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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

In my opinion people become alcoholics when they overindulge because they want to go to a social setting and forget about matters at hand.

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

yes Why an alcoholic is dependent on alcohol; a heavy drinker is not.
 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.

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They drink

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yes

Why Heavy drinker can usually stop if necessary.

no

as far as public safety is concerned there is probably no difference.

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2 state Support resources

local community

family

1 individual Motivation

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no

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yes

Complete prohibition. Other wise it probably wouldn't make too much difference

no

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no Why I don't know.

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X yes
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X yes Excluding prohibition.
no

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access to liquor; encouraged by advertising,
TV, movies; parents; Alaskan attitude
toward drinking

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yes Why what is the distinction?
 no

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yes was already in - etc. The
 no own records, etc.

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all share in
the responsibility
 state - for programs: de-tox, education,
 local community - program operation plus input.
 family -
 individual - cannot be mandated, so
why include them?

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This is NOT the intent
of the Gov. legislation
and you people know it.
 yes irrelevant question: The purpose
 no is to raise money to fund expanded
programs.

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see above
 yes perhaps there would be fewer
assaults, cases, rape, child abuse,
homicide, suicide, etc. - again,
the question is missing the intent.
 no

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 no criminal, sexual abuser, etc

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of interpretative issues, one or two
are affected. Then other

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CHEMICAL DIFFERENCE IN ALCOHOLIC'S SYSTEM.

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yes Why THE ALCOHOLIC CANNOT STOP WITHOUT HELP
 no BUT THE HEAVY DRINKER CAN

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X yes Why A heavy drinker can stop if he/she chooses. An alcoholic cannot.

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X yes
 ___ no

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X no probably not, unless the tax were excessive, if that would have been bottle

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X yes — maybe, but here again, if it were harder to get legally it would be obtainable illegally

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yes Why _____
 no

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yes
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yes
 no (maybe a little)

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

yes (possibly)
 no

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yes definitely !!
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Physical or Mental Dependence

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Yes Why

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yes

Why

Alcoholic - needs constant alcoholic for life.
Heavy Drinker - may be periodic drinker.

no

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First place he's responsible for all
behavior - ie, for taking drink thus
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Just raise the price - & cause
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Why Alcohol abuse (periodic heavy drinking) causes as many problems (more actually) than people who are physically addicted

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Easy access to alcoholic beverages
lack of recreational outlets

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yes

Why

Both are addicted to alcoholic beverages with the same results.

no

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Mainly environmental influences esp. family situations - parents who are role models to kids are alcoholics. People find themselves

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yes

Why

I think of a heavy drinker

as hopeless life situations that offer little

no

as on his way to becoming an alc. but at this point less controlled by drink than

other vice than drink

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yes

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individual

who has available resources to avail himself of

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yes

no

I crime to get money to buy the drinks

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yes

no

only fewer to begin or people drinking cheaper stuff + thus with

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yes

no

made all efforts physically/mentally

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- needs to be locally based to really meet the local needs

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Why Only variations of same thing - no 2 cancers are alike either, but all in same general category

no

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yes, but w/ appropriate consideration of individual cases

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- 1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

They drink excessively to
escape reality

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

yes

Why

The heavy drinker

no

eventually becomes an alcoholic

- 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.

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physical/emotional/socio-cultural
components

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

yes
 no

Why factors of addiction/type &
extent of effects of alcohol on other aspects

of person's life

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

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 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

facilities for it do not exist

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(meaning unclear to me)

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Boredom

No outside interests - such as hobbies

Stress

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

yes

Why

a heavy drinker is

no

a type of alcoholic

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

yes

no

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- 1) BROUGHT UP IN ALCOHOLIC ENVIRONMENT
- 2) PROGRESSIVELY BECOMING WORSE THRU HEAVY DRINKING
- 3) OR FOR ALL REASONS CULTURAL, HERITARY, PSYCHOLOGICAL, SPIRITUAL

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

- yes Why HEAVY DRINKER CAN CONTROL HIS DRINKING
 no ALCOHOLIC HAS LOST CAPACITY OR NEVER HAD IT

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

- yes ONLY AFTER HE UNDERSTANDS HIS ILLNESS
THRU TREATMENT OR EDUCATION
 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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Because of peer groups, family life
styles - problems, poverty -

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

yes

Why Because they have both over -

no

excessed their patterns - both have
problems

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

yes

no

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poor self image
poor coping + problem-solving skills
hereditary predisposition

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

yes Why some people can drink heavily
+ not show symptoms of dependency + addiction
 no

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

yes absolutely imperative!
 no

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

state
 local community - must provide services + treatment
 family - seldom knows WHAT to do
 individual (if by this you mean the alcoholic)

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 metlakatla, a "dry town" has
50% alcoholism rate

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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I think many factors contribute to a person becoming an alcoholic; whether it be circumstances, environment or a body chemistry reaction to alcohol.

