

I am from Madrid, and member of www.nofumadores.org ; I'm reading the "Green Book" and taking notes. I will probably publish my comments on my blog www.menoshumos.blogspot.com
I wanted to ask you if you want to receive the comments in English or if it does not matter if I send them in Spanish.

Up to now, it seems to me that what you have written in that report has little bearing with reality. Like if you are talking about the tobacco problem in a kingdom that only exists in your imagination. The tobacco industry and their propaganda machine have that advantage over us: they know very well the reality, they know very well society, and human nature. For example, your report up to now seems to ignore how the tobacco industry manipulates the media, and how they have politicians eating in the palm of their hands. In Spain, we have had a "decaf" tobacco law, bent to please the tobacco interests and the HORECA. Our law chooses to ignore the right not be poisoned in the workplace of the HORECA workers. The law has chosen not to protect children in restaurants and cafes either, which in itself is outrageous. Then we have asisted in Spain to the making of several regional Decrees that, instead of developing the Law, what they have done is work to undermine it. With that they are searching to undermine the Government, engaging in a political battle for power, and serving the interests of the tobacco industry. In Madrid it was ilegal to advertise tobacco in busstops and in the Metro (underground and outside). This was violated shamelessly and continuously in Madrid, and our authorities permitted it, despite all the complaints. And our public autorithies have been advertising tobacco on the streets of Madrid up to January 2006.

As long as your fairytale reports keep ignoring the reality, the problem will remain the same. And the tobacco industry will rejoice it.

Sorry if I have made this comment too long. As I said, when I finish my reading and my note-taking, I will make a more extensive comment on The Green Book.

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