

CURRENT TOBACCO QUESTIONS

Note: Here are some of the questions people frequently ask. These aren't meant to limit your inquiries, but only to indicate the diversity of issues Tobacco Institute representatives discuss.

1. The tobacco industry has labeled the release of the 15th anniversary Surgeon General's Report a "media event." Why?
2. Aren't you really worried that HEW Secretary Califano's "war on smoking" is going to cut into cigarette sales?
3. The Tobacco Institute often points out that it doesn't promote smoking. If that's the case, what is your purpose?
4. A 1978 Gallup poll found 20% of the people would support a total prohibition of cigarette sales. Is prohibition ahead?
5. What's your industry's view on proposals like the one voters rejected in California to ban smoking in public places?
6. Some of those states and communities where it's now illegal to smoke in public say it protects health. What do you say?
7. An HEW scientist, Dr. Gio Gori, published a paper on "less hazardous" cigarettes. Do you accept his conclusions?
8. How do you answer the charge that it's inconsistent for HEW to fight smoking while the USDA subsidizes tobacco growing?
9. What's the impact of tobacco in this country in terms of how many people smoke, numbers of cigarettes sold and taxes paid?
10. There's a recurring rumor about the cigarette companies being geared up for legalized marijuana. Will you tell us about it?

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