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

yes

Why

I feel a heavy drinker is an alcoholic, whether he admits it or not.

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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They learn that alcohol changes the way they feel and/or function in a manner that they like. This leads to increasing dependency on the effects of alcohol.

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

yes Why *not all heavy drinkers have the*
 no *crucial dependency on alcohol's effects.*

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 *"doing something" is awfully general, obviously without the individual's desire to change his drinking behavior, little can be done. The state on the other hand is best able to fund programs*
 local community
 family
 individual

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

yes *depends on how much you're talking about raising them.*
 no

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

yes *depends on how hard you're talking about making it to get it.*
 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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drift into it

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

yes

Why

less control in alcoholic

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

all them

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

yes

worth a try

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

but still fine not a bad idea

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they drink too much - too long -
too often
many various reasons

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

yes Why Heavy drinker - not addict
 no Alcoholic - can not stop drinking once he's taken first drink

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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yes
 no

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Environ ment, physical make up, attitudes,

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

yes

Why An alcoholic drinks not by choice

no

but need.

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

yes

no

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local community

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yes

no

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yes

no

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Alcohol Intoxication

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

yes

Why

The manner of functioning

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

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yes

no

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*Private
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*Bad reasons - maybe genetic pre disposition,
environment when alcohol used to solve problems, is called
"addictive personality."*

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

yes Why *if there is, it's the "heavy drinker" wants to stop and leave while the alcoholic, being in*
 no

3) Do you feel a person should be held responsible for things he does when he *hasn't stop to talk,*
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 *But not an impossible or practical solution -*
 no *Went to the store & it*

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

yes *By the state - he should be required to attend maybe treatment sessions - then it should be up to him.*
 no

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People find an escape from life's problems by drink -
 they momentarily feel happy and problem
 free - Tendency for alcoholism may be hereditary

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

yes
 no

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

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

yes
 no

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Sometimes a person who is lonely will get some alcohol.

1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Some of it results from continuous social drinking. Some become alcoholics because they are unable to cope with the problems of life. Alcoholism creates more problems for them.

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

yes
 no
 Why *A heavy drinker may not be quite there, but he's well on the way.*

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

It is difficult to say, but, perhaps at this point,
 state

local community *The family certainly has responsibility, but many times it's difficult for them to cope with the problem outside of this market. The alcoholic has to want to overcome his addiction, but many of the times he*
 family
 individual

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

yes
 no

needs some help.

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.

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

9) Other Comments _____

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

they are weak, just as obese people eat too much
anything in excess is harmful

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

yes

Why an alcoholic cannot function

no

without alcohol - a heavy drinker ^{sobers & stays that} _{way longer} is able to function properly

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.

- 4 increase more money for state alcoholism programs
- 5 increase more money for local alcoholism programs
- raise liquor industry taxes
- raise price of drinks
- provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
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- increase enforcement of liquor laws
- 1 place greater emphasis on education
- 3 place greater emphasis on treatment
- 2 provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

9) Other Comments Increasing costs shortening hrs. etc. will not
affect the alcoholic his family will only suffer more
so he still can have his alcohol - at any cost

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Weakness - same as over eating or anything
To excess

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

yes Why Alcoholics depend & cannot function
 no without their drink. A drinker stays sober

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.

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

In Activity in Area.
Bar and Liquor are too accessible
Enjoyable side portrayed too much.

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

4 state
3 local community
2 family
1 individual

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

yes
 no doubtful

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 most often wasted effort until the person
 no is desirous of it themselves.

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.

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

9) Other Comments

Nationally T.V, radio, magazines etc needs
to put a different picture of alcohol consumption
before the public.

