

In groups, read and discuss the following cases

WOMAN ARRESTED ON RIO BEACH

A young woman was arrested yesterday for using only one part of her two-part bikini. Brazilians are famous for their love of the beach, and wear very small bikinis but topless sunbathing is still not allowed. Police used to have a "look the other way" policy but local authorities have begun to enforce the controversial law which forbids nudity.

The woman was unrepentant after her arrest: "This is Brazil - not England, not the US. We believe in freedom and we believe in the right to show our bodies. This is absolutely ridiculous."

1. **Is this law sensible in your opinion?**
2. **What is meant by a 'look the other way' policy?**
3. **"We believe in the right to show our bodies." Do you agree with her?**

BAR FINED FOR ALLOWING SMOKING

Popular bar O'Malley's was fined \$1,000 on Friday night for disobeying the new San Francisco city order which prohibits smoking in any public building.

The owner plans to appeal against the fine before a hearing this afternoon. "I tell you, even if the fine stays, there's no way I'm going to make my loyal customers go outside in the cold to smoke," he said yesterday. His customers have offered a lot of support.

"Has the world gone mad? This is a bar! It's a place for vices," said one regular. "I can't drink without smoking!"

1. **What do you think about this law?**
2. **What do you think the bar owner should do?**
3. **What was one customer's justification for smoking in the bar? Do you agree?**

FOX HUNT SABOTEURS ARRESTED

Two men and a woman were arrested by police after pulling a man off his horse, causing him to break his arm. The incident happened after the three tried to stop a fox-hunt going ahead in the Sussex countryside in the south of England.

Several minutes of arguing had preceded the attack when the small group arrived with bells and whistles to confuse the dogs and horses.

"Hunting foxes is murder," screamed one of the group before being led away by police.

1. **Do you feel sympathetic towards the offenders in this article? Why? Why not?**
2. **Do you have any animal sports in your country which you think should be banned?**
3. **Do you have animal rights activists in your country? If so, do you agree with their methods to defend animals' rights?**

KU KLUX KLAN RALLY VIOLENCE

Four members of the Ku Klux Klan brotherhood were beaten up at a public rally in which KKK members were calling for "a cry for white freedom." Tempers began to flare when the Klan members, dressed in traditional white robes, began their march through a predominantly black neighbourhood shouting "White power!"

Locals took to the streets and showed their opposition, some using violence. Four men were arrested by the police.

"We are a peaceful organization with the right to speak our minds," said one Klansman. "It's not our fault these people are animals."

1. **Do you sympathise with the offenders?**
2. **The man from the KKK said they had "the right to speak our minds." Do you agree?**
3. **Should groups like the KKK be banned?**