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Might Smoking Rates go up in Flames?

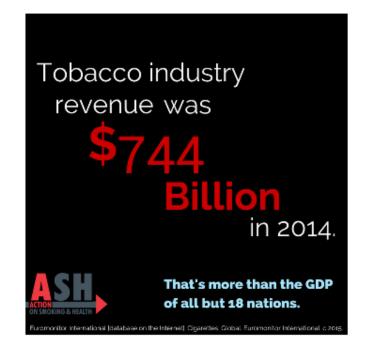
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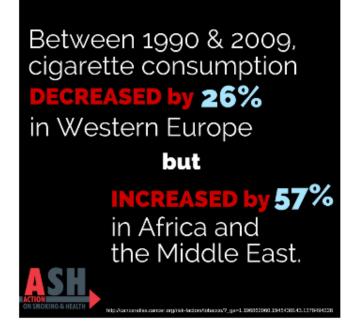




More than 600,000

NON-SMOKERS DIE
each year from
secondhand smoke
worldwide.

1/3 of which are children.

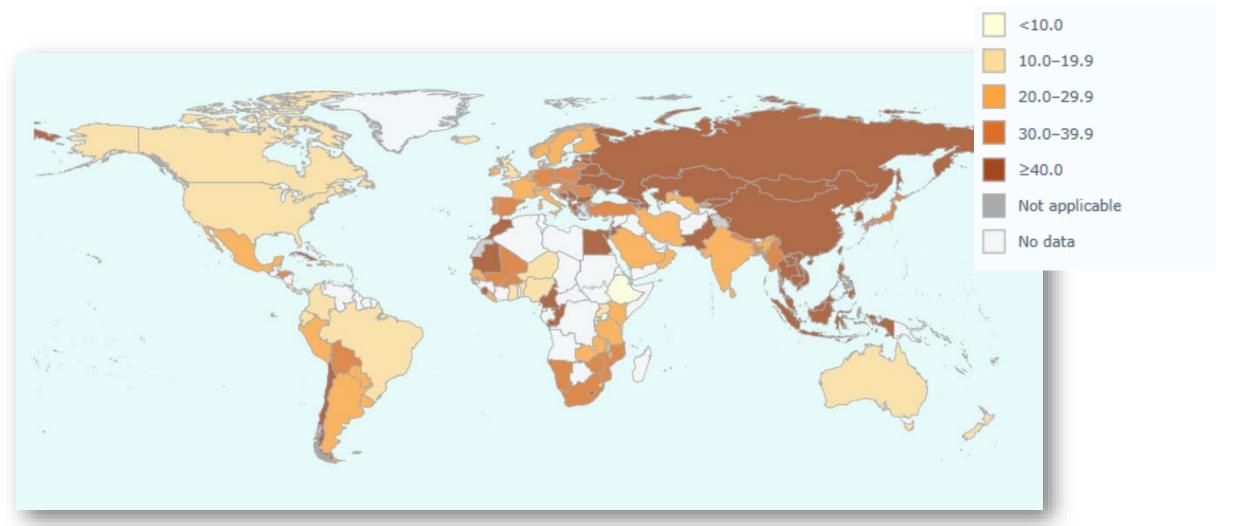


Agenda

- Smoking is still a problem
- Stopping is hard
- Electronic cigarettes
- "Reduced Risk" tobacco products

