

Can Governments Regulate to Help Prevent Problem Gaming?

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What I would like to cover

- Why does Problem Gaming occur?
- What types of Regulations can be Used...
 - To Combat Brain Related Addiction?
 - To Combat Temptation Related?
 - To Combat Others?
- What will prevent the governments from succeeding?
- Summary

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- Why does Problem Gaming occur?
 - The Interesting Question
 - We hear many reasons at Conferences like these.
 - I will leave it for the Experts to Answer.
 - However, if we do not know or understand why problem gaming occurs, then we can not Regulate to help prevent it.
 - So, here are some answers that we hear today
 - Brain related Addiction (Is it a disease of some sort?)
 - Temptation related
 - Other

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- What Types of Regulations can be Used...
 - To Help Combat Brain Related Addiction?
 - Education of the Public and the Gaming Industry
 - Player Registration at Casinos and Arcades
 - Self exclusion programs
 - Gamblers Anonymous
 - Gaming Addiction Associations
 - Funded by Operators and Manufacturers, not by Governments

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- What types of Regulations can be used...
 - To help Combat Temptation Related Causes?
 - 3 Classes of Gaming
 - Unlimited, Limited and No Pay Out
 - Purpose of Limited Gaming
 - Strict Locations for each Class
 - Minimum Age Limits for Players
 - Types of Games allowed
 - Bet and Win limits
 - No high denomination notes
 - Player information screens
 - RTP
 - Tracking of players own statistics
 - Strict Controls on Internet/Mobile Phone Gaming

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- To Help Combat Other Causes?
 - Strict Technical Standards for Gaming Equipment
 - Learn from Other Governments Mistakes
 - The need to have detailed technical standards
 - Gaming Machines
 - Totally Random
 - Definitions (Game, etc.)
 - Monitoring Systems
 - Operators
 - Governments
 - E.g. Slovenia

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- What will prevent Governments succeeding?
 - Lobbying by Operators
 - Australia
 - Norway
 - Lack of Understanding by Governments
 - Why they need to be so strict with the regulations
 - Why they need to educate the public
 - Why they should care at all!

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■ Summary

- Yes, proper Regulations can help.
- But the Government must have the Will to do it.
- The Gaming Industry can help.
- The Public can help.
- It need not cost the Government Anything
- It Saves the Government a Lot

- Questions?

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