

### 12. Should we impose a **FAT TAX** on junk food?

YT: Is it time to tax junk food?

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0dPU05pcwg>

WATCH the documentary and use the information below to form your opinion on whether we should impose a FAT TAX or not.

1. **Public health advocates** are pushing citizen states to .....  
**fattening, non-nutritious** items.

2. **Opponents claim that** poor Americans will have to ..... more.

3. **People should have the right** to eat .....they want, ..... they want.

4. Those **big greasy** cheeseburgers are **loaded with** saturated ..... and calories.

5. **Soft drinks** have been treated almost like ..... They're just part of every meal.

6. Poor consumers **are often priced out**. Fresher and purer foods ..... more.

7. **Over the past 30 years** the percentage of obese ..... **has doubled** and the percentage of obese ..... **has tripled**.

8. **The annual health care cost** of obesity has **soared to** over \$.....billion.

9. We ought to **discourage the consumption** of junk food they way we discourage .....

10. **One penny per ounce** would generate \$.....billion a year in **tax revenue**.  
We can call it a ..... TAX & WHOLE FOOD SUBSIDY

11. **Raise the price of** junk food and **drop the cost of** fresh fruit, vegetables and other ..... perishables.

12. One penny tax on every ounce of sugary beverages – in New York state alone- would ..... \$3 billion in **health care cost** over the next decade.

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#### KEY

1. Public health advocates are pushing the States to tax fattening, non-nutritious items.
2. Opponents claim that poor Americans will have to pay more.
3. People should have the right to eat what they want, when they want.
4. Those big greasy cheeseburgers are loaded with saturated fat and calories.
5. Soft drinks have been treated almost like water. They're just part of every meal.
6. Poor consumers are often priced out. Fresher and purer foods cost more.
7. Over the past 30 years the percentage of obese adults has doubled and the percentage of obese children has tripled.
8. The annual health care cost of obesity has soared to over \$100 billion.
9. We ought to discourage the consumption of junk food the way we discourage smoking.
10. One penny per ounce would generate \$13 billion a year in tax revenue. We can call it a JUNK FOOD TAX & WHOLE FOOD SUBSIDY
11. Raise the price of junk food and drop the cost of fresh fruit, vegetables and other organic perishables.
12. One penny tax on every ounce of sugary beverages – in New York state alone- would save \$3 billion over the next decade.