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Cigarettes

THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANCER STICKS

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**SMOKING IS NOT A
FOREIGN CONCEPT IN
AMERICAN HISTORY...**



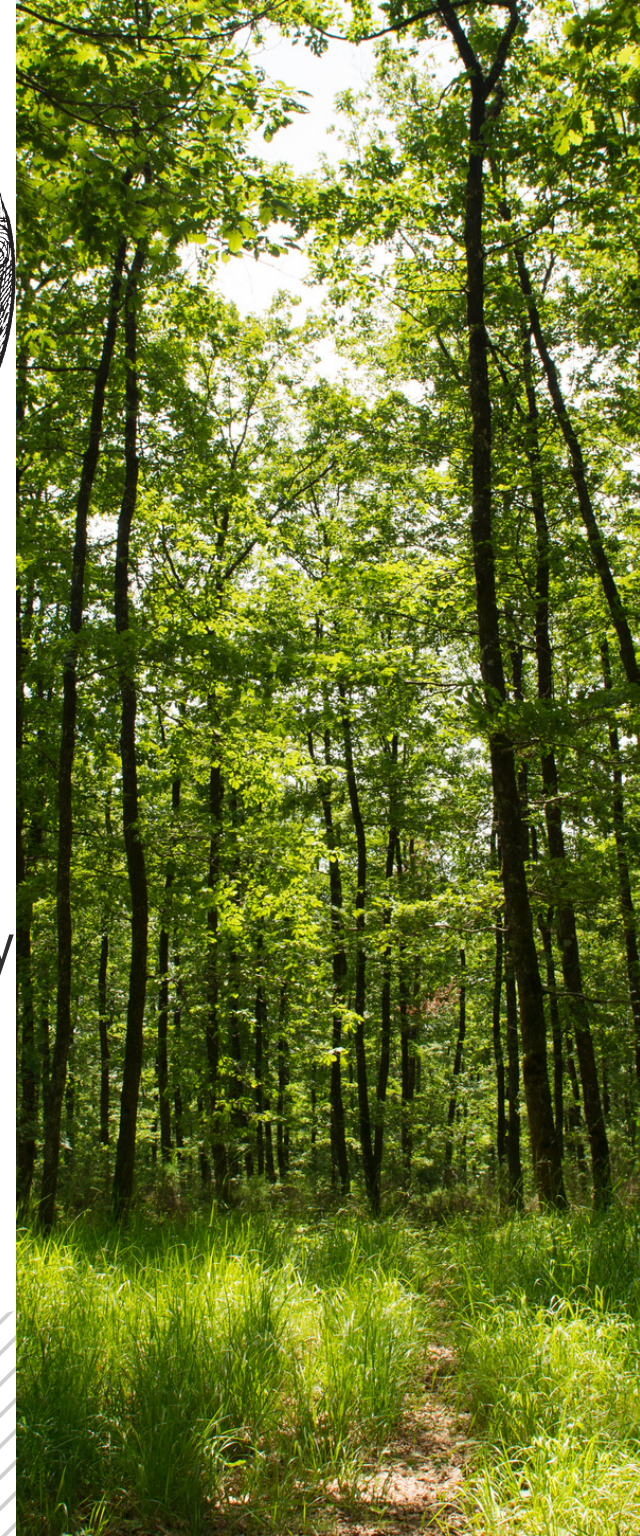
Origin of Tobacco

- Derived from the leaves of the genus *Nicotiana*
- Is indigenous to North & South America
 - [1st Century BC]: Based on archeological studies, the Maya people of Central America were the first to use tobacco leaves for smoking in sacred and religious ceremonies
 - [6,000 BC]: The 1st cultivation of tobacco by Native Americans
 - [1492]: American Indians gift dried tobacco leaves to Christopher Columbus, leading to the dispersion & increasing popularity of the product outside of the Americas: Europe

New World Culture



- Was one of the most important cash crops, especially in the Virginia settlements
 - was used as a form of currency: a way to pay for taxes, labor costs, etc.
 - integrated to become a part of American culture: a celebrated panacea





