Smoking should be illegal for many reasons. Firstly, they not only affect the user themselves but they also affect their surroundings. These including the environment and the people around the smokers. Smoking causes pollution and people all around will be able to breathe in the smoke they exhale. Smoking will also make its users appear less than they would look if they didn't smoke. Their teeth and fingers would turn yellow, their hair would turn grey and thin faster, and they would look older as they are not.(1)

Cigarettes hurt people other than cigarette consumers. If you are willing to take on the health issues from smoking cigarettes, that should be your own right; however, smoking cigarettes pollutes the air that is shared by all human beings, and to potentially put someone else's health at risk for your own desire should never be legal. I hate having to inhale secondhand smoke knowing that it will damage my body. I imagine millions of others who feel the way I do also hate inhaling someone else's pollution.(1)

The cigarette is the deadliest object in the history of human civilization. Cigarettes kill about 6 million people every year, a number that will grow before it shrinks. Smoking in the twentieth century killed only 100 million people, whereas a billion could perish in our century unless we reverse course.1 Even if present rates of consumption drop steadily to zero by 2100, we will still have about 300 million tobacco deaths this century.(2)
Secondhand smoke (SHS) can cause harm in many ways. Each year in the United States alone, it’s responsible for: An estimated 42,000 deaths from heart disease in people who are current non-smokers. About 3,400 lung cancer deaths in non-smoking adults. Worse asthma and asthma-related problems in up to 1 million asthmatic children. (4)

Between 150,000 and 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections (lung and bronchus) in children under 18 months of age, with 7,500 to 15,000 hospitalizations each year. Making children much more likely to be put into intensive care when they have the flu; they stay in the hospital longer, and they’re more likely to need breathing tubes than kids who aren’t exposed to second hand smoke. In the United States, the costs of extra medical care, illness, and death caused by second hand smoke are over $10 billion per year. (4)

Breathing in secondhand smoke over time can cause a number of health problems for non-smokers. They are more likely to have cancer, heart disease, breathing problems, cold and flu, and irritated eyes, nose, or throat. (3)
Smoking is horrible for your health. Smoking is a terrible habit that has immense consequences. Smoking is directly linked with cancer. Smoking increases your risk of blood clots, stroke, heart attacks, and COPD.(Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) It is bad for your teeth and skin. It is harmful to the people around you because of second-hand smoke. From a shallow perspective, it also makes your breath and clothes stink.(1)

- Tobacco smoke is a mixture of gases and particles. It contains more than 7,000 chemical compounds. More than 250 of these chemicals are known to be harmful, and at least 69 are known to cause cancer. Second hand smoke has been linked to lung cancer. There is also some evidence suggesting it might be linked to lymphoma, leukemia, and brain tumors in children, and cancers of the larynx (voice box), pharynx (throat), nasal sinuses, brain, bladder, rectum, stomach.(4)

Nicotine should be considered as bad as other drugs

- More people die from nicotine than Cocaine and heroin(2)
- The nicotine in tobacco that is addictive. Each cigarette contains about 10 milligrams of nicotine and it is more addictive than other drugs.(5)
Why Cigarettes Should Be Illegal

Ever notice people smoking cigarettes and wonder why? (h) Did you know more non-smokers die from second hand smoke than smokers. (f) Cigarettes not only harm the smoker they also also harm non-consumers near someone smoking by secondhand smoke. (b1) Cigarettes hurt the person smoking, (b2) and nicotine should be considered as bad as marijuana, cocaine, heroin and other similar drugs and nicotine should be completely illegal. (b3) More people die from nicotine than cocaine and heroin. (f) Even though most people think that cigarettes should be illegal, an insignificant amount of people think cigarettes should still be legal. (cc) With out a doubt, I think that cigarettes should be illegal all over the world. (t)

Cigarettes harm other people even they are not the ones smoking. If someone is smoking a cigarette it is their own choice to harm themselves. But smokers also harm non-smokers by secondhand smoke. Breathing in secondhand smoke over time can cause a number of health problems for non-smokers. They are more likely to have cancer, heart disease, breathing problems, cold and flu, and irritated eyes, nose, or throat. (3) Secondhand smoke (SHS) can cause harm in many ways. Each year in the United States alone, it’s responsible for an estimated 42,000 deaths from heart disease
in people who are current non-smokers. About 3,400 lung cancer deaths in non-smoking adults. Worse asthma and asthma-related problems in up to 1 million asthmatic children. This is a good reason why cigarettes should be illegal because it no only harms the smoker, it also harms people that are not smoking.

Smoking is bad for your health. Smoking cigarettes is basically a way to completely ruin your health. Smoking is a terrible habit that has immense consequences. Smoking is directly linked with cancer. Smoking increases your risk of blood clots, stroke, heart attacks, and COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). It is bad for your teeth and skin. It is harmful to the people around you because of second-hand smoke. From a shallow perspective, it also makes your breath and clothes stink. Tobacco smoke is a mixture of gases and particles. It contains more than 7,000 chemical compounds. More than 250 of these chemicals are known to be harmful, and at least 69 are known to cause cancer. Second hand smoke has been linked to lung cancer. There is also some evidence suggesting it might be linked to lymphoma, leukemia, and brain tumors in children, and cancers of the larynx (voice box), pharynx (throat), nasal sinuses, brain, bladder, rectum, stomach. You can get all these thing just from smoking cigarettes so undoubtedly, cigarettes should be illegal to save peoples lives.

Nicotine should be considered as bad as marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and other drugs. Frankly, most people think that nicotine isn't half as bad as heroin or cocaine. But you are wrong. More people die from nicotine than cocaine and heroin. This is a good reason why smoking cigarettes and cigars should be illegal in America and the whole world. Also, nicotine should be illegal. Smoking and nicotine should be illegal for many reasons. First off, they not only affect the user, themselves, but they also affect other people and their surroundings. These including the environment and the people around the smokers. Smoking causes pollution and people all around will be able to breathe in the smoke they exhale. Smoking will also make its users appear less than they would look if they didn't smoke. Their teeth and fingers would turn yellow, their hair would turn grey and thin faster, and they would look older as they are not. So what is the point in smoking if it harms you and others so it should be illegal to save smokers and non-smokers.

Even though most people think cigarettes should be illegal an insignificant amount of people think cigarettes should not. Over the past decade research shows that one of nicotines effects can benefit people with Alzheimer's disease. Research has pointed to a compound called acetylcholine. Nicotine is structurally similar to acetylcholine, a naturally-occurring compound that serves as a neurotransmitter. Nicotine binds to nerve receptors and makes nerve cells fire more frequently. In one study, a group of Alzheimer's patients were given nicotine patches, while another received a placebo. Those with nicotine patches maintained their cognitive abilities longer and sometimes even recovered lost cognitive function. A follow-up study indicated that nicotine may also boost cognitive abilities in elderly people who aren't suffering from Alzheimer's but who are experiencing the typical mental decline associated with old age. So this shows how even though nicotine serves as a bad purpose, it also can save people with
Alzheimer's disease. Although some people think cigarettes should not be illegal, by all means I still think cigarettes should absolutely be illegal.

In conclusion, cigarettes are bad for you and other people. Cigarettes not only harm the smoker they also also harm non-consumers near someone smoking by secondhand smoke. Cigarettes hurt the person smoking, and nicotine should be considered as bad as marijuana, cocaine, heroin and other similar drugs and why nicotine should be illegal. If you ever see someone smoking, ask them why do they want to hurt themselves and other people and the environment. Finally, this is why cigarettes should be illegal.

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