TABLE 8

Trends in Attitudes about Regular Smokeless Tobacco Use for Eighth, Tenth, and Twelfth Graders

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	'99–'00 change
Perceived Risk[a]																											
8th Grade																	35.1	35.1	36.9	35.5	33.5	34.0	35.2	36.5	37.1	39.0	+1.9
10th Grade																	40.3	39.6	44.2	42.2	38.2	41.0	42.2	42.8	44.2	46.7	+2.5s
12th Grade												25.8	30.0	33.2	32.9	34.2	37.4	35.5	38.9	36.6	33.2	37.4	38.6	40.9	41.1	42.2	+1.1
Disapproval[b]																											
8th Grade																	79.1	77.2	77.1	75.1	74.0	74.1	76.5	76.3	78.0	79.2	+1.1
10th Grade																	75.4	74.6	73.8	71.2	71.0	71.0	72.3	73.2	75.1	75.8	+0.7
Approx. Ns:																											
8th Grade																	*17500*	*18600*	*18300*	*17300*	*17500*	*17800*	*18600*	*18100*	*16700*	*16700*	
10th Grade																	*14800*	*14800*	*15300*	*15800*	*17000*	*15600*	*15500*	*15000*	*13600*	*14300*	
12th Grade	*2800*	*2900*	*3100*	*3800*	*3300*	*3200*	*3600*	*3600*	*3300*	*3300*	*3300*	*3000*	*3300*	*3300*	*2800*	*2600*	*2500*	*2700*	*2800*	*2600*	*2600*	*2400*	*2600*	*2500*	*2300*	*2100*	

NOTES: Level of significance of difference between the two most recent classes: s = .05, ss = .01, sss = .001.
Any apparent inconsistency between the change estimate and the prevalence of use estimates for the two most recent classes is due to rounding error.
SOURCE: The Monitoring the Future Study, The University of Michigan.

[a]The question text was: How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they use smokeless tobacco regularly? Answer alternatives were: (1) No risk, (2) Slight risk, (3) Moderate risk, (4) Great risk, and (5) Can't say, drug unfamiliar. The percentage saying "great risk" is shown. For 8th and 10th graders: Beginning in 1999, perceived risk data based on two of four forms; N is two-thirds of N indicated.

[b]The question text was: Do you disapprove of people using smokeless tobacco regularly? For 12th graders, the question asked about people who are "18 or older." Answer alternatives were: (1) Don't disapprove, (2) Disapprove, and (3) Strongly disapprove. For 8th and 10th graders, there was another category— "Can't say, drug unfamiliar"—which was included in the calculation of these percentages. The percentage saying they "disapprove" or "strongly disapprove" is shown. For 8th and 10th graders: Beginning in 1999, disapproval data based on two of four forms; N is two-thirds of N indicated. This question was not asked of 12th graders.