

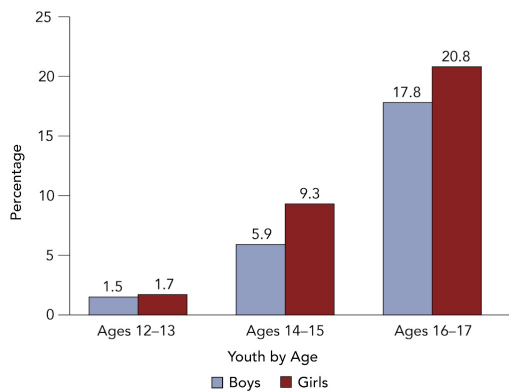
# Alcoholism

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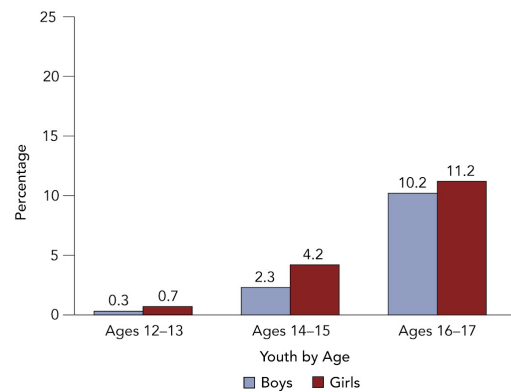
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Alcoholism is a running problem in this country. It can be seen in movies, propaganda, commercials, and even in the media. For years, alcohol has existed since the first human settlement was made. Alcohol could be seen in many different religions and mythologies, examples would be the god of wine. In Greek mythology, he would bring a plentiful harvest of wine grapes for others to enjoy and the drunkenness from it. Fast forwarding to the probation of the 1920's to the 1930's. In that time America banned any production, transportation, or importation of alcohol substances, leading to illegal smuggling and birthing of bootleggers. This made crime rise drastically throughout the time of the 10's and 20's. This is where many famous mobsters came to the light, an example would be Alcatraz's favorite prisoner, Al Capone. Al Capone was a mobster in New York for a while, smuggling alcohol and other supplies of drugs and weapons to underground elites or other shady figures that lived deep in New York. Later in life he became big Al, a gangster that inspired multiple movies and shows to this day. The more we start looking at alcohol across the world the more we see that it's tearing families, and even countries apart.

This can be seen throughout the Native American reservations. Each person that speaks about this, who is from the reservations, they say that it's normal all the time that their parents drink every day. If they were working, they'd come back home and drink until they passed out. Others would resort to thieving, buying and selling items for alcohol, or other dangerous substances of drugs. Many families are affected by this, of the person who drinks their life away, and reflecting back on the ones that look up to them the most. Many children look up to their mothers or fathers only for a majority of them to drink away the pain and pass out because of it, leaving their kids vulnerable, and not knowing how to deal with this situation because of their youth. I have seen

this myself throughout my entire life of family members under substances, or alcoholism and heard the stories a thousand times over. Enough to where it starts making life harder to live in, and making it more difficult to understand the world without that parent to teach you how to live in it. This is why my generation is in peril, because there are absent parents that don't know how to take care of a child, nor how to control their drink. And because of it, by the looks of it, our country is slowly pulling itself apart, because of the negligence of these parents that never prepared their children for the difficulties of life. And those parents showed them what alcohol is and how it can numb the pain. For this, my generation would drink it, and would copy the same form that they were shown at a young age.

That's why there could be a possible way to stop alcoholism, to stop the divide between family members of siblings, or the community itself. And that is to raise taxes amongst alcoholism, and raise the age to drink. Raising taxes amongst alcohol and bunkering down on the age to drink, would destroy the drinkers into homelessness. It's seen everywhere that some alcoholics use alcohol as a venting system like going to the gym or distracting yourself with a book. It's a way to blind themselves from the harsh realities of the world instead of facing them head-on and dealing with the issue. If we can get a replacement from alcohol to therapy, I believe it could plummet the number of alcohol abuse and the horrors of an intoxicated family member to the floor if we can help it. AA meetings would also be a good way to vent with the high tax on alcohol. Lowering the payment for therapy and AA enough to help the drunken population sink, could work if the government could lend a hand by paying anti alcohol organizations to help with the running issue. Government funding for therapy and AA could also assist with the high taxes on alcohol by replacing drinking money with self-help money.

If this can be done, and the plan is put to action, we will see a dark America for a while until it simmers down into an America that nobody has ever seen before. There will be people who've drank and healed from it, instead of them being a belligerent drunk that doesn't know what it's doing to the people around it. They'll look back on who they once were and be proud of who they are now from what they were then.

In conclusion, alcohol is an issue in this world that needs to be solved and helped instead of embraced and ignored. The more we help, the more we can make a safer America and the generations beyond ours.