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# How tobacco taxation affects smoking behaviour

1. Increasing taxation is a crucial component of a comprehensive tobacco control plan; but it is just one component. – this thesis
2. Tobacco taxation should be accompanied by interventions that support vulnerable populations in changing their behaviour, such as providing free smoking cessation aid to lower income individuals. – this thesis
3. For tobacco taxation to reach its intended public health effect, it is key that price gaps between products are addressed. – this thesis
4. Policy makers should be cautious of arguments against taxation by the tobacco industry, as the interests of the tobacco industry and public health are fundamentally at odds with each other. – this thesis

5. Implementing annual tobacco tax increases, at least in line with inflation, would be a step towards a Smokefree Generation. – impact
6. Goed beleid kan niet zonder kennis. Omgekeerd maak je met kennis alléén nog geen goed beleid. – Prof. Dr. Bussemaker
7. Across the spectrum of threats to the public health are inherent tensions between the good of the collective and the individual. To acknowledge this tension is not to foreordain the answer to the question ‘How far should the state go?’; rather, it is to insist that we are fully cognizant of difficult trade-offs when we make policy determinations.- Prof. Dr. Bayer
8. De overheid heeft de plicht om ons toegang tot zorg te geven wanneer we ziek zijn, maar ook om in de voorwaarden voor gezondheid te voorzien en die te reguleren, en zo te voorkomen dat we ziek worden. – Prof. Mr. Dr. Toebes
9. ... and finally, be thankful for the things you can do and do know, as well as the things you cannot do or do not know – as it allows for space to grow. – Katherine, yoga teacher

