

Thesis: Imposing sin taxes to balance governmental budgets merely creates more problems than it solves.

- **Argument #1 [2nd strongest]:** With a fine line distinguishing a candy bar from a protein bar or an orange drink from an orange juice, the arbitrariness of what products would be taxed or not creates too much confusion.
- **Argument #2 [3rd strongest]:** The negative economic ripple effects outweigh any minor gains of a “sin” tax.
- **Argument #3 [Strongest]:** Small tax increases on junk food, on average three percent for soda (“The Fat Tax”), will not deter junk food aficionados or obesity.