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

For some unknown reason they develop an
'allergic-type' reaction to the drug ethyl alcohol
and their bodies cannot tolerate it

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

yes Why An alcoholic drinks because he
can't help it

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
 not really

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

yes
 no should be given chance re early termination,
etc.

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
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1 provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
 close bars at 2:00 AM
6 increase enforcement of liquor laws
3 place greater emphasis on education
5 place greater emphasis on treatment
4 provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

9) Other Comments Until enough money is provided for
adequate preventative education, the problem will
continue to get worse as the population increases

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics? *Broadly I would say: a very individual thing. (1) a learned way of handling stress, then related to:*
 a) *expressing anger.*
 b) *need to socialize*
 c) *desire to express affection*
 d) *a value that it is ok to over drink and not be responsible for one's behavior.*

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?
 yes Why *Neither are defined. A heavy drinker can be a person who takes one drink on special occasions to one who drinks over a 1/2 pt/day depending on your frame of reference.*
 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
 4 state
 3 local community
 2 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? *Perhaps if treatment programs were prescriptive to feel individual about not universal for all as most programs are currently in Alaska, then I might feel treatment be required for people whose drinking behavior is a danger to others or them/selves.*

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

9) Other Comments *I earnestly hope that the committee looks at some of the research on alcohol treatment, education and preventive programs which have been shown to be successful*

in the U.S. and around the world. There are treatment alternatives to abstinence for some people. No program in this state to my knowledge offers an alternative in treatment.

The individual & family both need to be involved in any treatment program. A "dry drunk" is a miserable human being and their quality of life has not been improved per se.

Self care responsibility - a holistic approach to an individual's, family's & community's physical, social, & psychic-emotional ills is the goal as I see it and have experienced these issues in the 20 yrs I have been working in the health & mental health fields - 13 yrs of which have been in urban & rural Alaska.

The serving of alcohol to unexpectably intoxicated persons is a law violation and needs to be addressed. Recently in

Katzebee I wanted to make a "citizens arrest" when I witnessed such an incident.

More money to programs at this time may do no more than provide additional employment unless program components and staff are made relevant up to date with the knowledge & current state of the art which is available.

The desperate need in Alaska also ~~as treatment programs~~ is that whatever is done has a research evaluation design built in - done by competent researchers in the field. What is not happening in Alaska in this regard is a disgrace, waste of money, & giving clients & staff false illusions about treatment & favorable outcomes.

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

because they are physiologically &/or psychologically predisposed

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

yes Why *alcoholic has a disease;*
 no *heavy drinker is just that*

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 place greater emphasis on education
- place greater emphasis on treatment
- 3 provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

9) Other Comments _____

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

*Inherent intolerance to alcohol in some races -
Social stigma & pressures to drink in our society.
Mental & physical reasons. Tendency appears to be inherited.*

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

Native associations _____ state Liquor industry
 Native corporations 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.

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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 _____
 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?

Heridity, environment, social factors

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

yes

Why When, where, how, & how much

no

a person drinks

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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4 increase more money for state alcoholism programs

8 increase more money for local alcoholism programs

1 raise liquor industry taxes

2 raise price of drinks

10 provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source

3 close bars at 2:00 AM

9 increase enforcement of liquor laws

6 place greater emphasis on education

5 place greater emphasis on treatment

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9) Other Comments _____

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alcohol is in control of their lives -
alcoholics cannot control their drinking - have not realized the
power alcohol can have over them -

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

yes ~~no~~ alcoholic can not control the abuse of use -
needs alcohol to get through the day -

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 some breaking point for most budgets -
then boot legging will begin -
 no

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

yes some limit to availability will help -
 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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8 raise price of drinks
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3 increase enforcement of liquor laws
2 place greater emphasis on education
1 place greater emphasis on treatment
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9) Other Comments taxing may not stop alcoholic - but some use needed
tax should be used to pay for the program -

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Pre alcoholic personality - hyperthymia
of - "Psychopathic Personalities" V. Schindler

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

yes Why dependence has not yet occurred
 no

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

yes partly
 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 - but not elsewhere
 no - would not make any difference to existing number

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

yes but not repeatedly
 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.

