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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

They are allergic in a special way to the chemical alcohol

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why _____

no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community ✓

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

no

8) Following are some suggestions of things to be done. Please list the priority order (1, 2, 3, etc.) in which they should be accomplished. If you do not feel a thing should be done, leave it blank.

6 increase more money for state alcoholism programs

2 increase more money for local alcoholism programs

4 raise liquor industry taxes

10 raise price of drinks

1 provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source

9 close bars at 2:00 AM

7 increase enforcement of liquor laws

3 place greater emphasis on education

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4 provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

9) Other Comments Increase public awareness of all the costs involved

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2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes
 no

Why Alcoholics in ability to control his drink - own started

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no

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Because they wanted to have fun.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why Because if you are a alcoholic
 no you are a heavy drinker.

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state
 local community ✓
 family
 individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes
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9) Other Comments I wish there were not alcoholics.

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

With the social drinking attitude - it's too easy to become a habitual
drinker - then to use it as escape from the problems that inevitably
come into everyone's life. Sometimes an inherent or inherited inability to handle
alcohol.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why A heavy drinker can stop & take up his

no

life (after a hang-over, perhaps - or D.T.'s - or alcoholic eq-)
ust.

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community ✓

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

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yes

no

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no

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Habitual drinking

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

___ yes Why The Heavy drinker has to have
his drink - so does the alcoholic
no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

X yes
___ no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

___ state
___ local community ✓
___ family
X individual but some he often won't state laws
should help the innocent

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

___ yes
X no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

X yes Many would not become alcoholics
who do it easy to obtain
___ no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

X yes
___ no

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

self prohibition

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why Alcoholics are caught by the law

no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual

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yes

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They have contracted an illness

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why The alcoholic is sick person
 no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

2 state
3 local community ✓
 family
1 individual

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yes
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- 2 place greater emphasis on education
- 1 place greater emphasis on treatment
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9) Other Comments Alcoholism is a health problem

not an industry created problem.
The liquor industry should not be penalized
because patrons retreat a disease and some
over

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

There are numerous things which contribute to a person becoming an alcoholic, social, emotional, physical.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why *a heavy drinker is not dependent on alcohol and alcoholic is dependent.*
 no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state
 local community ✓
 family
 individual

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yes
 no

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yes
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yes
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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Evidence suggests most are predisposed to development of the disease. Of course they also have to drink.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

Yes No Why Not all heavy drinkers are alcoholics & vice versa.

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

Yes No

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state local community family individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

Yes No

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

Yes No

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

Yes no tough question

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IT'S A DISEASE

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why ADDICTION FOR THE

no

ALCOHOLIC

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes DEFINITELY

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state ESPECIALLY IN ALASKA

local community

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

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yes

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because they drink until they no longer are capable of choosing to accept or deny the next drink thereby being an addict

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why

a heavy drinker is an alcohol abuser

no

an alcoholic is an addict

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual

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yes

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yes

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Because they drink enough alcohol to become addicted to it w/ the distinct probability of a genetic predisposition.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why because an alcoholic has an
 no arrestable illness.

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state
 local community
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5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes
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yes
 no

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yes
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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Alcohol is habit forming just as any other drug. It's simply an escape from reality. It detourates the ability to think clearly.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why

Neither can control his drink - "No one ever needed the first drink."

no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

Only those people who spend all their income on alcohol.

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

no

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9) Other Comments *No second chance should be eliminated*

without eliminating the source of the drink.

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

because he can not control himself from drinking forcing him quite or schooling does not help

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why *because a heavy drinker or an alcoholic*

no

does as much damage to himself & community

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

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yes

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9) Other Comments *think programs should be there if alcoholics*

want help but no raising of taxes or forcing them to quite will work.

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Boredom

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

X no Why _____

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

X yes
____ no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

____ state
____ local community
____ family
X individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

~~yes~~
X no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

X yes
____ no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

____ yes
____ no

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- 3 place greater emphasis on education
- ____ place greater emphasis on treatment
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9) Other Comments NO NEW LAWS

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

range of reasons, convergence of physical, psychological & social reasons; community tolerance is important part, likewise education & early experience

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

no

why any difference is trivial and academic; commonality essential in terms of abuse & disruption

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes definitely

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community ✓

family

individual

all are important

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

but probably problem drinkers would not drink less

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

, eg close bars 2 A.M.

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

no

definitely

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9) Other Comments

these hearings are extremely important for increased public awareness, education, & input to legislation. Thank you

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Physical ^{emotional} predisposition plus environmental availability

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why

Yes in terms of psychological & physical dependency

no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community ✓

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

no *as an option or alternative to penalty*

8) Following are some suggestions of things to be done. Please list the priority order (1, 2, 3, etc.) in which they should be accomplished. If you do not feel a thing should be done, leave it blank.

