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# **INNOVATION UNDER FIRE:** A Global Alert on the Misperception Epidemic in Vaping Views

# **SUMMARY**





### **Exploring Smokers' Views in an Extensive International Poll**

This large-scale survey taps into the opinions of almost 27,000 smokers from 28 countries, focusing on their beliefs about the risks of vaping versus smoking.



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### 74% of Smokers Worldwide Believe Vaping is as Harmful as Smoking

This significant majority highlights the challenges facing public health messaging in correcting misperceptions about vaping compared to traditional smoking methods.

### Stifling Innovation: The Fear Factor in Smoking Alternatives

Countries like Brazil, the Netherlands, Slovenia and Kazakhstan see high levels of fear and misinformation, with over 80% considering vaping as or more harmful than tobacco.



#### The Impact of Misinformation on Safer Choices

Unfounded views about vaping prevent the embrace of innovative, safer alternatives, cutting off better quitting solutions for smokers.



#### **Discovering Positive Views on Vaping Around the World**

In countries such as Italy, Czech Republic, France, and the United Kingdom, vaping is relatively perceived as less harmful than traditional smoking.



# RESULTS

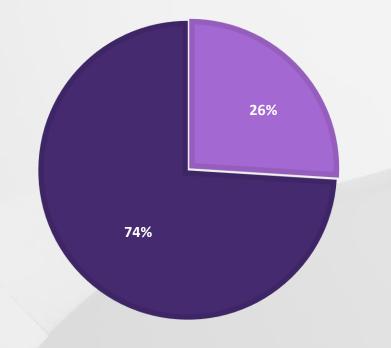
# WHAT SMOKERS IN THE WORLD THINK ABOUT VAPING

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Three quarters of smokers in the world believe that vaping is at least as harmful as smoking.

### Vaping: more, equally or less harmful compared to smoking?

■ Less harmful than smoking ■ At least as harmful as smoking



Base: 26,950 tobacco smokers across 28 countries

# **VAPING VS TOBACCO – AS/MORE HARMFUL**

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More than half of the respondents across all markets perceive vaping as equally or more harmful compared to smoking tobacco products.

In Brazil, Netherlands, Slovenia and Kazakhstan – more than 80% share this view.

| Country        | Consider vaping <u>as</u> or <u>more</u> harmful than smoking tobacco products |
|----------------|--|
| Brazil         | 90%  |
| Netherlands    | 85%  |
| Slovenia       | 84%  |
| Kazakhstan     | 81%  |
| Saudi Arabia   | 79%  |
| Ireland        | 79%  |
| Australia      | 79%  |
| South Africa   | 78%  |
| Uzbekistan     | 78%  |
| UAE            | 77%  |
| Colombia       | 76%  |
| Poland         | 75%  |
| Croatia        | 75%  |
| Belgium        | 74%  |
| Spain          | 74%  |
| Bulgaria       | 74%  |
| New Zealand    | 73%  |
| Chile          | 73%  |
| Austria        | 72%  |
| Romania        | 72%  |
| Nigeria        | 70%  |
| Germany        | 70%  |
| Indonesia      | 70%  |
| Kenya          | 69%  |
| UK             | 63%  |
| France         | 61%  |
| Czech Republic | 59%  |
| Italy          | 57%  |

## CONSIDER VAPING AS OR MORE HARMFUL THAN SMOKING TOBACCO PRODUCTS



| Country        | Men | Women | 19-29 | 30-44 | 45+ |
|----------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Brazil         | 89% | 90%   | 89%   | 89%   | 93% |
| Netherlands    | 83% | 87%   | 85%   | 83%   | 86% |
| Slovenia       | 82% | 87%   | 84%   | 84%   | 86% |
| Kazakhstan     | 79% | 83%   | 75%   | 81%   | 82% |
| Saudi Arabia   | 78% | 80%   | 81%   | 77%   | 76% |
| Ireland        | 74% | 82%   | 83%   | 78%   | 77% |
| Australia      | 72% | 87%   | 86%   | 68%   | 86% |
| South Africa   | 78% | 79%   | 78%   | 79%   | 76% |
| Uzbekistan     | 79% | 76%   | 75%   | 80%   | 72% |
| UAE            | 76% | 83%   | 82%   | 72%   | 83% |
| Colombia       | 72% | 80%   | 75%   | 76%   | 75% |
| Poland         | 71% | 77%   | 79%   | 70%   | 74% |
| Croatia        | 71% | 79%   | 81%   | 71%   | 77% |
| Belgium        | 71% | 77%   | 82%   | 76%   | 70% |
| Spain          | 74% | 75%   | 79%   | 74%   | 72% |
| Bulgaria       | 68% | 81%   | 80%   | 74%   | 69% |
| New Zealand    | 66% | 79%   | 72%   | 72%   | 74% |
| Chile          | 68% | 77%   | 73%   | 73%   | 72% |
| Austria        | 70% | 75%   | 77%   | 69%   | 71% |
| Romania        | 67% | 76%   | 80%   | 68%   | 73% |
| Nigeria        | 73% | 65%   | 73%   | 70%   | 63% |
| Germany        | 65% | 75%   | 79%   | 69%   | 68% |
| Indonesia      | 71% | 68%   | 73%   | 69%   | 71% |
| Kenya          | 70% | 67%   | 72%   | 72%   | 57% |
| UK             | 55% | 72%   | 72%   | 58%   | 61% |
| France         | 57% | 65%   | 68%   | 64%   | 54% |
| Czech Republic | 52% | 65%   | 62%   | 52%   | 62% |
| Italy          | 52% | 62%   | 65%   | 56%   | 49% |

