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Burn now or burn later?

In addition to numerous earthly disincentives such as high taxes and consumption bans, some smokers now also face a spiritual dilemma. An authoritative Catholic publication recently cautioned that smoking is a serious moral issue for those who damage their own and others' health, and for states that collect revenues from tobacco taxes.

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Whether higher cigarette taxes will protect people from the risks of smoking remains a topic of discussion. The resulting reductions in disposable incomes, however, clearly leave smokers more vulnerable to financial risks, including those presented by health issues.

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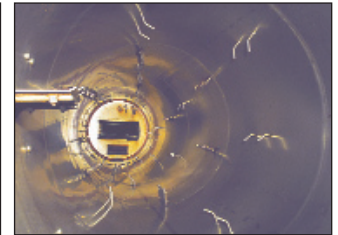
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