongly correlated (i.e. the younger the age group, the more support for legalization)

<http://www.gallup.com/poll/186260/back-legal-marijuana.aspx>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/10/19/gallup-support-for-marijuana-legalization-surges-to-new-highs/>

Pew survey finds 57% of American adults support legalizing marijuana use, including 66% of Democrats, 41% of Republicans and 63% of Independents (with younger age groups supporting legalization more than older age groups) <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/10/12/support-for-marijuana-legalization-continues-to-rise/>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/10/12/support-for-marijuana-legalization-hits-new-heights-ahead-of-november-election/?tid=a_inl

Marijuana legalization is leading in the polls in every state where it is on the ballot this November (CA, MA, AZ, NV, ME) https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/10/05/marijuana-legalization-is-leading-in-every-state-where-its-on-the-ballot-this-november/?tid=a_inl

The mostly false argument that could derail legal weed in California (children)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/08/24/the-mostly-false-argument-that-could-derail-legal-weed-in-california/?tid=a_inl

The Real Reason Pot is Still Illegal (highlights opioid drug company funding of anti-marijuana groups, and financial conflicts among SAM directors) <https://www.thenation.com/article/anti-pot-lobbys-big-bankroll/>

SAM (founded by Patrick Kennedy) opposes marijuana legalization in 5 states

[https://ballotpedia.org/Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action](https://ballotpedia.org/Smart_Approaches_to_Marijuana_Action)

One striking chart shows why pharma companies are fighting legal marijuana

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/07/13/one-striking-chart-shows-why-pharma-companies-are-fighting-legal-marijuana/?tid=a_inl

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/35/7/1230>

Leading anti-marijuana academics are paid by painkiller drug companies

<https://news.vice.com/article/leading-anti-marijuana-academics-are-paid-by-painkiller-drug-companies>

Marijuana Legalization: Pharmaceuticals, Alcohol Industry Among Biggest Opponents of Legal Weed

<http://www.ibtimes.com/marijuana-legalization-pharmaceuticals-alcohol-industry-among-biggest-opponents-legal-weed-1651166>

Money, not morals, drives the marijuana prohibition movement

<http://www.opensecrets.org/news/2014/08/money-not-morals-drives-marijuana-prohibition-movement/>

FDA Commissioner Robert Califf touts FDA's Opioids Action Plan, but fails to acknowledge that the FDA created and promoted America's Opioid addiction and overdose epidemic during the past two decades.

<http://blogs.fda.gov/fdavoce/index.php/2016/10/fdas-opioids-action-plan-a-midyear-checkup/>

FDA/NIH funded vaping prohibitionist Glantz and Big Pharma funded AHA cite NIDA funded rat study to claim 2nd hand marijuana smoke impairs vascular endothelial function (which is what Glantz and other anti-vapers have claimed is also caused by vaping)

<http://tobacco.ucsf.edu/sites/tobacco.ucsf.edu/files/u9/Springer-JAHA%20marijuana.pdf>

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