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anti-smoking militants" who, Dave says, manipulate statistics to justify their excessive funding in what he sees as a gargantuan waste of government resources. "Health professionals have anti-smoking militants have manipulated the science and have presented it as something as dangerous as the bubonic plague and we need radical action to stop it immediately," says Dave, who won't smoke in front of his older brother.

He maintains that the cure ends up being worse than the problem. "This stick approach costs some people their livelihood, makes a lot of people intensely unhappy, and distracts us from more pressing problems," he says, adding that ventilation is sufficient to remove hand smoke from the air of restaurants.

Dan is worried about the economic consequences of a smoking ban. He argues that bar and restaurant owners will pay the price for Couillard's decision. If they are forced to police their bars in fear of "smoke spies who will slam them with a \$1,000 fine," as in Ontario, then they will be forced to alienate their own clientele.

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smokers but the non-smokers will also need to find new jobs." He cites Ottawa as an example. When the smoking ban went into effect, not only did business go down in the bars in Ottawa, he says.

CAGE rejects the financial argument that smokers are a burden upon the system. They argue that because smokers die earlier they actually cost the taxpayers less in health care costs. "If you add in all the taxes that the smokers have paid on sin taxes then if you want to improve your public finances you should hand out smokes at every street corner," Dave jokes.

What worries Dan the most is the slow accumulation of intrusive regulations. He worries about what will come next in the trend to outlaw the freedom to take risks—a ban on playing music over 120 decibels? Perhaps preventing the elderly from leaving their houses after a snowstorm? His brother added that if government officials hope to avert hypocrisy they would also have to ban the pollutant-spewing SUVs that many of them drive. "It has got to stop!" Dan exclaims. "People have got to take responsibility! Live with the accidents, live with the consequences of their choices!"

Citizens Against Government Encroachment is turning over the provincial health minister's announcement that Quebec will be faced with a total ban on smoking in bars and restaurants as early as this fall.

The non-profit libertarian organization say they are disturbed by what they call draconian methods employed by the government to change people's behaviour. They argue that the government is abusing state power, acting as a "nanny state" that takes choices away from citizens. They call it legalized harassment.

"I always saw Quebec as a tolerant society open to a lot of different preferences and lifestyles. I see that changing now, especially with the policies of [Quebec Health Minister Philippe Couillard, and I don't like it," says CAGE President Dave Romano, who has a Ph.D. in Political Science from McGill University.

Dave Romano and his brother Dan, a business consultant who has never smoked, established CAGE to promote individual freedom as much as possible. They are targeting Couillard, who said it is "unethical" to expose people to second-hand smoke, and "the