

Crusaders of health should push the United States federal government into taxing high sugar, high fat content foods the same way they have absurdly taxed tobacco products. This is the only way to wake up freedom loving Americans to the delusional, progressive controls slowly creeping into all aspects of our freedoms. Hopefully, new wide-spread awareness will then reverse high tobacco taxes.

The special interest “health do-gooders” are looking for causes to champion. Their misguided attack on tobacco has reached a crescendo. It is now time for these health activists to eat away at the rights of citizens who love decadent foods, just as they have destroyed the rights of tobacco lovers.

Fellow citizens need to realize that special interest groups are systematically taking away their rights. Cigar smokers, pipe smokers, and all people who enjoy tobacco products have been experiencing the devastating effects these “health do-gooders” have imposed on their rights and freedoms. The public assault is already underway on food. A recent study by the American Heart Association suggested that being more than seventy pounds overweight is more dangerous to a person’s health than smoking a pack of cigarettes a day. “Simply being overweight, but not obese, from an early age boosts the risk of premature death by a third -- as much as smoking up to 10 cigarettes a day,” researchers in Sweden reported on April 8, 2009. They are attempting to equate food with tobacco products!

This is good news for the small tobacco loving population. More voices are needed in the fight against the government’s retribution on its citizens for partaking in legal behavior. More than two million people are employed by fast food restaurants and millions more frequent them every day in the U.S.. If they’re taxed at the same rate at which tobacco products are taxed, there will be many irate people. Big Macs will cost over \$20, French Fries \$10, and so much for the dollar menu! Hopefully, these types of crazy increases will cause a gigantic back lash.

The fast food industry will not be the only group under attack. High end restaurants like Morton’s and Del Fressco’s will be taxed, and might even get fined, for serving steak that is too marbled or desserts that are too sugary for the “health do-gooders” liking. A \$250 bill could be well over \$800. This most certainly will ruin businesses, which will hopefully bring to light the attack on our freedoms.

The citizens of the United States can and should think for themselves when it comes to eating high sugar and high fat foods, and when it comes to using tobacco products. Each individual should have the right to make decisions for themselves; the government should not mandate personal responsibility. The majority of Americans feel this way, and the hostile response will most likely wake up the complacent voices. This will hopefully benefit the tobacco industry, which has been hit hard with taxes and smoking bans. The foundation of our freedoms is under attack, and will only be fought for when more and more people are aware of the gross tax injustices citizens are forced to endure. If more Americans are aware of the “health do-gooders” fight against them and all things deemed unhealthy, then maybe, just maybe, this gross trend to tax all perceived vices will be reversed.