

Many rules and laws seem like common sense while others many seem to some to be a nuisance or in some cases oppressive. Many failed nation states are in fact in a state of anarchy. Below critically think about and describe the winners the losers and your personal opinion about the following laws. Choose any 8.

Use the internet super highway to inform yourself about the following topics if your mind is currently full of sweet consumer gravy and nards.

New York City's Stop and Frisk:

Massachusetts Car Inspection:

Federal Income Taxes:

Speed Limits:

EPA clean water and air rules:

Building Permits:

Hadley's Sign Rule:

Police Chief's "Suitable Person" standard:

Prohibiting Smoking in Restaurants and Bars:

Michael Bloomberg's Anti Obesity Laws:

Drug Use in Sports:

Drinking Age:

Amherst Rental Regulations:

Example Format:

Topic: Annoying Noise:

“Cambridge, Massachusetts has an 8-page noise ordinance that prohibits tooting a car horn, unless it's an emergency or a First Amendment expression. So, if I stop my car in traffic, turn off the engine, get out, lock it and walk away, and you are sitting behind me a honk your horn in frustration, then you will get arrested for a misdemeanor and I might get a parking ticket.”(1).

1. <http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20080908181601AAjdaHR>

Winners: The winners for such a law (noise ordinance) would be the general public. For example people who work for a living, value their sleep but live near college students. At first it may seem that folks should have the right to be loud and party all night but it's clear that the right for one to be loud can overwhelm the general public's right to some degree of peace and order. A solution could be to separate folks pertaining to lifestyle but in general I feel the rights of the whole community supersede the rights of the individual when it comes to noise.

Losers: Individuals that either love honking their horns and or partying like it's 1999. Taxpayers, if they are responsible for paying to regulate the law. In some cases the chance for police and government abuse.

Over all, having some degree of peace pertaining to noise is part of a civil society. The law prohibiting horn blowing has no way of enforcement since anything can be construed as a first amendment expression, but never the less the public has some right to peace.