Some surprising advice to young people from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco.

Don’t smoke.

For one thing, smoking has always been an adult custom. And even for adults, smoking has become very controversial.

So even though we’re a tobacco company, we don’t think it’s a good idea for young people to smoke.

Now, we know that giving this kind of advice to young people can sometimes backfire.

But if you take up smoking just to prove you’re an adult, you’re really proving just the opposite.

Because deciding to smoke or not to smoke is something you should do when you don’t have anything to prove.

Think it over.

After all, you may not be old enough to smoke. But you’re old enough to think.

Source: van Eemeren, Frans H. (2010) Strategic Maneuvering in Argumentative Discourse. Extending the pragma-dialectical theory of argumentation. Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins Publishing Company.