

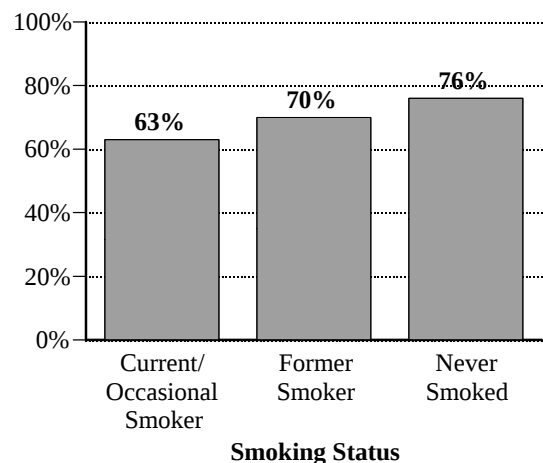
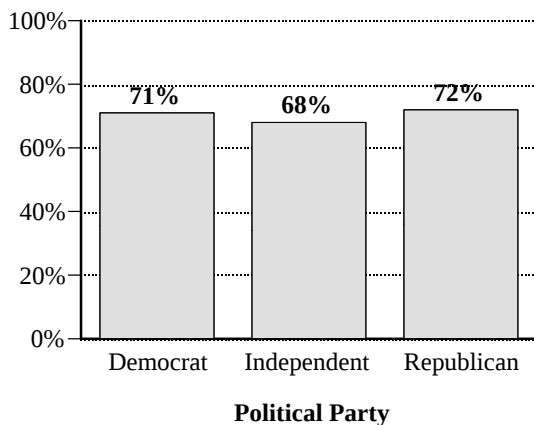
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Poll Finds Wide-Reaching Support for Bill Granting FDA Authority Over Tobacco Products

The majority of U.S. voters support the regulation of tobacco products by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), according to a recent nationwide telephone survey. Overall, 70% of voters said they would favor Congress' passing a bill that would give the FDA the authority to "regulate tobacco products, including restrictions on sales and marketing to children." Support for the legislation was bipartisan, as well as being strong among both smokers and nonsmokers (see figures below), across age and gender, among those living in cities, suburbs, and rural areas, and in all regions of the country (data not shown). Identical bills are currently before both the House and the Senate (S. 625/H.R. 1108) that would grant the FDA the authority to regulate tobacco products, including requiring detailed disclosure of ingredients and harmful smoke compounds. A recent survey found that less than one-third of adults were able to name even one chemical found in cigarettes or cigarette smoke (see *CESAR FAX*, Volume 16, Issue 30).

Percentage of U.S. Voters Reporting They Favor Congress' Passing a Bill Giving the FDA Authority to Regulate Tobacco Products, by Political Party and Smoking Status



NOTES: The national telephone survey was conducted from May 31 to June 4, 2007, with 800 likely voters using a random-digit dialing probability sample of all telephone households in the country. The margin of error is $\pm 3.5\%$ and is larger for subgroups.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from The Mellman Group & Public Opinion Strategies, *FDA Regulation of Tobacco Products*, June 27, 2007. Available online at <http://tobaccofreekids.org/fdapoll/>.

Baltimore City Substance Abuse Authority (BSAS) Seeks Chief of Program Operations

Duties of this full-time position include planning & overseeing the implementation & monitoring of service programs aimed at reducing substance abuse. A Master's degree & 10 years experience in program management & substance abuse treatment required. Please send cover letter & resume to Arnold L. Ross, BSAS, One N. Charles St., Ste 1600, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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