

## Opinion Pieces Opposing Vapor Products Usage Bans

### **How e-cigarettes could save lives** **The Washington Post – Feb. 14, 2014 – By Sally Satel**

“Also, we should allow and welcome public vaping in adult environments such as bars, restaurants and workplaces. Vapers would serve as visual prompts for smokers to ask about vaping and, ideally, ditch traditional cigarettes and take up electronic ones instead.”

Read the full story:

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/how-e-cigarettes-could-save-lives/2014/02/14/31bce704-8d18-11e3-98ab-fe5228217bd1\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/how-e-cigarettes-could-save-lives/2014/02/14/31bce704-8d18-11e3-98ab-fe5228217bd1_story.html)

### **Down to the Last Cigarette?** **The New York Times – Jan. 10, 2014 – By Joe Nocera**

“Yet many in the public health community have pushed for e-cigarettes to be treated the same as combustible cigarettes; when you have been fighting a war for nearly half a century, it is hard to put down your weapons. Instead of focusing on the potential for e-cigarettes to save lives, they worry instead that the new products will serve as a gateway to smoking — a fear that has yet to show up in any study.”

Read the full story:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/11/opinion/down-to-the-last-cigarette.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/11/opinion/down-to-the-last-cigarette.html?_r=0)

### **Editorial: The buzz about e-cigarettes: Should they be banned in public?** **Chicago Tribune – Jan. 6, 2014 – Unsigned Editorial**

“New York City and a small handful of states have included e-cigarettes in their indoor smoking regulations. The Evanston City Council voted to ban e-cigarettes in its smoke-free zones.

“There's likely to be a renewed push in Chicago, and perhaps in the Illinois legislature, for a broad ban on e-cigarette use in public. Let's learn more; there's no reason to rush. Keep the focus on the prohibition of sale to minors.”

Read the full story:

[http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2014-01-06/opinion/ct-ecigarette-ban-edit-0106-20140106\\_1\\_e-cigarettes-nicotine-and-other-ingredients-tobacco](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2014-01-06/opinion/ct-ecigarette-ban-edit-0106-20140106_1_e-cigarettes-nicotine-and-other-ingredients-tobacco)

### **Editorial: Unfounded fuming over e-cigarettes** **Orange County Register – Dec. 27, 2013 – Unsigned Editorial**

“These pages have long held that private choices that don't have public consequences are none of the government's business. With conventional cigarettes, there's a plausible, if debatable, case to be made that secondhand smoke can justify limited government action. That's simply not true of e-

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cigarettes. These latest exercises in regulation are little more than state-sanctioned disapproval of people's personal tastes, and, as such, are unbecoming a free society. They deserve to be defeated or overturned with malice.

Read the full story:

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/cigarettes-595081-smoking-public.html>

**Michael Bloomberg's Attack On E-Cigarettes Will Drive Ex-Smokers Back To The Real Thing  
Forbes – Dec. 17, 2013 – By Gilbert Ross**

“Although it seemed quite clear that vapor is not smoke, Health Commissar Farley continued to insist that he and his troopers would have trouble distinguishing vapers from smokers, so out in the cold they should all go. He also asserted that to protect innocent bystanders from toxic ‘second-hand vapor,’ e-cigs vapors must be confined to the outdoors: ‘We just don’t know what’s in it,’ he said. To which I responded, ‘Yes, we do.’ At least two well-done scientific publications have evaluated the contents of e-cig vapor and have found nothing to be concerned about: not for bystanders, and highly likely not for vapers themselves.”

Read the full story:

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2013/12/17/michael-bloombergs-attack-on-e-cigarettes-will-drive-ex-smokers-back-to-the-real-thing/>

**NYC's proposed e-cigarette ban: Bad for the gay community, bad for everyone  
The Daily Caller – Dec. 10, 2013 – By Matthew Bechstein and Ross Hemminger**

“Every study done on the e-cigarette has found that the risks are substantially reduced when an individual switches from a tobacco product to an e-cigarette. The e-cigarette also poses no risk to bystanders because it does not emit smoke, only water vapor. A Drexel University School of Public Health study found that e-cigarettes have 1 percent of the risk of a lighted tobacco cigarette. It's a laughable fact, but e-cigarettes have virtually the same emissions as a pot of boiling water.”

Read the full story:

<http://dailycaller.com/2013/12/10/nycs-proposed-e-cigarette-ban-bad-for-the-gay-community-bad-for-everyone/#ixzz2pNM8hGWj>

**Leonard Gilroy: E-cigarette regulations likely to do more harm  
Orange County Register – Dec. 10, 2013 – By Leonard Gilroy**

“Southern California has been a hotbed of regulations aimed at stifling e-cigarette sales and use. It's time to take a different approach. If the goal is to minimize smoking-related illnesses and diseases, then California policymakers should reject counterproductive policies and preserve the ability of smokers to seek safer nicotine delivery alternatives like e-cigarettes that minimize harm to themselves and others.”

Read the full story:

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/cigarettes-541029-smoking-california.html>

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### **The Case for Tolerating E-Cigarettes**

**The New York Times – Dec. 8, 2013 – By Amy L. Fairchild and James Colgrove**

“If e-cigarettes can reduce, even slightly, the blight of six million tobacco-related deaths a year, trying to force them out of sight is counterproductive.”

Read the full story:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/09/opinion/the-case-for-tolerating-e-cigarettes.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/09/opinion/the-case-for-tolerating-e-cigarettes.html?_r=0)

### **Two Cheers for E-Cigarettes**

**The New York Times – Dec. 6, 2013 – By Joe Nocera**

“You’d think that the public health community would be cheering at the introduction of electronic cigarettes. We all know how hard it is to quit smoking. We also know that nicotine replacement therapies, like the patch, haven’t worked especially well. The electronic cigarette is the first harm-reduction product to gain serious traction among American smokers.”

Read the full story:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/07/opinion/two-cheers-for-e-cigarettes.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/07/opinion/two-cheers-for-e-cigarettes.html?_r=0)

**Overreacting to e-cigarettes – Should L.A. treat their vapor the same as secondhand smoke from tobacco products, even though there is no evidence yet that it’s as dangerous?**  
**Los Angeles Times – Dec. 5, 2013 – By The Times Editorial Board**

“There’s an understandable urge to crack down on e-cigarettes for fear of potential health impacts and their possible use as a gateway to tobacco. But fear isn’t a good basis for regulation. Research is. And until there is more conclusive research, government agencies should be wary of overreacting.”

Read the full story:

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-1205-e-cigarettes-20131205,0,3165227.story#axzz2muNpQnDU>

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