

# spirited dialogue factoids on smoking

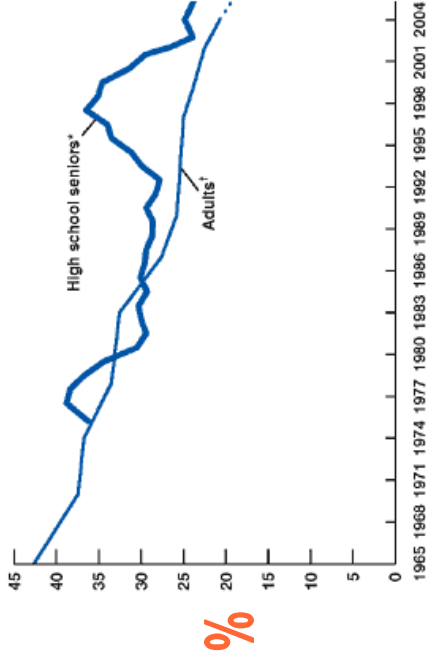
## smoking kills...

- 440 thousand Americans a year, according to Center for Disease Control (CDC), or 100 thousand, according to Heartland Institute (out of about 2.5 million deaths)



## how many of us are smoking

- 44.5 million adults (about 25%)
- About 20% of high school seniors (said they had a cigarette in past 30 days)
- Average smoker smokes 19 cigarettes a day (in 1995)



From CDC

## Costs, according to CDC

- \$75 billion per year in medical expenditures
- \$92 billion per year resulting from lost productivity

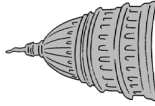


## taxes

- federal tax on cigarettes: 39 cents
- State tax: average of 70 cents (median—80 cents)
  - highest tax: \$2.46 in Rhode Island
  - lowest tax: 7 cents in South Carolina

## state laws

- number of states that restrict smoking
  - in public places: 46 (2005)
  - in private workplaces: 41 (2005)



1964 - Surgeon General says cigarettes cause cancer

1992 - federal law requiring states restrict sales of cigarettes to minors

1996 - FDA calls cigarettes "drug delivery devices" and proposes regs

2000 - Supreme Court rules FDA can't regulate tobacco until Congress says so

## over the years

'60

1965 - Congress requires warning labels on cigarettes

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1971 - tv ads for cigarettes are banned

'80

1988 - Congress bans smoking on short domestic flights of two hours or less

'90

1993 - EPA classifies second hand smoke as a carcinogen

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1998 - 46 states and tobacco industry settle lawsuit for \$200 billion over 20 years