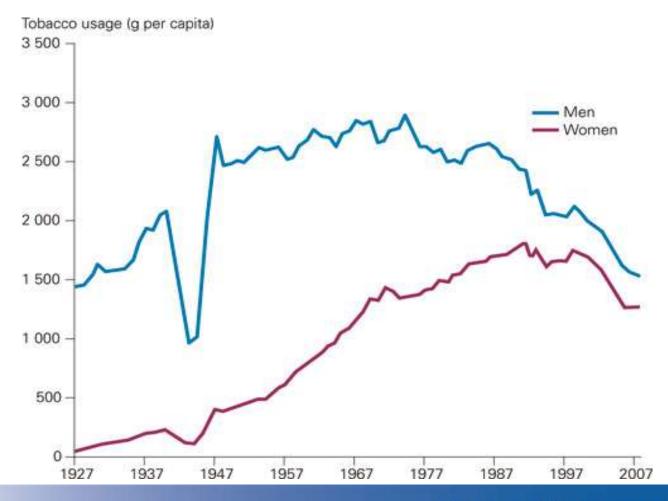
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Learning from the experts: How tobacco companies used gender transformative strategies to get women hooked

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# Women's and men's tobacco use has become more similar over time





## Attracting female market

 Women entering the job market and became a new market.





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#### **Gender analysis**



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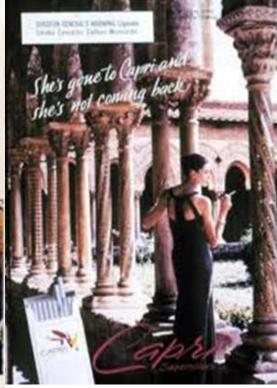
















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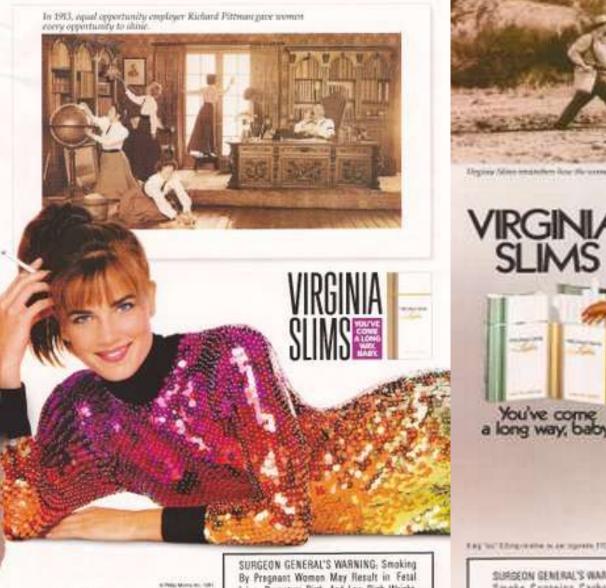


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lejury, Premature Birth, And Low Birth Weight,

Found in Mom's Basement





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#### THE VIRGINIA SLIMS TENNIS CIRCUIT

The Circuit that made women's tennis what it is today.







## Public health response

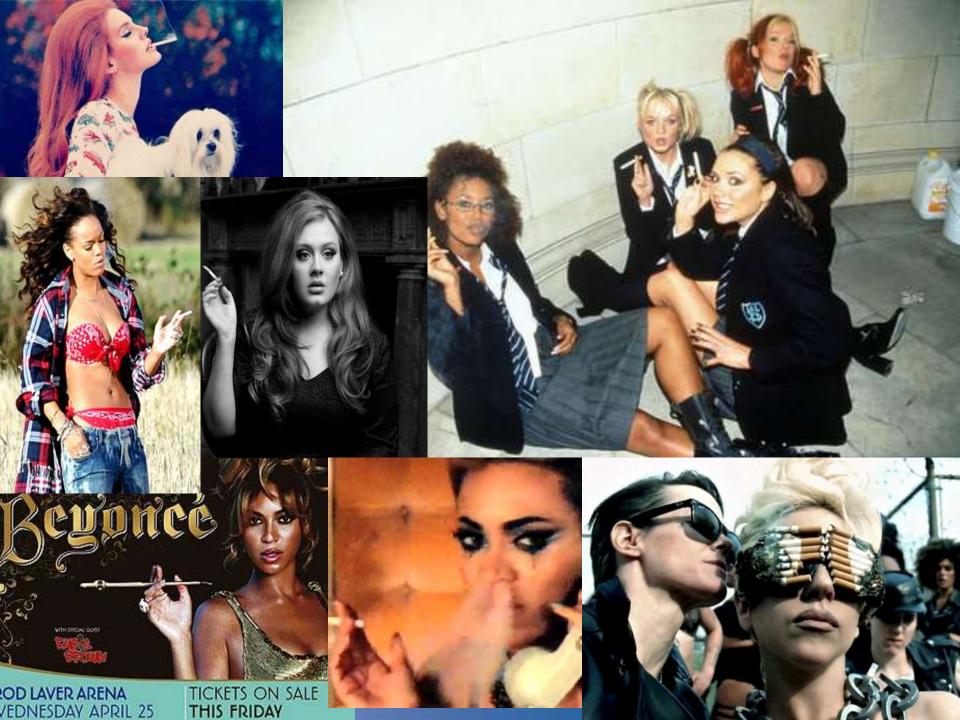


## Anti-smoking laws and regulations

- Ban on tobacco advertising
- Anti-smoking ad campaigns
- Ban on smoking in public spaces
- Plain packaging
- Increasing price







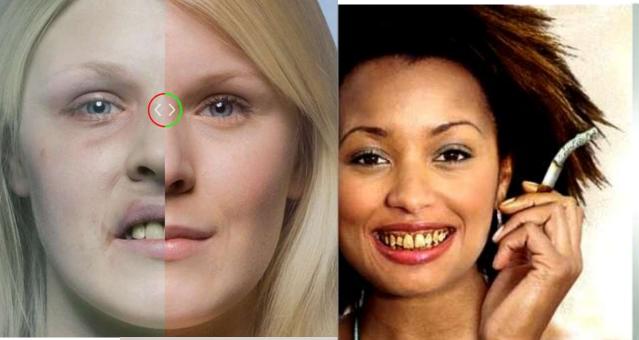






# ANTI-TOBACCO AD CAMPAIGNS











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# Issues with gender exploitative approach

- Reinforce gender stereotype of women that disempower women
- Valued for their looks, attractiveness
- Show women as victims and submissive



empowered

healthy



#### Challenges for the public health sector

- Funding
- Working within an ethical framework



#### THINGS WE CAN DO



 Moving the focus from gender exploitative approach to an empowering approach



## Life course/diversity approach

- sex-disaggregated data
- A gender analysis of evidence
- Provision of cessation treatments that are affordable, effective and sensitive to the needs of women.
- Provision of cessation approaches that are sensitive to the stressors that undermine women's smoking cessation efforts.



## Gender transformative approach

- Support women's empowerment through education, political participation, sports
  - Support positive role models ie health professionals, women in media, women in sports and women in politics
  - Women's watch dog organisations, new information technology to mobilise young women



#### Women's Health Victoria Resources

- Women & Tobacco: Gender Impact Assessment
- Gender Transformative Policy & Practice:
- Gender transformative health promotion: Clearinghouse Connector
- www.whv.org.au





#### Thank you



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