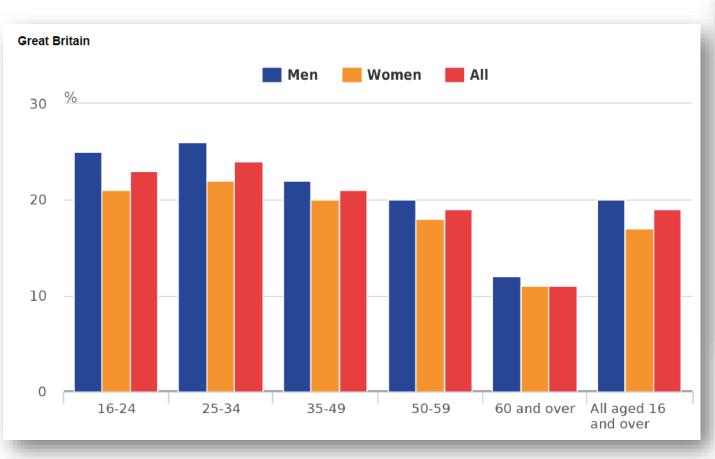


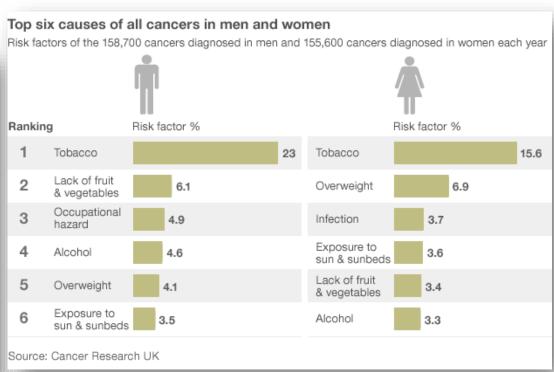
Males >15yr smoking prevalence (WHO)





Percentage of smokers by age and sex, 2014





Source: Opinions and Lifestyle Survey - Office for National Statistics



Smoking prevalence in Ireland





Smoking Prevalence Tracker 2017 Infographic

(This information relates to data collected in the months of March, June, September & December)

Survey carried out by Ipsos MRBI on behalf of the HSE

Headline Data

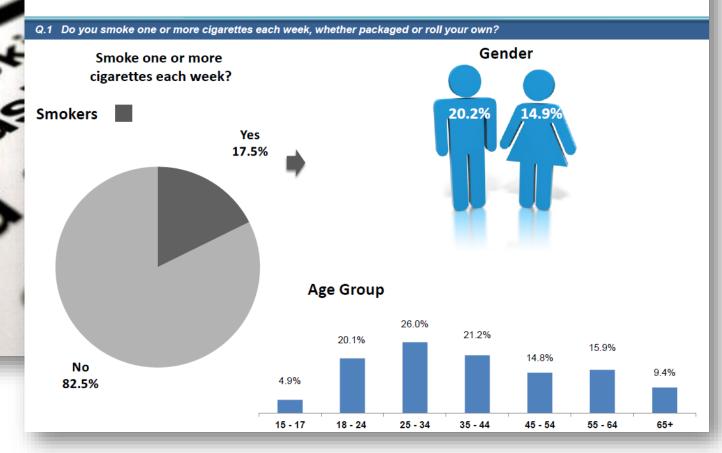
Smoking Prevalence: 17.5%

E Cigarette Use: 5.7%

Roll Your Own (RYO): 29.2%

(% of Smokers using RYO)

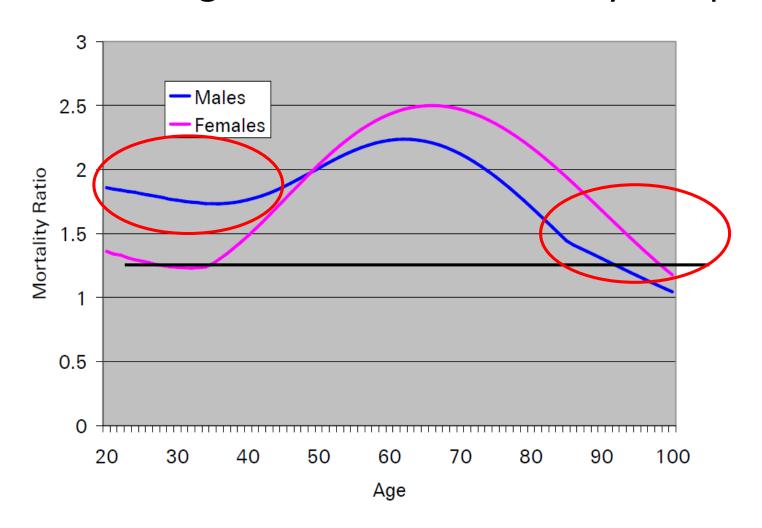






Smoker/non smoker mortality ratios

On average about 170% mortality compared to non smokers









How does quitting (/switching) improve health?

