

Should the government put a tax on unhealthy food?

By David

In some ways placing a tax on unhealthy food is a silly thing to do. Trying to make people pay extra money for food that they really like and respect, could cause a lot of problems for the government. There would be a lot of rallies and protests against the introduction of an unhealthy food tax. In addition, in most cases healthy food costs more than unhealthy food: eg McDonalds is much cheaper than Goodmans. Mostly students and school guys eat unhealthy food, because they don't have much money to buy the more expensive healthy food. There may also be arguments between greens and ordinary people, who do like it or eat it daily.

On the other hand, making a tax for unhealthy food could be a great governmental choice. If a country does not have many people, a tax on unhealthy food would be great to reduce the quantity of deaths and the risk of people developing health problems such as heart disease. Less people with these disease means that less people need to go to hospital and use free medicines and pills so this saves the government money. In addition an unhealthy tax would also help the environment as more healthy food would be eaten.

Should democracy be imposed on the world?

YES by Sebastian

I think that democracy should be imposed on the world although I believe that it should only be imposed on those countries whose world outlook can accept democracy. I approve of the democratic system and history shows us that democratic countries do very well. Out of all of the political systems I think that democracy performs the best. However, I believe that some African countries can't accept democracy because in my opinion these countries need to pass through a totalitarian system on their own so that they can understand democracy better. I believe that if we start to inculcate democracy in countries that are not ready for it then it will only lead to negative reaction or maybe war. So in general I think that democracy should be imposed on the world but only on those countries that can take it.

NO by Artem

I believe that democracy should not be imposed on the world because it would not be democratic to do so. Non-democratic countries must be allowed to reach democracy on their own because if someone imposes democracy to them they will give it a very negative reaction. Instead, people in non-democratic countries need to change their mentality. However, this will only happen once they pass through totalitarianism and the result will be that they realise that democracy is better.

Should progressive taxation be abolished?

NO by Daniel

I believe that progressive taxation should be abolished because it is anti-democratic as all people should pay equal taxation regardless of what they earn. Not only would it be unjust to successful people but it would also take away the motivation for people to work hard in the world. People will think that they don't need to

work in the world and that they can survive by social payments. The main idea of capitalism is personal interest but if the government takes a lot of money away in taxation then they will lose control of the commonwealth. With these problems there may be a revolution as there will no longer be rich people and in most societies rich people are calm and stable and make sure that society does not become aggressive.

Is it okay to break a law that is unjust?

YES by Zarina

In my opinion I am convinced that it is okay to break unjust laws and we can look at history for a good example. In the times of Hitler's Germany there was a law that stated that all Jews should be strangled. As a result of this law there were many German families which hid Jewish children in their houses despite knowing that they would all be killed if they were caught. They did this because they realised that they were only children and not their enemies so it would have been unjust to strangle them. I believe that the ideal variant of life is anarchy as people can then decide for themselves what is just and what is unjust. If this system was followed then they wouldn't need to break unjust laws.

NO by Artem

I believe that it is not okay to break a law just because a person thinks that it is unjust. The law of a country is for all its' people and if you do not like the law then you should change your country rather than break the law that you do not like. This is because if people in a country do not like a law and they break it then society will not continue to work. For example, if one person thinks that the prohibition of corruption is unjust then he will continue to give bribes thinking that he is doing something that is ok. Therefore, allowing people to break unjust laws will to higher crime which is not good for anybody. Another bad side of breaking unjust laws is that the government will lose some of its authority which in turn will lead to instability in the behaviour of the citizens in the country.

Should euthanasia be legalised?

YES by Zarina

I believe that euthanasia is humanitarian but only when we consider it in relation to deathly ill people or the very elderly. If you are in a great depression you can manage by finding a new job or boyfriend or alternatively building a new house or complete life. However, if you are chronically ill, and you know that you will die soon in horrible pain then it would be the human thing to do to let this person die now, without pain. However, I do believe that it should always be the choice of the person who's ill and not of his relatives, friends or doctors. The above, therefore, are the reasons why I believe that euthanasia should be legalised.

Should polygamy be legalised?

YES by Daniel

I believe that polygamy should be legalised because people should have the right to choose for themselves how many wives or husbands that they want to have. I do not believe that it is a bad thing if a man or woman wants to live with a number of different people as freedom of choice and action is one of the main principles of democracy today. As a result I believe that polygamy should be legalised as all people should have the freedom to choose what they want in life

NO by Artem

I believe that polygamy should not be legalised as it will only cause problems in society. Children in this kind of family won't be happy, because the head of the polygamist family will not have enough time for each of his children as he will probably have a very big family. He also might not have enough money to maintain them all. It will also create problems with religions in different countries as the main religions all reject people who want to create polygamous families. A further problem that could be caused by the legalisation of polygamy is that there will be an increase in sexually transmitted diseases. In situations where people have many partners, diseases like HIV can spread faster.