Trinkets & Trash Artifacts of the Tobacco Epidemic

Surveillance Update - June 2021

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Tobacco Updates

Celebrating the season: Tobacco companies showed their support during various national events this June, and let everyone know about it on social media. IQOS announced that to commemorate Juneteenth, all IQOS stores would be closed that Saturday, 6/19. Optimo cigars made a Juneteenth post to remind everyone to "Reflect. Celebrate. Connect." on that important day. A week later for National Pride Day, the brand posted an Instagram to "Pass the Love" to "all the members of the #LGBTQ Optimo fam." Finally, to prepare for Independence Day, Lucky Strike cigarettes debuted "a lineup of celebratory packs," decorated with the stars and stripes and festive firework designs, promoted on the brand website.





Sweet sweepstakes: There were more reasons to celebrate this past month, as several brands had fresh sweepstakes and offers to take advantage of. To kick off their 20th anniversary, *Grizzly* released special can designs with QR codes that customers could scan for a chance to win prizes. Visitors to the brand website were invited to click daily to win. *Camel* also offered some limited time opportunities, like a random 500\$ prize event that people could sign up to be notified by text, as advertised in an email. The brand also sponsored a Double Hump day event on June 30th, a 24hr prize event on the website where visitors could win coupons and gifts. The Life is Sweet promotion by Swisher also kicked off this month, and promotions could be seen in emails, the website, and on their social media accounts. Participants could win cash or even a luxury SUV. Winston also advertised a chance to win a 4x4 by includ-

ing a QR code link in a <u>magazine ad</u> that ran in *Rolling Stone* and *Wired*; visitors to the website could exchange *Winston* Rewards points for contest entry tickets.



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