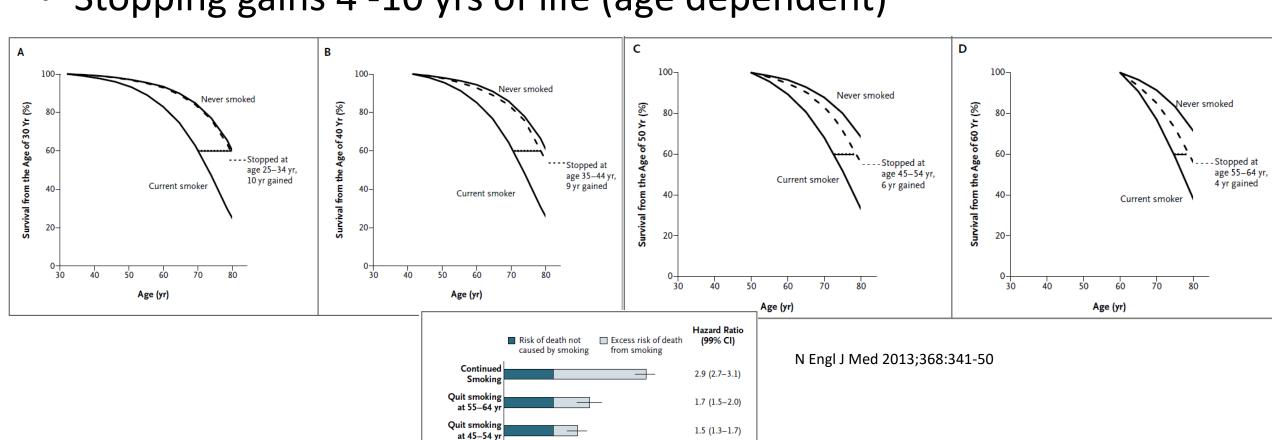
Stopping gains 4 -10 yrs of life (age dependent)

Quit smoking

at 35-44 yr Quit smoking

at 25-34 yi Quit smoking

at <25 yr



Hazard Ratio

1.2 (1.0-1.4)

1.0 (0.8-1.1)

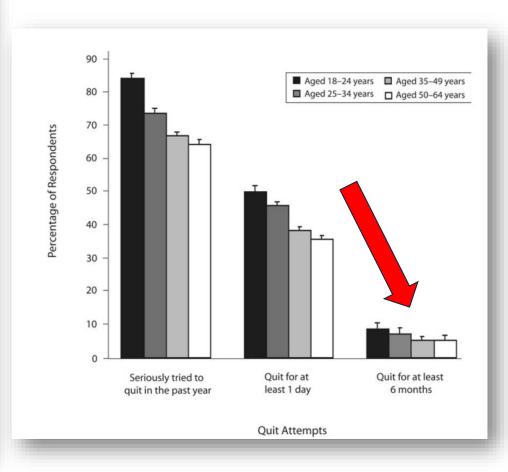
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How easy is it to quit? 2/3 want to, ~5% manage

- Options include
 - cold turkey
 - gum, patches
 - medication
 - (switching)





http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2060414/Want-quit-smoking-Study-finds-6-cent-try-succeed---graduates-likely-kick-habit.html

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2376894/pdf/09 80317.pdf



Electronic Cigarettes - Introduction

- <u>e</u>lectronic <u>n</u>icotine-<u>d</u>elivery <u>s</u>ystem (ENDS)
- Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes): nicotine, flavour and other chemicals. They turn chemicals, including nicotine, into an aerosol (using an atomizer) that is inhaled by the user
- no smoke, no tobacco creates a vapour...hence the term vaping



