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strongest case to date for a simple yet ambitious remedy: a ban on the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.