

American Indian and Alaska Native Youth Commercial Tobacco Use and the Importance of Tobacco Screening Protocols

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Objectives:

- Summarize how youth are targeted by commercial tobacco companies
- Understanding the importance of screening for commercial tobacco use in youth
- Incorporate knowledge of youth commercial tobacco use to design youth tobacco screening protocols, and assess youth for commercial tobacco use.



Global Commercial Tobacco Epidemic

- The World Health Organization describes commercial tobacco smoking as an Epidemic.
- Causes 6 million deaths/year.
- Will cause 10 million deaths annually by 2030.



Commercial Tobacco Dependence

- Is a "chronic disease with remission and relapse."
- Warrants medical treatment as does any drug dependence disorder or chronic disease.



Widely used Drugs of Addiction

Drug Used in past month

Heroin
136,000 Users

Methamphetamines 1 million

Cocaine/Crack 2.3 million

Marijuana/Hashish 14 million

Alcohol 16 million (abusers)

Nicotine 71.5 million

*all trigger release of dopamine



Predictors of Smoking

- Socio-demographic
 - Below Poverty 30.6%
 - Above Poverty 20.4%
- Environmental
 - Co-workers, friends, and family
 - Access to cigarettes and socially acceptable smoking environments
- Family and Peers



Commercial Tobacco Marketing

- Adult Smoking Rates are declining.
- Adults smokers are dying from tobacco related illnesses.
- To remain profitable, tobacco companies need new smokers.



Companies target youth



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RESEARCH PLANNING MEMORANDUM

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Mr. J. B. Stuart

Re: TEENAGE SMOKERS (14 - 17) AND NEW ADULT SMOKERS AND QUITTERS

The following are the key findings of the analysis of the 14 - 17 year olds, new smokers, and guitters.

14 - 17 Year Olds

In the last five years, share of cigarette volume of the 14 - 17 year olds declined by about 36%, from 3.14% in 1975 to 2.00% in 1979. This decline is mainly the result of:

- Large decline in incidence from 17% in 1975 to 12% in 1979.
- Significant decline (3.6%) in the size of the group.

In the future, the 14 - 17 year old smokers will become less important for the same reasons - decrease in incidence and size.

The share of companies of the 14 - 17 year olds has changed very significantly in the last five years:

- RJR's share declined from 29.9% in 1975 to 21.3% in 1979.
 A large part of the share loss can be traced to WINSTON.
- Philip Morris' share increased from 39% in 1975 to 58% in 1979. Marlboro share growth in this age group accounts for most of the increase.
- The share of P. Lorillard, mainly via Newport, increased from 7.3% in 1975 to 9.7% in 1979, while B&W's share dropped from 22% in 1975 to 8.8% in 1979, mainly as a result of a large decline of Kool's share.
- ATC and Liggett shares of the 14 17 year olds are insignificant.

Franchise Aging

The age skew of the company's franchise is to some extent affecting company's share performance. This effect is due to the franchise aging process where young adult smokers (18+) are entering company's franchise at a certain rate, while the older smokers (50+) of the same company are leaving the market at another rate.



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Younger Adult Smokers (YAS) -- Source: Tracker -- for RJRTC (Mid - 1980 s)

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in the business. (Looking at past 50 years at Pall Mall, Winston, Marlboro.)

- 6. Executional ideas for a new product: Making it look right to YAS eyes.
- 7. Examples: Jack Daniels: converted YA s into walking billboards
- 8. Example in Budweiser shows the brand usage among 18-24 year olds, clearly under-age. Talk about appealing to young on TV that kids watch doing adolescent acts.
- 9. YA smokers today: Demographic Trends -** less educated females hispanics -- blacks Need to do 3 things: differentiate the target; use growth sectors; meaningful brand difference.
- 10. FUBYAS are in transition belonging to the family (secure) replace by belonging to selected peer group (not secure). Stage of adolescence?
- 11. Very few smokers 18-20 say they are aware of cigarette advertising -- how they are positioned. Brand perceptions are more likely to come from users they see.
- 12. The market is likely to become increasingly oriented to the values of non-college smokers, Rockers.

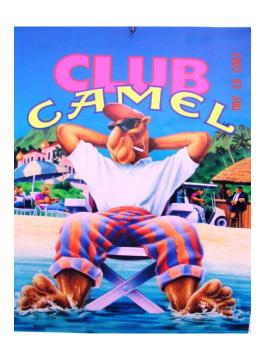


ABEG Youth: Documents concerning advertising, market strategies, or market research (i.e., studies of brand awareness, message recall, or usage behavior) focusing on smokers 18 years of age or younger.