- 7 increase more money for state alcoholism programs
- 1 increase more money for local alcoholism programs
- 9 raise liquor industry taxes
- 10 raise price of drinks
- 6 provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
- 8 close bars at 2:00 AM
- 5 increase enforcement of liquor laws
- 2 place greater emphasis on education
- 3 place greater emphasis on treatment
- 4 provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

9) Other Comments

The local program doesn't have the funding to execute as effectively as through a program that they'd like to in-

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Physiological and social reasons. Lack of education
and a permissive society. A permissive society breeds
more drinking.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why

An alcoholic is anyone who has problems caused
by alcohol regardless how minor

no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes Absolutely

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state should be the leader and set the example for
the communities, and people
 local community within the communities
 family
 individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

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yes

no

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9) Other Comments

Close any bar serving alcohol to an
intoxicated person. Close liquor store that sells alcohol
to minors.

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why physical education
 no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state
 local community
 family
 individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes England was successful in lessening consumption during WW II through such measures.
 no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes
 no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes
 no

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Because of a decrease in their
alcohol tolerance.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why With the heavy drinker - he may not
as yet advanced to the disease of alcoholism.

no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

2. state

1. local community

3. family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

no

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3. raise liquor industry taxes

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close bars at 2:00 AM

4. increase enforcement of liquor laws

place greater emphasis on education

place greater emphasis on treatment

provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

9) Other Comments 8.4 and enforce existing liquor

laws and for violation of existing
laws.

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

I feel it's more a lifetime process - usually brought up front by a combination of life crisis which a person cannot cope, & thus turns to drink

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why *alcoholism is a disease which a*

no

person cannot control - heavy drinking may be controlled by a person's will but not if they are out of control

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

4 state

2 local community

3 family

1 individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

no

8) Following are some suggestions of things to be done. Please list the priority order (1, 2, 3, etc.) in which they should be accomplished. If you do not feel a thing should be done, leave it blank.

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9) Other Comments

The first step is to get more money into the community programs so that education & tx. can be done more thoroughly

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Lack of creativity; depression; insoluble personal problems
Instability of body chemistry.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes
 no

Why many heavy drinkers can stop from
time to time, the alcoholic can not.

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state
 local community
 family
 individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes
 no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes
 no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes
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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Overdrinking - perhaps because of personal problems,
perhaps a physical propensity for the disease.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why

Alcohol affects people differently;
a heavy drinker may not be dependent

no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

} there is a point reached in
drunkenness where reason fails

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual - has to realize he has the disease

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

no they need to want to quit

8) Following are some suggestions of things to be done. Please list the priority order (1, 2, 3, etc.) in which they should be accomplished. If you do not feel a thing should be done, leave it blank.

- 6 increase more money for state alcoholism programs
- 2 increase more money for local alcoholism programs
- raise liquor industry taxes has no bearing - this would be silly
- raise price of drinks - silly, also
- 4 provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
- 3 close bars at 2:00 AM
- 1 increase enforcement of liquor laws - particularly not serving people that are obviously drunk
- 5 place greater emphasis on education
- 7 place greater emphasis on treatment
- provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

9) Other Comments Bar owners need to take a more active role
in cutting down the drinker's consumption

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

So broad - questionable - can be discussed to length.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

no

Why usually a heavy drinker if wanting more times than not has the will to stop.

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

when crisis involved yes not all abusers (continuous) will reform to treatment.
 no But some people working in a group their superiors say it is a must and occasionally has a good effect.

8) Following are some suggestions of things to be done. Please list the priority order (1, 2, 3, etc.) in which they should be accomplished. If you do not feel a thing should be done, leave it blank.

- 5 increase more money for state alcoholism programs - educational into local level.
- 3 increase more money for local alcoholism programs
- 2 raise liquor industry taxes
- raise price of drinks
- provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
- close bars at 2:00 AM
- 5 increase enforcement of liquor laws
- 1 place greater emphasis on education
- 4 place greater emphasis on treatment
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9) Other Comments: Early education with proper educators relating to alcoholism. - - School and family awareness

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Who really knows - neither my mother nor father drank - yet I'm AA. I think on my part it was mostly psychol.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why *I don't feel it's how much nor how often we drink - it's our reaction to it.*
 no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no *This is a hard one to answer.*

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state
 local community
 family
 individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes
 no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes
 no *We would just have our late 20's + 30's problem*

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes
 no

8) Following are some suggestions of things to be done. Please list the priority order (1, 2, 3, etc.) in which they should be accomplished. If you do not feel a thing should be done, leave it blank.

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- 8* increase enforcement of liquor laws
- 3* place greater emphasis on education
- 9* place greater emphasis on treatment
- 10* provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

9) Other Comments *I sincerely believe that that there should be*

stronger liquor laws. Closing times should be earlier and no late liquor.

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

I wish I had the answer - however, the frequency of alcohol abuse is correlated very positively.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why *the alcoholic cannot continuously predict his behavior after he/she drinks.*
 no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state
 local community *it should start here and continue to focus on the individual & family.*
 family
 individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes
 no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes
 no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes
 no

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

much more learned people "know" more about
this than I do.

