

OVER THE EDGE

What Should We Do When Alcohol and Drug Use Become a Problem to Society?

NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD a chance to participate in a forum on this issue, we'd like to know what you are thinking. Your opinions, along with those of thousands of others who participated in these forums, will be reflected in a summary report that will be available to all citizens, including those who took part in the forums, as well as officeholders, members of the news media, and others in your community.

| | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Not Sure |
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| 1. Do you agree or disagree with the statements below? | | | | | |
| a. Drug testing in the workplace reduces the number of people who are posing risks to others through their substance use. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Imposing tough legal consequences for alcohol and drug offenses deters people from abusing substances. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Movies and television programs that glamorize drinking and drug use lead to more young people using and abusing substances. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Communities in which people have access to education and good jobs are less likely to have problems with substance abuse than communities that don't have those opportunities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. People are less likely to abuse or become addicted to alcohol or drugs if they have accurate and accessible information about these substances and their effects. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Prevention and treatment are more effective in reducing substance abuse than is punishing people for it. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| | Strongly Favor | Somewhat Favor | Somewhat Oppose | Strongly Oppose | Not Sure |
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| 2. Do you favor or oppose each of these actions? | | | | | |
| a. Policymakers, law enforcement, and the courts should strengthen efforts to reduce the sale and use of illegal substances, EVEN IF it means putting more people in prisons. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. All states should adopt laws that hold parents or adult hosts legally accountable if they permit underage drinking in their homes, EVEN IF underage drinkers might look for other, less safe places to drink. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. The federal Food and Drug Administration should outlaw television advertising of prescription drugs by pharmaceutical companies, EVEN IF it reduces people's awareness of their drug choices. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Not Sure

- d. Colleges should refuse sponsorships by alcohol manufacturers, EVEN IF it means less funding for sporting and recreational events. Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Not Sure
- e. State and federal governments should legalize and collect taxes on marijuana, EVEN IF more people will use marijuana if it is legal. Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Not Sure
- f. Communities should support needle exchange programs for addicts to reduce the risk of spreading HIV/AIDS, EVEN IF this enables people with addictions to keep using. Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Not Sure

3. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum? Yes No

If yes, how? _____

4. In your forum, did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn't considered before? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

5. What, if anything, might citizens in your community do differently as a result of this forum?

6. Not including this forum, how many National Issues Forums have you attended?

- 0 1-3 4-6 7 or more Not sure

7. Are you male or female? Male Female

8. How old are you?

- 17 or younger 18-30 31-45 46-64 65 or older

9. Are you: African American Asian American Hispanic or Latino Native American
 White/Caucasian Other (please specify) _____

10. Where do you live? Rural Small Town Large City Suburban

11. What is your ZIP code? _____ What state do you live in? _____

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