## **VAPING VS TOBACCO – MORE HARMFUL**



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Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan and Slovenia stand out as the market with largest share of people who considers vaping as more harmful than tobacco products. Here, more than 1 in 3 agrees with this statement.

| Country        | Consider vaping <u>more</u> harmful than smoking tobacco p |
|----------------|--|
| Brazil         | 50%  |
| Saudi Arabia   | 50%  |
| Uzbekistan     | 46%  |
| Slovenia       | 35%  |
| UAE            | 35%  |
|                | 32%  |
| Kazakhstan     | 31%  |
| Australia      | 30%  |
| Ireland        | 29%  |
| Nigeria        | 28%  |
| South Africa   | 27%  |
| Netherlands    | 27%  |
| Bulgaria       | 26%  |
| New Zealand    | 25%  |
| Indonesia      | 23%  |
| Romania        | 23%  |
| Colombia       | 23%  |
| Croatia        | 21%  |
| Kenya          | 20%  |
| Chile          | 20%  |
| Poland         | 20%  |
| UK             | 19%  |
| Austria        | 18%  |
| Belgium        | 18%  |
| Germany        | 17%  |
| Czech Republic | 16%  |
| France         | 14%  |
| Spain          | 13%  |
| Italy          | 12%  |
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## CONSIDER VAPING MORE HARMFUL THAN SMOKING TOBACCO PRODUCTS



| Country        | Men | Women | 19-29 | 30-44 | 45+ |
|----------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|
|                |     |       |       |       |     |
| Brazil         | 49% | 51%   | 51%   | 50%   | 50% |
| Saudi Arabia   | 46% | 45%   | 53%   | 43%   | 34% |
| Uzbekistan     | 39% | 31%   | 33%   | 36%   | 45% |
| Slovenia       | 35% | 35%   | 47%   | 36%   | 25% |
| UAE            | 35% | 28%   | 32%   | 33%   | 31% |
| Kazakhstan     | 31% | 31%   | 34%   | 32%   | 28% |
| Australia      | 25% | 36%   | 37%   | 21%   | 36% |
| Ireland        | 27% | 30%   | 32%   | 30%   | 25% |
| Nigeria        | 32% | 22%   | 35%   | 26%   | 15% |
| South Africa   | 30% | 25%   | 30%   | 24%   | 27% |
| Netherlands    | 29% | 26%   | 37%   | 26%   | 24% |
| Bulgaria       | 24% | 29%   | 33%   | 23%   | 24% |
| New Zealand    | 24% | 26%   | 27%   | 26%   | 20% |
| Indonesia      | 24% | 21%   | 26%   | 21%   | 25% |
| Romania        | 22% | 24%   | 35%   | 21%   | 19% |
| Colombia       | 23% | 22%   | 26%   | 20%   | 24% |
| Croatia        | 22% | 21%   | 32%   | 19%   | 16% |
| Kenya          | 19% | 20%   | 22%   | 19%   | 16% |
| Chile          | 20% | 20%   | 20%   | 20%   | 19% |
| Poland         | 17% | 22%   | 23%   | 17%   | 19% |
| UK             | 20% | 18%   | 33%   | 16%   | 11% |
| Austria        | 20% | 17%   | 26%   | 17%   | 13% |
| Belgium        | 18% | 18%   | 26%   | 19%   | 15% |
| Germany        | 18% | 16%   | 25%   | 21%   | 10% |
| Czech Republic | 15% | 17%   | 19%   | 14%   | 15% |
| France         | 15% | 13%   | 16%   | 18%   | 9%  |
| Spain          | 11% | 15%   | 17%   | 16%   | 8%  |
| Italy          | 12% | 13%   | 17%   | 12%   | 7%  |

## **VAPING VS TOBACCO – LESS HARMFUL**

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The perception of vaping as less harmful than smoking tobacco products is strongest in Italy, Czech Republic, France and UK.

In Brazil, Netherlands and Slovenia – less than 20% agrees with the statement.

#### Country

#### Consider vaping less harmful than smoking tobacco products

| Italy          | 43% |
|----------------|-----|
| Czech Republic | 42% |
| France         | 39% |
| UK             | 37% |
| Kenya          | 31% |
| Nigeria        | 30% |
| Germany        | 30% |
| Indonesia      | 30% |
| Austria        | 28% |
| Romania        | 28% |
| New Zealand    | 28% |
| Chile          | 27% |
| Belgium        | 26% |
| Poland         | 26% |
| Spain          | 26% |
| Bulgaria       | 26% |
| Croatia        | 25% |
| Colombia       | 24% |
| UAE            | 22% |
| South Africa   | 22% |
| Uzbekistan     | 22% |
| Saudi Arabia   | 22% |
| Ireland        | 21% |
| Australia      | 21% |
| Kazakhstan     | 20% |
| Slovenia       | 15% |
| Netherlands    | 15% |
| Brazil         | 10% |

# **METHOD**



### METHOD

Quantitative study in Ipsos panels

### TARGET GROUP

- Tobacco users
- Age: 19+

# QUESTIONS

How often do you currently use any or all of the following products?