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why depends upon the definition of terms
 no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state
 local community
 family
 individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes a little
 no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes yes a very few
 no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes
 no

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2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why _____
 no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state
 local community
 family
 individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes
 no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes
 no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes
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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Medical Science does not know

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why Heavy drinker can stop

no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no Circumstance

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

no

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3 increase more money for local alcoholism programs

raise liquor industry taxes

raise price of drinks

1 provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
close bars at 2:00 AM

6 increase enforcement of liquor laws

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2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why Alcoholic's Can't Control

no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes if he wants it

no

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2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why By definition

no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

no

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Social Pressures, maybe coupled with
physical weakness

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why _____

no _____

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

TOO GENERAL

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why MOST HEAVY DRINKERS CANNOT STOP

no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

no

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yes Why Degree of addiction
 no

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- yes
 no
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- yes but not in every ~~something~~ thing. However if one gets away with it everytime, he will continue to do the same
 — no

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- yes One can make home brew etc. and also there would be more
 no vandalism and robberies

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- yes Some as the \$
 no However the money can be used to fight alcoholism

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Why

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Why *Because a heavy drinker doesn't*

no

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yes Why *An alcoholic may be dry - a
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*This should be shared
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no _____

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yes
 no *It depends on the action*

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 (HARRISBURG/OMYRANTE FIELDS)
 AND SOME ERD DISTRICT FUNDS
 TO SET UP MODEL
 PROGRAM
 FOR U.S. &
 OTHER UNKNOWN
 NEEDS!!

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EASY ACCESSIBILITY TO "BOOZES"
FOR THOSE NOT HIGHLY MOTIVATED
TO OTHER INTERESTS

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes Why "ALCOHOLIC" GETS DRUNK
"HEAVY DRINKER" DOESN'T

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes
 no

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yes TRY IT!!
 no IF HIGH ENOUGH!!

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yes DEFINITELY!!
 no

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes
 no DON'T THINK ANY AGENCY HAS COME UP WITH PROGRAM THAT WORKS IF PERSON NOT WILLING!!

FIRST, FIND A GOOD PROGRAM!!

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Why They both drink a lot. (SAME)

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yes no Why They're both habits and dependency

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Things I would like to see:

emphasize health

try to put a "stigma" on social drinking
more encouragement for boots to
provide alternative drinks - nonalcoholic

heavier enforcement of laws relating to
bartenders who serve people who are
obviously drunk - particularly near
highways i.e. Seward Highway watering
holes.

Re-vote a few liquor licenses now
and then as an example.

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sale they load up. Establish a
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yes

Why

many heavy drinkers have the ability to stop drinking. Alcoholics have become addicted + cannot. However, fear of drinking over time often over-comes alcoholics.

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All have a major responsibility but few individuals, families or local communities have the adequate financial base to cover cost of treatment. Most individuals

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no

However, the increased revenue could help pay the cost of treatment and rehabilitation.

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Prohibition was a failure

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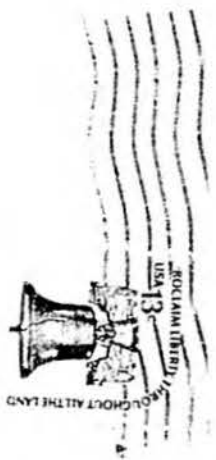
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ONCE in a while - alcoholic drinks all the time.
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In his closing remarks, Colletta told the group, "Don't expect me to write a bill to solve this problem! This committee is going to propose a working draft. Everyone who has attended these hearings will be contacted to work as a catalyst in the community to contact more people. Then, all of us will write a bill to present to the legislature."

Participants with Colletta in the panel facing the audience were Senator Glenn Hackney, R-Fairbanks; Representatives Kris Lethin and Mike Beirne, both R-Anchorage; Patrick Sharrock, director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and Jerry Abramczyk.

Following the round of hearings in Southcentral Alaska, Colletta is scheduled to begin a trip November 14 to the Southeastern part of the state for hearings in Juneau and 10 other communities.

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Various reasons - maybe genetic pre disposition, environment when alcohol used to solve problems, so called "adaptive personality"

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?

yes

Why *if there is, its the "heavy drinkers" ability to stop or cut down, while the alcoholic, being a "deter"*

no

Must stop totally!

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he is drunk?

yes

no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the

state

local community

family

individual

5) If beer, wine, and liquor taxes were raised, do you think people would drink less?

yes

no

6) If alcohol were harder to get, do you think there would be fewer alcoholics?

yes

no

But thats an impossible & impractical solution - we already tried it!

7) Should the public drunk or the person with a repeated and continuing alcoholism abuse record be required to undergo treatment?

yes

no

By this I mean - he should be required to attend maybe 3 treatment sessions - then it should be up to him.

8) Following are some suggestions of things to be done. Please list the priority order (1, 2, 3, etc.) in which they should be accomplished. If you do not feel a thing should be done, leave it blank.

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- raise liquor industry taxes
- raise price of drinks
- 6 provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
- 7 close bars at 2:00 AM
- 8 increase enforcement of liquor laws
- 3 place greater emphasis on education
- 2 place greater emphasis on treatment
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no

Why heavy drinker is able to control his drinking - it does not effect his personal, social & business life

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