Conventional Advertising Campaigns







Didn't the Master Settlement Agreement in 1998 forbid targeting youth?



Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems have changed products are advertised

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QR5D-IJ6S2k



It is Safe





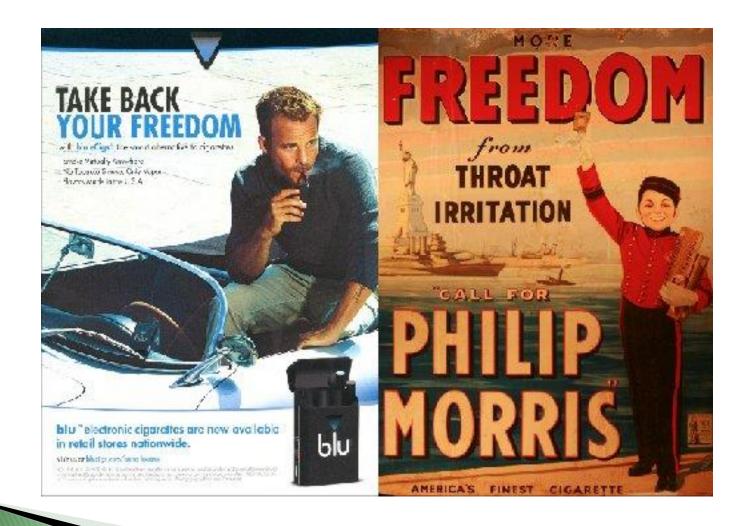








Familiar Themes

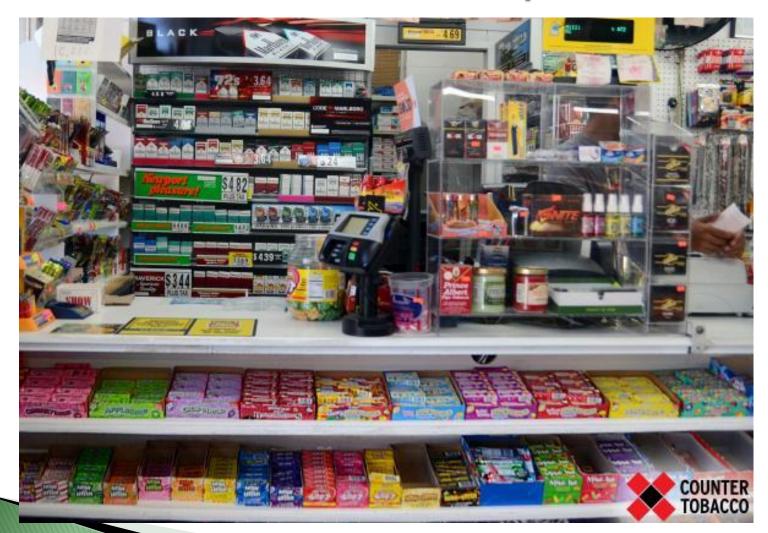








Commercial tobacco is always placed where kids most likely to see it





Commercial tobacco packaged and produced to taste like candy







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PROJECT REPORT

September, 1972

PROJECT:

Youth Cigarette - New concepts

MARKETING INNOVATIONS' SUGGESTIONS:

MI suggests new ideas for the breath-freshener field...

COLA-FLAVOR

While the government would not permit us to add caffeine to a cigarette, it may be possible to use artificial ingredients to obtain a cola taste and aroma. Suitable names might be:

COLA-COLA, COLA-COOLER.

APPLE FLAVOR

Apples connote goodness and freshness and we see many possibilities for our youth-oriented cigarette with this flavor. Apple cider is also a possibility.

SWEET FLAVOR CIGARETTE

We believe that there are pipe tobaccos that have a sweet aromatic taste. It's a well known fact that teenagers like sweet products. Honey might be considered.

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freshness"

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If any of the above ideas have interest, MI, will prepare concept ads.



Smoking placed in films that are targeted to children and teens



Billboards



Vapor Shark E-Cigarette Billboard, Florida, 2013



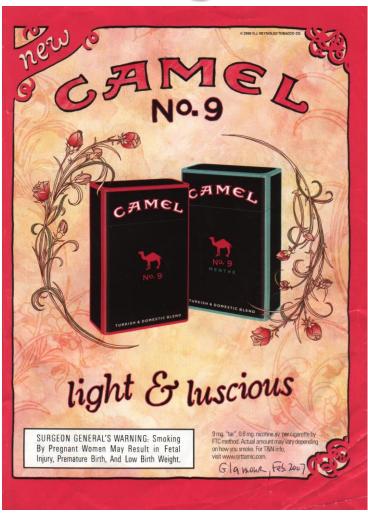
Sponsorships







Magazine Advertising



Advertised in women's magazines with high teen readership.

