

Vapes continue to plague college campuses  
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WASHINGTON — Electronic cigarettes have taken the news world by storm, with more citizens falling ill because of vapes, primarily young adults, and President Donald Trump urging the Food and Drug Administration to pass stricter regulations on vaping.

While their parents and parents' parents were peddled cigarettes, e-cigarettes, primarily Juuls, are the alternative being pushed towards teens and young adults today. College campuses, American University being one of them, have banned smoking, including the use of any type of vape. While many American students say they do not vape, most say they have friends who do, or have tried it in the past.

One sophomore boy interviewed had just one comment to make, and refused to give his name, "I think it's dumb," he said curtly before walking away.

A freshman student, Tyler Moore, who does not Juul, said, "it's obviously all around me because my friends do it, but I personally just choose not to because I feel like there's no evidence that it's completely safe, and I'd just rather not risk my health."

With more victims of illness claiming e-cigarettes as the cause, Moore's opinion is one that's widely shared.

Two sophomores, Rachel Bagley and Yesenia Montes, do not use e-cigarettes themselves, but have friends who do. When asked about whether vapes were a problem on American's campus, Bagley replied "I don't know if it's a problem... but I see it [vaping] a fair amount."

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However, despite not juuling themselves, many students stated they would not support stricter regulations on electronic cigarettes, claiming cigarettes themselves should be regulated first

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"I think it's the same as cigarettes. I think people have the freedom to do that if they wish to... I feel like it's up to each... if you're over 18 years you're completely free to do whatever you want, including use e-cigarettes," Montes commented.

## **SOURCING INFORMATION:**

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