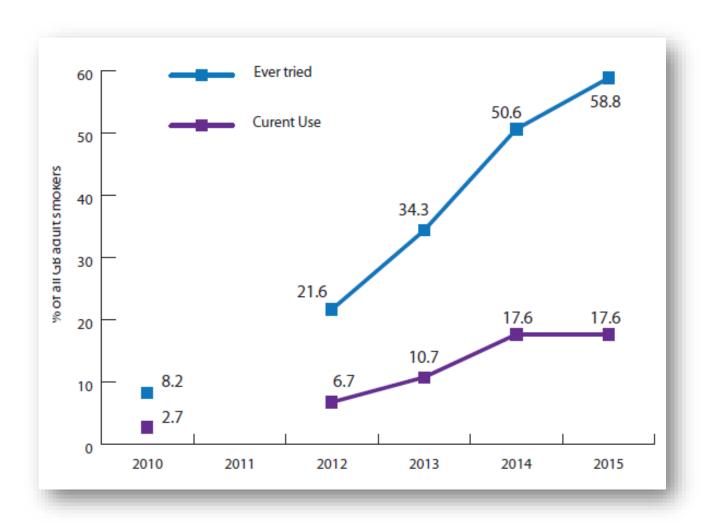






Current adult e-cigarette smokers (2010-2015)

% of all adult GB smokers



ASH Fact Sheet on the use of electronic cigarettes among adults in Great Britain May 2015



E-cigarettes - are they harmful?



"the constituents of cigarette smoke that harm health including carcinogens – are either absent in e-cigarette vapour or, if present, they are mostly at levels much below 5% of smoking doses (mostly below 1% and far below safety limits for occupational exposure)"



Conclusion: Former smokers with long-term e-cigarette-only or NRT-only use may obtain roughly similar levels of nicotine compared with smokers of combustible cigarettes only, but results varied. Long-term NRT-only and e-cigarette-only use, but not dual use of NRTs or e-cigarettes with combustible cigarettes, is associated with substantially reduced levels of measured carcinogens and toxins relative to smoking only combustible cigarettes.



E-cigarettes - what about the aldehydes?

- Recent reports raised a possibility that under certain conditions, EC may release high levels of <u>aldehydes</u> (released in tobacco smoke and contribute to its toxicity)
- Aldehydes are also released with thermal degradation of propylene glycol and glycerol in e-liquids.
- Previous studies detected the presence of aldehydes, especially formaldehyde, in the vapour from some EC, but at levels much lower than in cigarette smoke.
- Across brands, EC released 1/50th of the level of formaldehyde released by cigarettes.
 The highest level detected was six times lower than the level in cigarette smoke.
- Normal vaping generated negligible aldehyde levels. (McRobbie, H., et al., Effects of the use of electronic cigarettes with and without concurrent smoking on acrolein delivery. 2014)

E-cigs haven't been shown to be effective

There haven't been any scientific studies that prove e-cigs actually help people to quit smoking. There is also concern that using e-cigs may lead kids to start smoking regular cigarettes.

The bottom line is that we just don't know enough about e-cigs, so we don't recommend that you use them.

smokefree.gov



Youth effect

• **CONCLUSIONS:** Most US youth view e-cigarettes as less harmful and addictive than cigarettes. Far fewer think similarly about cigars and smokeless tobacco. Increases in e-cigarettes' perceived safety mirrors rapid increases observed in their use. Perceived safety correlates with use of each tobacco product.

Pediatrics November 2016, VOLUME 138 / ISSUE 5 From the American Academy of Pediatrics Article
Perceptions of e-Cigarettes and Noncigarette Tobacco Products Among US Youth Stephen M Amrock, Lily Lee, Michael Weitzman
Article Figures & Data Supplemental Info & Metrics Comments

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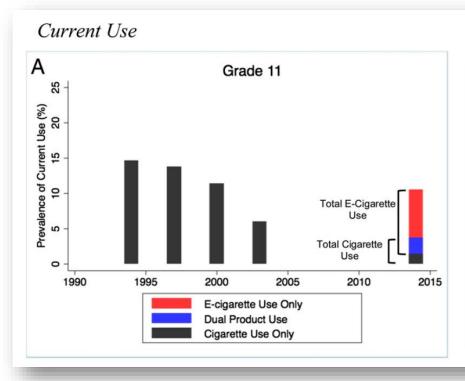
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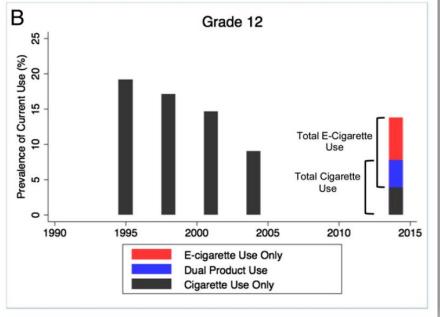
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E-cigarettes, Cigarettes, and the Prevalence of Adolescent Tobacco Use

