

2023 U.S. TOBACCO INDUSTRY INTERFERENCE INDEX



U.S. SCORE:

80/100

Yearly Change: +4 points

Global Rank: 82 out of 90 countries

**A higher score indicates more interference.*

BEST PERFORMERS

Brunei Darussalam (14)

New Zealand (27)

France (32)

The Netherlands (32)

Botswana (33)

WORST PERFORMERS

Dominican Republic (100)

Switzerland (95)

Japan (88)

Indonesia (84)

Georgia (83)



GLOBAL TRENDS

- 43 countries deteriorated; 29 improved
- Tobacco industry interference remains a significant barrier to effective public health policy



US POSITION

- Among five non-WHO FCTC parties facing high interference (Others: Argentina, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Switzerland)

Note: Non-parties generally lag behind in health policy protection



GLOBAL INDEX RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 Engage the entire government to curb tobacco industry interference.
- 2 Cease involvement in tobacco industry-sponsored charity.
- 3 Prohibit contributions from the tobacco industry, including to political campaigns.
- 4 Denormalize and ban tobacco's "CSR" activities.
- 5 Require greater transparency for increased accountability.
- 6 Divest from investments in the tobacco industry.
- 7 Implement a code of conduct or guidance to provide a firewall.
- 8 Stop giving incentives to the tobacco industry.
- 9 Reject non-binding agreements with the tobacco industry.

Global Report: <https://globaltobaccoindex.org>

US Report: <https://ash.org/2023index>