

**A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

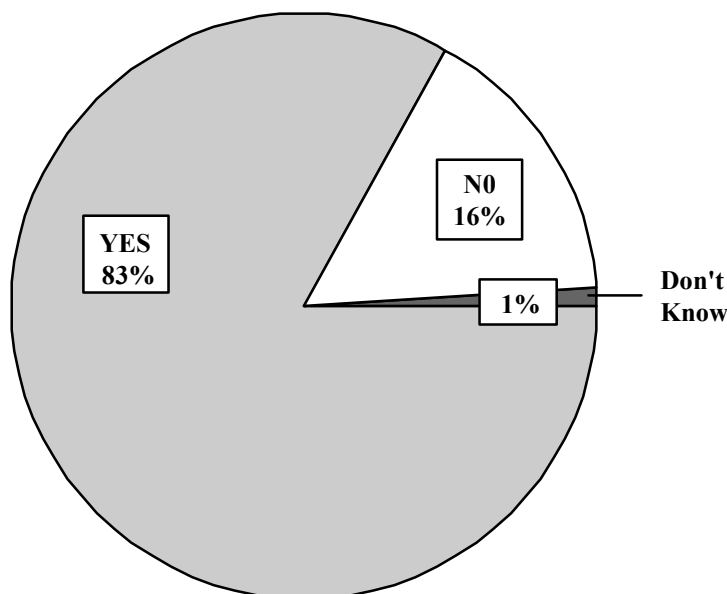
University of Maryland at College Park

## *Reducing Underage Smoking:*

### *83% of Marylanders Support Requiring ID to Buy Cigarettes from Vending Machines*

A recent Maryland household telephone survey conducted for CESAR found that a large proportion of Maryland residents believe that identification should be required to buy cigarettes from a vending machine in order to reduce underage smoking. Lately, state and national attention has been focused on controlling access to cigarettes by minors. All states prohibit the sale of cigarettes to minors, and in 34 states, including Maryland, it is illegal for underage youth to possess cigarettes. A large impediment to enforcing these laws is unmonitored cigarette vending machines, which provide underage youth easy access to cigarettes.

**In Order to Reduce Underage Smoking,  
Should People Be Required to Show an I.D.  
Prior to Buying Cigarettes from a Vending Machine?  
(N=1,002)**



SOURCES: "Minors Find Few Problems Buying Cigarettes," The Washington Post, January 2, 1996, pp. A1, A10, and statewide household telephone poll of adults 18 and older, conducted for CESAR by the University of Maryland Survey Research Center, College Park. For more information, contact Maggie Hsu of CESAR at 301-403-8329.

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The 1994 UMCP Student Drug Survey report (October 1995) contained errors in three tables. Tables 9, 15, and C1 have been corrected. Please contact CESAR if you would like a copy of the revised tables. We apologize for the error and the inconvenience.

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