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# Smoking in Public

A Hazard to the Common Good

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## What is the issue?

- Should smoking be allowed in public places?  
*[essential question]*

## Who is involved?

- Any child or adult, smoker or non-smoker

## Why is this important?

- Secondhand smoke in public is a nuisance and causes serious health problems, including death
- Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are in jeopardy with secondhand smoke.

*[relate why it is important to a constitutional principle]*

# Constitutional Principle

## “Civil Rights”



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### Amendment 14. Civil Rights 1868

**Section 1:** All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subjected to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any persons within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

# Individual Rights and the Common Good

- Smoking is a choice, an individual right
- Smoking in public impacts non-smokers
- Secondhand smoke causes health problems



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For the common good, smoking in public should not be allowed. [thesis statement]

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*[thesis statement/your position]*

**Smoking in public is harmful to non-smokers because of second-hand smoke. *[topic sentence]***

- Secondhand smoke contains toxic chemicals and causes a variety of health problems (**Oken**).
- A cause of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (**Glantz**).



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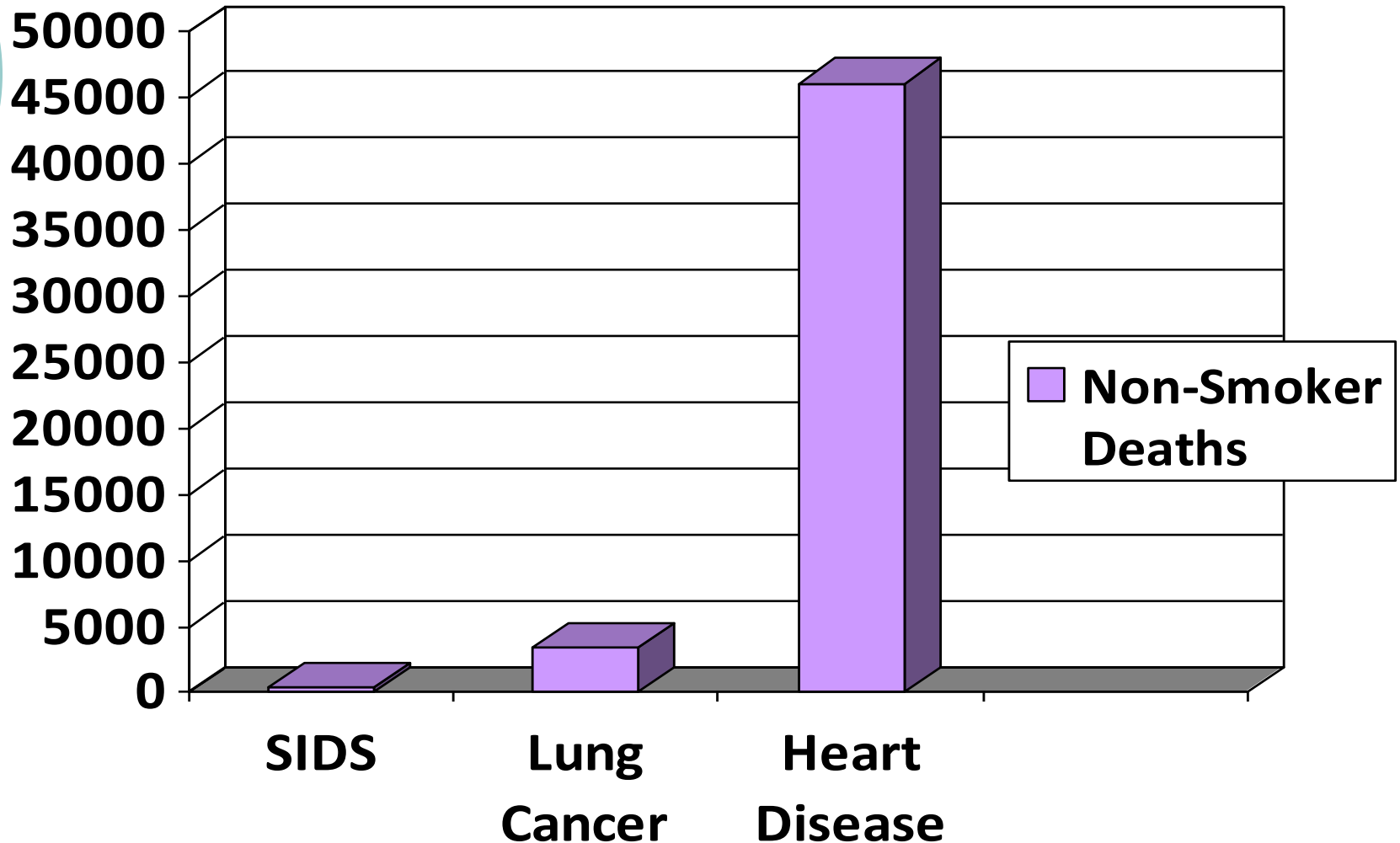
*[thesis statement/your position]*

