

## Should the Tobacco Industry be more tightly regulated?

I believe that the Tobacco Industry should be more tightly regulated. In this speech, I will give you three reasons to support my argument.

First off, Tobacco companies purposefully target children in their advertising. Products made for vaping or e-cigarettes have many different types of flavors such as “cotton candy” or “chocolate cake”. Most teens who try tobacco for the first time will start with flavored products. Many of these products are tempting to young people because they are sold in colorful packaging that makes them look like candy. By doing so it making them seems less harmful.

Secondly, another huge problem with smoking products is the aftermath to the environment. Cigarette butts aren't harmless pieces of paper or cotton. They are actually toxic waste. It can take a decade or ten years for a cigarette butt to decompose. 4.5 trillion cigarette butts litter our world at this very moment. Each butt contains toxic chemicals that can kill a small animal if consumed or even leak into water.

My last reasons are the health risks that come with smoking and second hand smoke. Smoking leads to many different types of diseases and disabilities. It is also the leading cause of preventable death. Cancer deaths related to smoking are the lungs, mouth, and throat. Smoking increases your chances for heart disease or stroke as well.

As you can see, these are all important reasons to why the Tobacco Industry should be more heavily regulated.

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