

Should Smoking Be Banned in Bars?

A: So what do you think about the new laws that ban smoking in bars?

B: Well I don't like them. I have been a smoker for a long time and I'm trying to quit, but it's just not easy having to go smoke out back next to the trash cans. It's humiliating!

A: **Well I see your point and I would agree with you in some sense.** Customers who smoke aren't treated so well these days by the bars, but I think that's a good thing.

B: Why?

A: Well, all of that second-hand smoke is really bad for people.

Key Vocabulary Phrases

1. "I just believe that we have to keep bars safe"
2. "I know what you mean about bars not being the right place for health-conscious people..."
3. "Well I see your point and..."
4. "I would agree with you in some sense..."
5. "...but I'm still not convinced"
6. "I'm not so sure about that"
7. "That's just how I feel."
8. "I guess so, but bars are not exactly the healthiest places to be anyway."

B: **I guess so, but bars are not exactly the healthiest places to be anyway.** Maybe if people are worried about staying healthy they should (you know) go to the gym instead of the bar.

A: **I know what you mean about bars not being the right place for health-conscious people, but I'm still not convinced.** I think the smoking ban is a good thing.

B: Ugh come on.

A: There is just so much more research out than there was 20 years ago and **I just believe that we have to keep bars safe** and smoke-free for anyone who wants to enjoy a drink or two in the evening. **That's just how I feel.**

A: **I'm not so sure about that,** but anyways, do you want to go grab a beer?

B: Sure, let's do it!