Interactive Audience Participation: (a) Packaging TUS Data (b) Developing a TUS User Group

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- (a) "Packaging TUS Data": What types of informatics/IT system capabilities would enhance utility or usability of data?
 - Potential "canned" analysis capabilities:
 - a) Produce easy cross-tabs of tobacco items X demographics (e.g., current smoking by race/ethnicity; attitude toward smoke-free bars by age group)
 - b) Produce State-level versus Sub Statelevel data
 - c) Produce measures of variability (standard errors)

- (a) "Packaging TUS Data": What types of informatics/IT system capabilities would enhance utility or usability of data?
 - Potential "elaborated" analysis capabilities:
 - a) Provide code (SAS, SUDAAN) for original analyses
 - b) Provide an online guide to analysis of TUS data
 - c) Provide "live" assistance through e-mail or website submission of questions

- (b) TUS Data User Group: What type of virtual/online community system would enhance utility or usability of data?
 - Potential "basic" systems:
 - *a) Listserv/e-mail group*: Anyone can send questions/answers to anyone else in group
 - b) Web-based chat room, message-board, etc.
 - *c) Website with upload area*: Allows users to contribute a wide variety of information/data formats (Word docs, program code, publications)

- (b) TUS Data User Group: What type of virtual/online community system would enhance utility or usability of data?
 - Potential "advanced" system:
 - *a) Distributed collaboration model:* Anyone can append online content (e.g., Wikipedia)
 - b) Centrally-managed website: Could have areas dedicated to planned/recent analysis, special-purpose sub-community (e.g., State Epidemiologists).
 - *c) "Informatics grid" structure*: Combines analysis functions related to *Packaging TUS Data* with communication functions of a *Data User Group*

-> Utimately, nature of technological solution should depend on what we are attempting to achieve...

Group Discussion-

- 1) Break into small-discussion groups
- 2) Discuss, for 15-20 minutes each:
 - Packaging TUS Data

What (canned or elaborated) analysis capabilities would be useful?

- TUS Data User Group

What (basic or advanced) system would be useful?

3) Final large-group discussion (25 minutes)