Increase in teen girls stating a favorite cigarette brand by 10%.

Nearly half of the teen girls that previously did not list a favorite cigarette, listed Camel as their favorite.

Having a favorite cigarette increased risk of smoking by 50%.

(Pierce, Messer, James, White, Kealey, Vallone, Healton, 2010)



Recent Marlboro Advertising Campaign







Targeting the Plugged In Generation







It's Own Language

VAPE- The act of using an e-cigarette.

MOD- Modifications to an e-cigarette.

THROAT HIT- The sensation of a "bite" at the back of the throat when vapor hits it.

DRY HIT- No vapor on the drag.

JUICE- the liquid nicotine in the tank of the e-cig.

710- Marijuana wax or oil that can be vaporized with e-cigs.

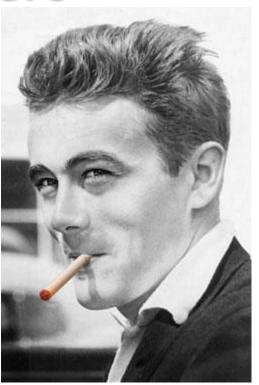


Use of Influencers













Social Media Memes













Internet Pop-Ups





Social Media



- Facebook automatically generates pages based on enough people liking something.
- Marlboro currently has over 380,000 likes which includes old advertisements, videos, and people posting pictures of Marlboro.
- Companies pay influencers through 3rd parties to post pictures with their products or to mention them.
- Can find several small smoke shops on social media with advertising of discount prices.
- Social Media platforms require users to be age 18, but easy to bypass.



Youth Social Media













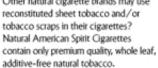
It is a part of your culture













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What does the data tell us?



Why Target youth?

- Almost 9 out of 10 smokers start before the age of 18.
- ▶ 99% of smokers start before the age of 26 (American Cancer Society, 2014).
- ▶ Nationally, AIAN youth, ages 12–18 have the highest smoking rate at 35% (CDC 2014).
- Youth are susceptible to Nicotine.



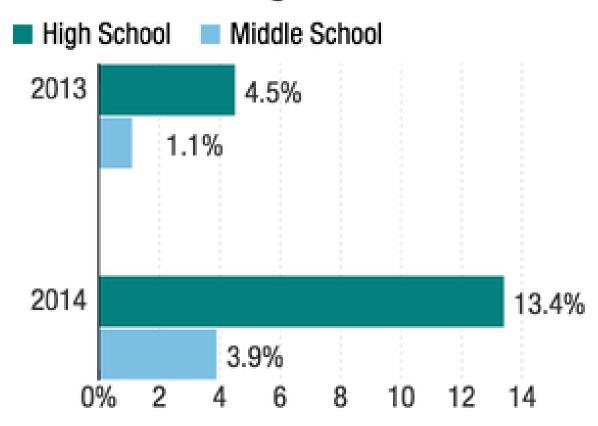
The effects of targeting youth among the California AIAN population

- ▶ 50% of youth admitted to experimenting with tobacco.
- ▶ 26% of youth smoked in the last 30 days.
- ▶ 22% said that the first puff happened between ages under 7–9.
- ▶ 47% took their first puff between ages 10–13
- Youth were 3x more likely to start smoking if a peer was smoking.

(Soto, Baezconde-Garbanati, Unger, Greenberg, 2009)



Student Use Of E-Cigarettes





Teens who use e-cigarettes are 3 times more likely to try cigarettes in a year

Source: Wills, Knight, Sargent, Gibbons, Pagano, and Williams. (2016). Longitudinal Study of Electronic Cigarette Use and onset of cigarette smoking among high school students in Hawaii.



Tobacco Screening of Youth

- The USPSTF recommends screening school age children and youth for tobacco use.
- Clinics tobacco screening protocols range from starting at age 5 to starting at age 18.
- GPRA begins tobacco screening at 5 years of age.



Why Screen Youth at age 5

Nearly ¼ of AIAN youth smokers start before age 10.

Allows for early intervention when a youth starts experimenting.

If a smoker quits before the age of 30, much of the damage that smoking did to their health will be undone.



Next Steps

Develop, implement, and use good commercial tobacco screening protocols starting at age 5.

Work with the family to help very young commercial tobacco users to successfully quit.

Document, Document.



Future Steps

Work with your clinic and tribe to develop culturally relevant and age appropriate prevention programs.

Use your data to see if your programs are working, or if you need to change them.

Work with tribes to utilize Policy, Systems, and Environment Changes, and MPOWER Strategies to reduce smoking prevalence and incidence.



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