**Smoking in public is an extreme public nuisance**  
*[topic sentence]*

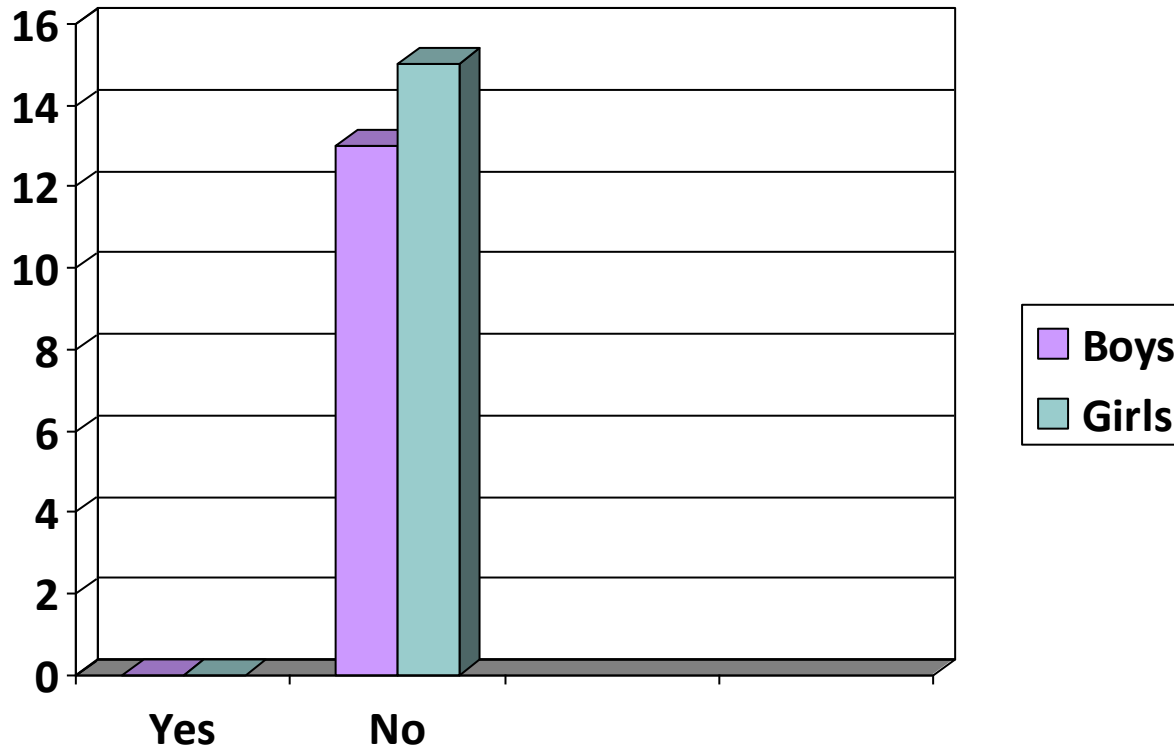
- Smoking in public is compared to urinating in public.
- Offensive smell interferes with a comfortable enjoyment of life (**“Report”**).
- 28 seventh grade students in Ms. W’s class took a survey and agreed that smoking in public is unethical (**Craig**).



Did you know that secondhand smoke kills about 49,830 non-smokers annually? (Glantz)



# Is smoking in public ethical?



*28 seventh grade students in Ms. Wilk's 3<sup>rd</sup> period LA/SS class at Inglewood JH were surveyed on May 15, 2009.*

# What can you do?

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- All states should ban smoking because it is a public nuisance and second-hand smoke is harmful to non-smokers.
- Join us at Sammamish City Hall for a town meeting on this issue...let your voice be heard!

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