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Cigarettes; Social Issue

A social issue that I have an opinion on would be making cigarettes illegal. Cigarettes should be illegal because of all of its long term effects. Also, it has an awful smell. The appeal of logos would change my mind. It all depends on what type of logic is being told to me and it has to be very convincing and persuasive. For example, some logical facts that would be convincing would be telling me real statistical information that cigarettes does not cause any long term complications. Using a serious tone when speaking so I would take the presenter serious. Being able to show proof cigarettes aren't addicting. There needs to be evidence that cigarettes won't cause any cancer. The appeal of ethos could also get me to change my mind. If someone such as a doctor or researcher is well known for their intelligence and discovering new things, was speaking to me about cigarettes and had reliable evidence I would believe them and that would change my mind. Also, if this evidence was publicized on the news talking about how much better they have made cigarettes to people and the environment itself. Such as saying cigarettes won't have a negative impact on the environment because of a new way that it is made. These things would be persuasive to me because there is evidence of cigarettes not causing cancer, teeth decay smelly attachment to clothing, yellow teeth, bad breath and environmental issues such as pollution and cause of ozone depletion. It would also be persuasive to me if this information were being told to me in a serious tone. What I wouldn't find persuasive is if there

wasn't any evidence and if there were no use of appeals when trying to persuade me to believe that cigarettes are good for you and shouldn't be illegal. Also, if the audience had a significant disagreement that would make it not persuasive. Even though it may be announced on the news that cigarettes are not harmful anymore, I wouldn't believe it because the news doesn't always tell the whole truth about everything.