## Trinkets & Trash Artifacts of the Tobacco Epidemic

## Surveillance Update - June 2022

Trinkets & Trash is a surveillance project and archive that monitors tobacco industry marketing in magazines, direct mail, e-mail, websites, and other channels. Visit us online at <u>trinketsandtrash.org</u>. If you have examples you'd like to share, e-mail us at trinketsandtrash@sph.rutgers.edu. To join our mailing list, click <u>here</u>!

## **Tobacco Updates**

**Cigar flavor standards:** Cigar brands rallied their customers via email and Instagram stories posts to warn people about the FDA proposed product standard banning characterizing flavors in cigars. A *Black & Mild email* shared concerns about losing freedom of choice while including a link to send a comment to the FDA via the brand's platform. Temporary Instagram stories, which disappear after 24 hours, were featured on *Swisher, Backwoods,* and *Optimo* pages, providing links to various websites to submit comments to the FDA.

**Naturally refreshing:** *Winston* had a new magazine <u>advertisement</u> featuring their menthol pack



WARNING: This product can cause gum disease and tooth loss.



that plays off *American Spirit* themes quite obviously— the ad has a large barn and a field, similar to <u>this</u> *American Spirit* ad, with the addition of a large American flag to focus on the brand's heritage. The word "naturally" is used both in the ad and on the pack designs, along with the "100% plant-based menthol" tagline.

**New announcements:** *Grizzly* announced their upcoming snus products on their <u>website</u> and <u>Instagram</u>, displaying flavors of "Arctic Blue," "Wintergreen," and "Natural," with the tagline, "Step aside dainty Euro-brands." The brand website has a store locator to find this limited release product; the closest "select stores" to New Jersey are ones from the Sheetz chain in Pennsylvania. Logic advertised in a business-to-business <u>magazine</u> as well as via <u>email</u> the good news—that the FDA has issued marketing orders for their Pro and Power e-cigarette devices, as well as their associated "tobacco"-flavored cartridges.



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