

Tweets 2010 -2011 News For Your Classroom

1. Counties are proposing bans on e-cigarettes due to the confusion of real cigarette use in no-smoking areas.

<http://www.jointogether.org/news/headlines/inthenews/2010/king-county-proposes-ban.html>

2. Center on Alcohol Marketing & Youth Research reports: The average TV-watching youth saw 366 alcohol ads in 2009

<http://www.jointogether.org/news/research/summaries/2010/average-tv-watching-youth.html>

3. Journal of Studies on Alcohol & Drugs: reports lowering drinking age would not reduce on-campus bingeing, would increase other accidents.

<http://www.jointogether.org/news/research/summaries/2010/lowering-drinking-age.html>

4. -7 Alcoholic energy drinks are no longer being shipped or manufactured for US markets due to pressure from the FDA.

<http://www.jointogether.org/news/headlines/inthenews/2010/popular-alcoholic-energy.html>

5. UCSF reports much higher exposure to 2nd hand smoke for kids who live in apartments!

<http://tinyurl.com/29bro86>

6. 15-29 year olds are getting twice as many prescription drugs as 15 years ago!

<http://www.jointogether.org/news/research/summaries/2010/teen-prescriptions-for.html>

7. The DEA bans chemicals used in fake marijuana products like K2 & Spice sold as incense.

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/25/us/25synthetic.html?_r=1

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/pubs/pressrel/pr112410.html>

8. The FTC & FDA are coming down on the dangers of caffeinated alcoholic drinks.

http://www.medpagetoday.com/PublicHealthPolicy/PublicHealth/23434?utm_source=breaking-news&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=breaking-news

9. UGLY- I Love them: They're here – the new tobacco warning labels are coming!

<http://tinyurl.com/29dtghn>

10. HSS proposes new graphic tobacco warning labels on cigarette packs to begin next year.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/11/20101110a.html>

11. Decades later it's named-DRUNKOREXIA Food calories replaced by alcohol calories-It's not new & it's still dangerous to human brain & body

<http://www.jointogether.org/blog/posts/2010/new-trend-on-campus.html>

12. “Blackout in a can or Coke in a can” soon may be called “Death from a can” – mixing alcohol w/energy drinks can be deadly
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/10/25/four-loko-sickened-centra_n_773597.html
13. U of Zurich-small study-success in heart failure patients using large quantities of flavonol rich chocolate-U.S. Choc. richer in cocoa fat.
<http://www.medpagetoday.com/MeetingCoverage/HFC/20414>
14. US Gov’t cracks down on internet drug sales without prescriptions. 36 million using unlicensed online pharmacies.
<http://www.jointogether.org/news/headlines/inthenews/2011/us-to-crack-down-on-web.html>
15. Dissolvable tobacco products are being taken off the shelves in American markets. Many believe they are too attractive to kids.
<http://www.jointogether.org/blog/posts/2011/camel-dissolvable-tobacco.html>
16. U of Miami & FIU: Large study shows 2nd hand smoke causes significant hearing loss.
<http://www.jointogether.org/news/research/summaries/2010/second-hand-smoke-damages.html>
17. Small Study concluded pot smokers who begin before age 16 @ higher risk for long term brain damage.
<http://www.jointogether.org/news/research/summaries/2010/study-younger-users-of.html>
18. Sweetened High Alcohol drinks don’t need caffeine to be dangerous
<http://www.jointogether.org/blog/posts/2010/sweetened-alcoholic-drinks.html>
19. Teens are snorting, smoking & injecting “fake cocaine” sold legally as bath salts – hundreds of calls to poison control & hospitals reported.
<http://www.jointogether.org/news/headlines/inthenews/2011/specialty-bath-salts-linked.html>
20. AL,AK,AR,KY,MS,OK,WV – All show highest smoking and smokeless tobacco rates w/smokeless on the rise.
<http://www.jointogether.org/news/research/summaries/2010/smokeless-tobacco-use-on-the.html>

Questions to consider for your presentation –just like a current event presentation:

- ✿ What is the article about and what does it mean? Describe it to your class.
- ✿ What do you think about it?
- ✿ Is there any action that should be done for or against the subject?
- ✿ How does this affect you or other kids your age?
- ✿ How does this affect your future?
- ✿ What choices or decisions can be made after learning about this subject?
- ✿ Do you have any questions for your class about this subject?

21. **Post your comments, Reply to this article, Share your thoughts;**
A growing trend in NON-factual information!

An ongoing trend in internet research is for websites to allow comments, replies and shares which allow the reader to create a discussion about the subject matter. Unfortunately, in the field of drug education, comments translate into inaccurate information that is later passed on as factual science and news. Lately, we've seen an increase in the volume of "online" opinions being reported back to us in the classroom. It is a high tech telephone game of misinformation. Referencing comments about articles is not factual or scientific; nor is it a consensus – it is simply the echo of opinion.

Over the course of a year we review thousands of articles, news reports, science journals and case studies which have comments attached. People who comment on drugs articles represent a wide range of roles and careers such as doctors, nurses, family members of addicts, teachers, and counselors who all have real life experience and something to add to the conversation. Unfortunately, not everyone has something helpful to say; some are terribly misinformed know-it-alls. Others are teenagers who have so little life experience that they've never seen any damage from drugs, so they assume there are no dangers involved. Pro-drug advocates often seem to have the loudest voice and will comment on anything and everything.

For years, we've warned teachers, librarians and parents about using the internet for research due to the proliferation of pro-drug websites. Today, we want to warn you about using comments. They are usually nothing more than a finger on the pulse of one group of people who are interested in the subject at hand. People who portray replies to an article as factual perpetuate rumors and ignorance. We all need to work together to watch where our students get their information for debates, classroom discussions and reports.