Industrial Revolution

With the transition from hand labor to machinery, the version of the modern-cigarette was first seen in the mid-19th century became widespread by the 20th century

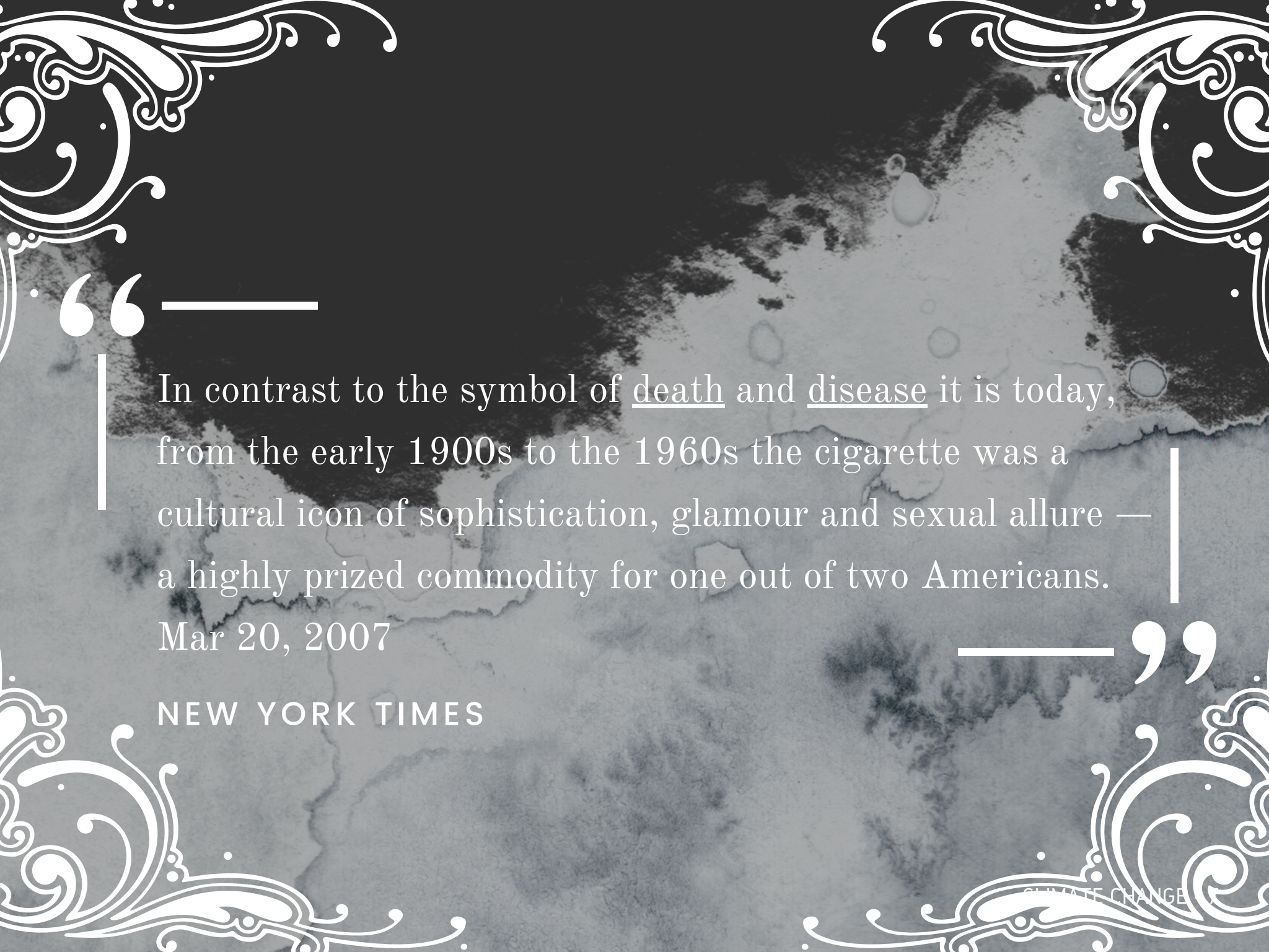
- visible transition from tobacco pipes/rolls -> cigars, cigarettes, and chewing tobacco

