

REPEAL THE INTOLERANT SMOKING BAN

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Extract from New Labour's 2005 manifesto:

'We recognise that many people want smoke-free environments and need regulation to help them get this. We therefore intend to shift the balance significantly in their favour. We will legislate to ensure that all restaurants will be smoke-free, all pubs and bars preparing and serving food will be smoke free, **and other pubs and bars will be free to choose whether to allow smoking or to be smoke-free. In membership clubs the members will be free to choose whether to allow smoking or to be smoke-free.** However, whatever the general status, to protect employees, smoking at the bar will be prohibited.'

This was an outright lie to the voters. What is going to be left out of New Labour's next manifesto that will become law? New Labour did not see fit to tell us what we were voting for. The new law makes a mockery of liberty and denies our historic sense of tolerance and British-ness, the very qualities the Government is trying to promote. New Labour must not be allowed to get away with it. Of course, you may agree with the smoking ban and think it a good thing but this campaign is not just about the rights of smokers, it is likely to be someone else's freedom of choice which will be threatened next. The Government has no mandate whatsoever to make the ban on smoking law. It is blatantly ignoring the rights of 46% of pub-goers who enjoy smoking. The new law is social fascism. What will be banned or restricted next – alcohol? It is important to contact your MP and Prime Minister to let this authoritarian, arrogant, intolerant and bossy government know your concerns about the denial of the rights of so many people - remember that smokers are also voters. We elect a government to run the country not our social lives! After ten years in power New Labour has become our very own moral dictatorship passing new laws to enforce the individual prejudices of ministers who are abusing the powers an elected government are given. **Maybe it's time for them to leave the House!**

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Democratic Choice is an independent non-profit organisation in support of liberty, equality, fairness and tolerance. IF YOU AGREE THE BAN IS UNDEMOCRATIC PLEASE PHOTOCOPY LEAFLET, OR PRINT FROM WEBSITE AND DISTRIBUTE. You can also sign the smoking ban e-petitions on the 10 Downing Street website: <http://www.number-10.gov.uk/output/page297.asp>

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