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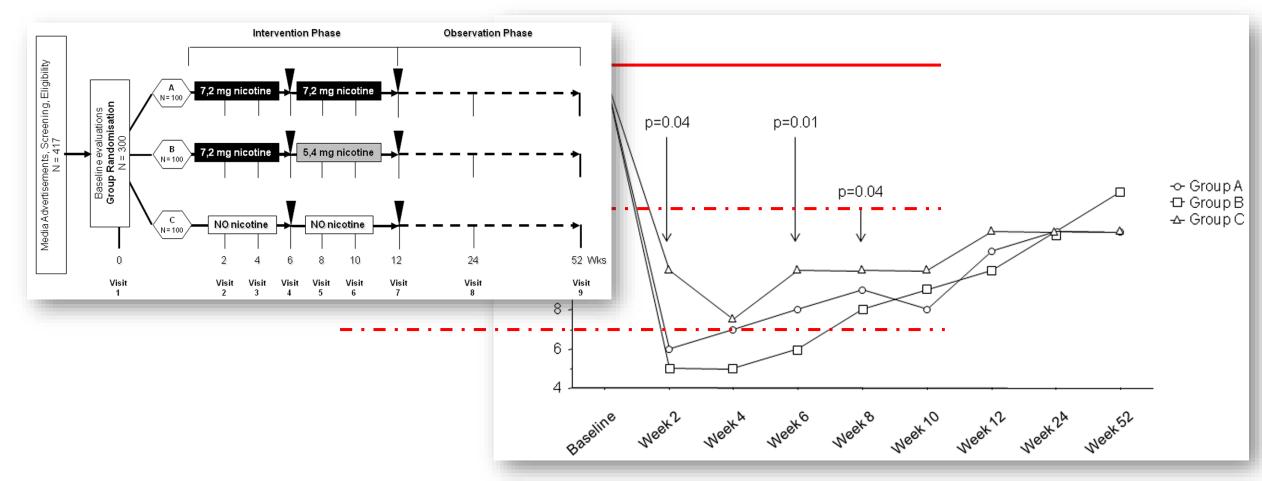


conclusions: Smoking prevalence among Southern California adolescents has declined over 2 decades, but the high prevalence of combined e-cigarette or cigarette use in 2014, compared with historical Southern California smoking prevalence, suggests that e-cigarettes are not merely substituting for cigarettes and indicates that e-cigarette use is occurring in adolescents who would not otherwise have used tobacco products.





E-cigarette users and quitting smoking



Caponnetto P, et al. (2013) Efficiency and Safety of an eLectronic cigAreTte (ECLAT) as Tobacco Cigarettes Substitute: A Prospective 12-Month Randomized Control Design Study. PLoS ONE 8(6): e66317. doi:10.1371



E-cigarette users and quitting smoking

- Respondents were categorized as intensive users (used e-cigarettes daily for at least 1 month), intermittent users (used regularly, but not daily for more than 1 month), and non-users/triers (used e-cigarettes at most once or twice).
- Logistic regression controlling for demographics and tobacco dependence indicated that intensive users of e-cigarettes were 6 times more likely than non-users/triers to report that they quit smoking (OR: 6.07, 95% CI = 1.11, 33.2).