Symbol of Class

- Smoking served as a symbol of wealth for those who could afford it
 - the more premium the product and frequency of use, the more social points you got
 - assisted in amplifying the normality of tobacco in society, causing the harmful affects of the nicotine to affect all members of the community: especially children

DEVELOPMENT OF SMOKING CULTURE





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In contrast to the symbol of death and disease it is today,
from the early 1900s to the 1960s the cigarette was a
cultural icon of sophistication, glamour and sexual allure —
a highly prized commodity for one out of two Americans.

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NEW YORK TIMES

By 1957...

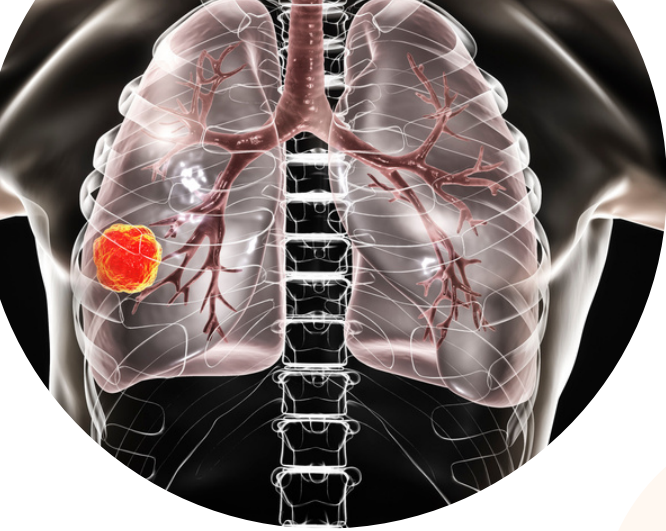
- evidence implicating smoking as a causative factor in lung cancer was established to a high degree of scientific certainty
 - the first official statement from the US Public Health Service that implicated smoking as a cause of lung cancer



The 1st E- cigarette

- developed in 2003 by Chinese pharmacist Hon Lik, a former deputy director of the Institute of Chinese Medicine in Liaoning Province.
- heats nicotine (extracted from tobacco), flavorings and other chemicals to create an aerosol that you inhale.



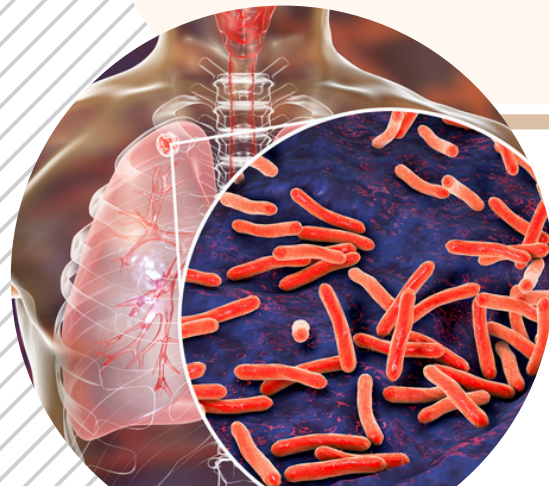


You choose: Life or Death?



- Leading cause of cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, diabetes, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
 - includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis.
- Can also increase risk for tuberculosis, certain eye diseases, and problems of the immune system, including rheumatoid arthritis.

-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-



ADDICTION, PAIN, DEATH

Yet. . . Tobacco industries still target youth

- E-cigarettes were designed to be “less harmful alternatives” to cigarettes but. . .
 - regularly contains 7,000 chemicals, many of which are toxic.



“Young adults are an important target for the tobacco industry, particularly because they face major changes in their lives. The industry studies young adult attitudes, lifestyles, values, aspirations, and social patterns with a view toward making smoking a socially acceptable part of young adults’ new activities.”

The National Library of Medicine

CONCLUSION

- **Don't Smoke**
- Tobacco companies target vulnerable youth for profit
- Smoking culture must lessen in popularity for the health of the people



Thank you

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