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Research question from manuscript:

Why do Hispanic and Native American teens smoke? Specifically, what are the functional values of smoking and what are the perceptions on addiction?

I think the authors mostly answered this question but without any investigation into why some teens choose not to smoke it is difficult to fully understand the phenomenon.

Discussion questions:

1. Why didn’t the authors spend more time interviewing non-smokers about why they didn’t smoke? It seems like most of the reasons they uncovered for smoking have already been identified but there was no mention of the protective factors for non-smokers.