Reduced Risk Tobacco Products





Philip Morris looks beyond cigarettes with alternative products







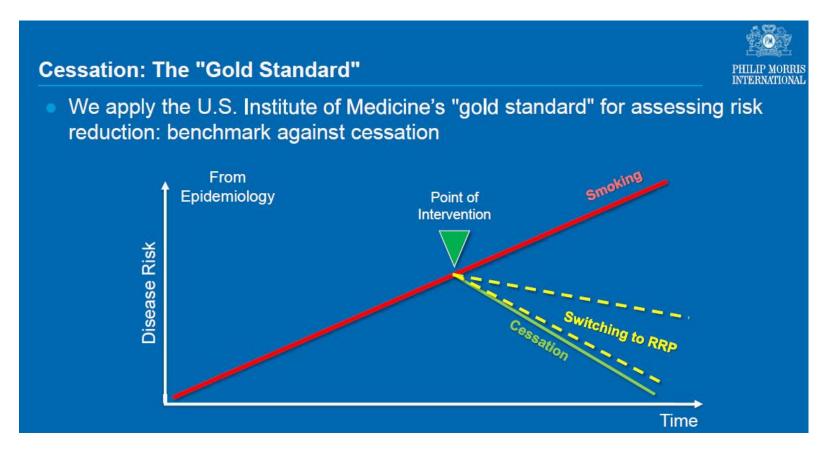


Background

- Philip Morris International CEO has stated: "no more combustible cigarettes by 2050"
- PMI has **invested 3bn USD** in developing a new reduced risk product (RRP) no combustion, only heating of tobacco to $300^{\circ}C$ "heat not burn"
- The data shows risk reduction of >90% (compared to traditional cigarettes)
- They have launched in multiple markets Japan, Europe and UK in Japan alone they have ~15% of the smokers on RRPs
- Single digit % of smokers manage to give up, PMI have managed over 70% conversion in Japan (first market)
- This is the first of 4 different platforms they are developing, all reduced risk products. The second is in live city testing.



Switching vs. Cessation



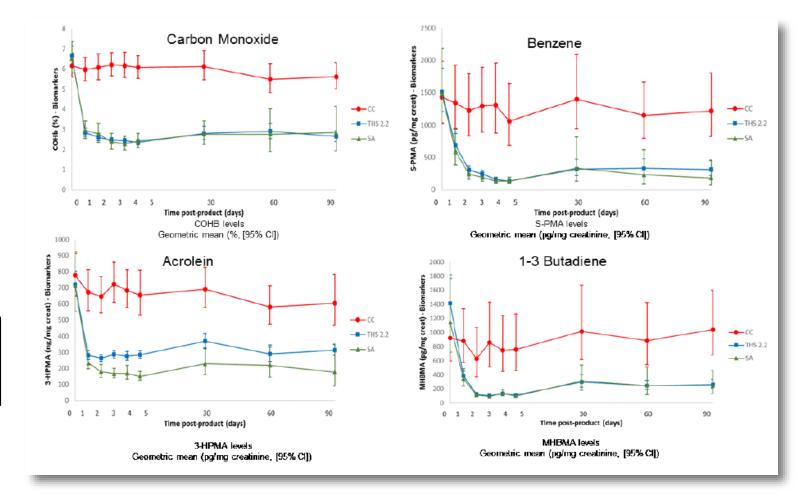




Reduction in exposure

 Reduction in metabolites, carcinogens equivalent to abstinence when smokers switch to RRP

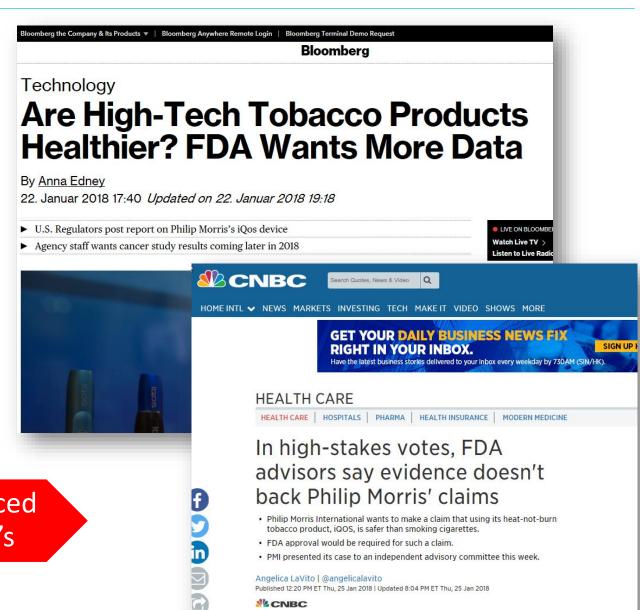






FDA approval

How successful will they be?



reduced exposure

reduced risk

reduced TRI's



What we have think about

- How to test if someone still inhales nicotine?
- How sustainable is the switch?
- How absolute is the switch?
- Do we really know long term outcomes?
- Nicotine = ?lifelong addiction
- How much lower is the risk?



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