

Social organization in bars: Implications for tobacco control policy.

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Abstract

This article considers social roles and relationships of the patrons, staff and owners of bars as critical factors determining adherence to public health policies, and specifically California's smokefree workplace law. Specific elements of social organization in bars affecting health policy include the community within which the bar is set, the unique identity the bar creates, the bar staff and patrons who enact this identity, and their bar society. These elements were found to contribute to the development of power relations within the bar and solidarity against the outside world, resulting in either resistance to or compliance with smoke-free workplace policy. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2009 APA, all rights reserved) (from the journal abstract)

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