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Youth vaping has been on the decline since 2018 thanks to education and raising the buying age. That said the number one factor for youth smoking is not flavors...rather whether or not their parents were smokers, which makes them multiple times more likely to start. In places, like San Francisco, that enacted an almost identical flavor ban, high school cigarette use has doubled.

Although decreasing youth vaping rates is a noble goal, policies that unintentionally increase the smoking rate among young people or adults create a bigger and more dangerous problem than the one they are trying to solve.

<https://www.rstreet.org/commentary/an-unintended-consequence-of-complete-flavor-bans-more-youth-smoking/>

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