In May of 2007, there was an emergence of food and safety awareness when the Supreme Court of India put a ban on the cooking and selling food on the streets of Delhi because cooking in the open is unsanitary. This article talks about the facts of food regulations in Delhi, like how Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) tests foods in other establishments, but that street food is rarely tested. Even though foods sold on the street are very popular, they are unhygienic for many reasons such as the use of unclean water, over-handling of the food, storing the food past it’s prime and even the vendor having poor personal hygiene. Considering the vendors and how this would affect them, this article touches on their lives and what this ban would mean to them as well. It also discusses urban restructuring and the middle class’s food hygiene and educational materials that deal with food hygiene, that’s goal is to inform the citizens about “remedies for food” to help prevent diseases. Basically, in the long run, banning street foods is unlikely to increase the hygiene of foods prepared for the people of Delhi because there are more problems then just that of foods sold on the street.

I think that the selling of street food in Delhi should most definitely not be banned, considering a lot of the because many people depend on how affordable it is. I just think that they need to clean things up a little bit. If they kept things clean for the most part just by minimal handling of the foods and being clean themselves, they could avoid many of the problems they are facing. Selling food on the street is part of their culture and I don’t think that that should be taken away. Generally, food vendors are the least educated of vendors as a whole and rely on that income to provide for their families, also considering the fact that most food vendors are male and work upwards of 15 hours a day. On another note, there has been a lot of attention being paid to the middle-class’s goods, such as bottled water, pesticide residues in Coca Cola, heavy metals being in commonly grown in Delhi and so on. Even if they banned street foods and began trying to fix their consumer goods, the general food supply doesn’t seems more important then the quality of the street food. I think that the fast and unhealthy foods being sold on the street are the least of their worries, considering they’re not even the main food supply of the people of Delhi.