- Ready-made cigarettes
- Self-rolled or self-tubed cigarettes
- Pipe
- Cigarillos or Cigars

# Which of the following best describes your opinion when it comes to vaping compared to smoking tobacco products?

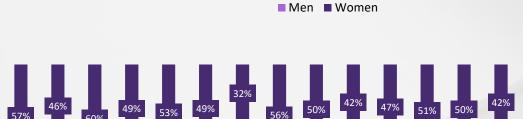
- Vaping is more harmful than smoking tobacco products
- Vaping and smoking tobacco products are equally harmful
- Vaping is less harmful than smoking tobacco products

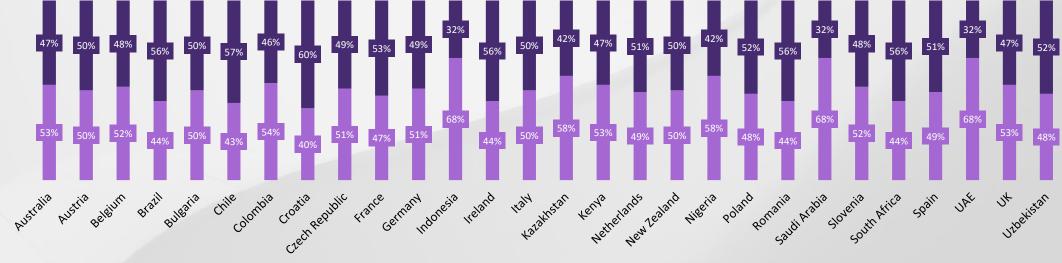
### SAMPLE PER MARKETS

- Australia 1000
- Austria 1000
- Belgium 1000
- Brazil 1000
- Bulgaria 1000
- Chile 1000
- Colombia 1000
- Croatia 1000
- Czech Republic 1000
- France 1000
- Germany 1000
- Indonesia 1000
- Ireland 1000
- Italy 1000
- Kazakhstan 450
- Kenya 1000
- Netherlands 1000
- New Zealand 1000
- Nigeria 1000
- Poland 1000
- Romania 1000
- Saudi Arabia 1000
- Slovenia 1000
- South Africa 1000
- Spain 1000
- UAE 1000
- UK 1000
- Uzbekistan 500

### **DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE: GENDER**



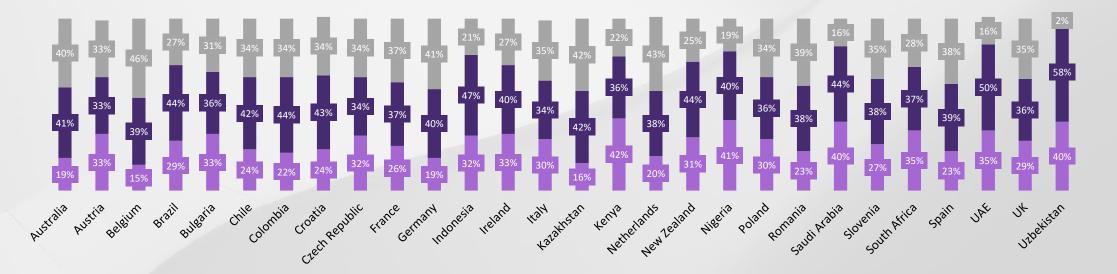




### **DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE: AGE**



■ 19-29 ■ 30-44 ■ 45+



# WEEKLY USAGE PER TOBACCO TYPE (AMONG TOBACCO USERS)



| Country        | Ready-made cigarettes |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Indonesia      | 96%                   |
| Romania        | 95%                   |
| Brazil         | 92%                   |
| Poland         | 89%                   |
| Colombia       | 88%                   |
| South Africa   | 88%                   |
| Chile          | 87%                   |
| Italy          | 87%                   |
| Saudi Arabia   | 87%                   |
| Bulgaria       | 85%                   |
| Spain          | 84%                   |
| Australia      | 83%                   |
| UAE            | 82%                   |
| France         | 79%                   |
| UK             | 78%                   |
| Croatia        | 78%                   |
| Germany        | 77%                   |
| Belgium        | 77%                   |
| Czech Republic | 76%                   |
| Netherlands    | 76%                   |
| Austria        | 75%                   |
| New Zealand    | 74%                   |
| Kazakhstan     | 72%                   |
| Slovenia       | 70%                   |
| Nigeria        | 62%                   |
| Ireland        | 62%                   |
| Kenya          | 61%                   |
| Uzbekistan     | 53%                   |
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#### Self-rolled cigarettes

| 3   | 36% |
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| 24% |     |
|     | 41% |
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#### Pipe

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#### **Cigarillos or Cigars**

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