

试题原文

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Passage Two

This week, the governor of Connecticut proposed a statewide tax on sugar-sweetened drinks. Several cities have already enacted such soda taxes to raise money and fight obesity (肥胖). And there's new evidence suggesting that these taxes do work—although sometimes not as well as hoped.

Kris Madsen, an associate professor of public health at the University of California, Berkeley, is one of the researchers who has been studying soda taxes, in part because she's convinced that sugary drinks are a threat to society, a direct cause of obesity.

"It's a pretty high bar for public health to be able to say that something is causing a major epidemic," she says. "We can do that for sugar-sweetened beverages(饮料)."

Berkeley was the first U.S. city to tax those drinks, making them more expensive, and Madsen is leading a team of researchers that's trying to see how the tax is working.

"We've been going out to the same neighborhoods every year for the last five years, and we've been asking people the same questions," she says. Researchers interview people on the street, primarily in low-income neighborhoods.

They started doing this before the soda tax went into effect four years ago, and they've continued every year since.

"We saw a 52 percent decline in consumption over the first three years," since the tax went into effect, she says. "This has a huge impact."

Madsen's study was published online this week by The American Journal of Public Health.

Mexico, in fact, put in place a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages in 2014. That tax is smaller than the soda taxes in the U.S., and its effect on consumption also has been smaller. According to one study, consumption of sugary drinks fell on average by about 8 percent as a result of the tax.

6. A statewide tax on sugary drinks was planned in this week in ____.

- A. California
- B. Connecticut
- C. Berkeley
- D. Mexico

7. What is one of the reasons why the government put a tax on sugar-sweetened drinks?

- A. To collect money.
- B. To help poor people.
- C. To cut the consumption of alcohol.
- D. To support research on public health.

8. We can infer from the passage that Kris Madsen believes that.

- A. soda taxes cause inflation
- B. soda taxes are harmful to society
- C. rich people don't drink sugar-sweetened beverages
- D. sugar-sweetened drinks are harmful to public health

9. The tax on sugar-sweetened drinks is less effective in Mexico than that in the U.S. because

- A. it's enforced earlier
- B. its tax rate is lower
- C. Mexicans drink less sodas

D.Mexico is a small country

10.What is the theme of this passage?

A.The effect of soda taxes.

B.The harm of sugary drinks.

C.The greed of the government.

D.The life of a university teacher.

视频讲解