increase more money for state alcoholism programs
 increase more money for local alcoholism programs
 raise liquor industry taxes
 raise price of drinks
 provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
 2 close bars at 2:00 AM earlier
 1 increase enforcement of liquor laws - + number of enforcement officers etc.
 place greater emphasis on education
 3 place greater emphasis on treatment
 provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

9) Other Comments I think that any program of education

rehab is ill advised while the visibility of enforcement is
as low as it is (enforcement to a point presents a
visible emblem 'backing up rehab')

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

BECAUSE THEY WANT TO DRINK

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

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- 1 increase more money for local alcoholism programs
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- _____ raise price of drinks
- _____ provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
- _____ close bars at 2:00 AM
- _____ increase enforcement of liquor laws
- _____ place greater emphasis on education
- 4 place greater emphasis on treatment
- _____ provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

9) Other Comments _____

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Social / Economic / Peer Pressures

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

yes Why Price
 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 - education & awareness programs
 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 provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source *education & awareness*
- 7 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 More money is of no use without

personal involvement to help these people.
Note failures of many alcoholism programs.

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

PRESSURES IN LIFE.
LACK OF SOMETHING BETTER TO LIVE FOR.

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

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yes
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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
all are equally
✓ family
___ individual

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

___ yes
✓ no *state already prove that to be wrong -*

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

___ yes
✓ no *possibly*

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.

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

9) Other Comments _____

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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 _____
 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

all {
____ 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 addiction component
 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

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yes
 no

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~~yes~~ no
 no

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- 1 ~~raise liquor industry taxes on~~ brewery alcohol to do reduce consumption
- 2 raise price of drinks
- _____ provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
- 5 close bars at 2:00 AM
- 4 increase enforcement of liquor laws
- 3 place greater emphasis on education (in schoolage pop)
- _____ place greater emphasis on treatment
- _____ provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

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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

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- raise price of drinks
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- increase enforcement of liquor laws
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9) Other Comments _____

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics? *- If inability to handle emotional stress is the cause - these stresses are too numerous to list; many of us feel (including physicians) that some people are "allergic" to alcohol by virtue of their own (and at the moment) unchangeable body chemistry.*

2) Do you think there is a difference between an alcoholic and a heavy drinker?
 yes *An alcoholic is one whose life has become unmanageable due to alcohol and is unable to handle stress without alcohol -*
 no *A heavy drinker can make it "through a tough day" without alcohol.*

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 *in order*
 4 state
 3 local community
 2 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 *perhaps - although I am strongly convinced that it would be next to impossible to effectively treat*
 no *an alcoholic who wished to continue to drink*

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.

- appropriate if more funds are needed and effectively used*
- increase more money for state alcoholism programs
 - increase more money for local alcoholism programs
 - raise liquor industry taxes
 - raise price of drinks
 - provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
 - close bars at 2:00 AM
 - increase *enforcement* of liquor laws *drunk while driving laws*
 - 1 place greater emphasis on education
 - 2 place greater emphasis on treatment
 - provide (incentives for alternatives) to drinking programs *what does this mean?*

9) Other Comments *I am an alcoholic & have not had to take a drink for over 5 yrs - thanks to A.A. & some fine physicians & counselors - my comments above are based upon my own experiences as a recovering alcoholic and in trying to help others to recover from alcoholism*
over

Please keep me informed re: the progress of the alcohol treatment program
in Anchorage

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

1. They drink alcohol 2. They derive great satisfaction from alcohol. 3. They become physiologically addicted

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

yes
 no

Why The alcoholic is characterized by the "loss of control" symptom

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 place greater emphasis on education
 place greater emphasis on treatment
 3 provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs (recreation?)

9) Other Comments Quit discriminating against the

middle-class alcoholic. Most funds go to people already being serviced by other social service agencies. Invest

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Only people who drink the beverage alcohol become alcoholic.

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

yes

Why How heavy a drinker?

no

If heavy drinking causes problems, that's alcoholism.

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

We will make no impact on this issue with out equal responsibility shared by all

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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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

You tell me - I am not very savvy

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

yes Why IT has been proven
 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.

- 8 increase more money for state alcoholism programs
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Because they drink alcohol.

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

yes

Why

A heavy drinker chooses to drink.

no

An alcoholic has no choice.

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

It has to be a cooperative effort by all 4

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.

- 2 increase more money for state alcoholism ^{educ.} programs
- 3 increase more money for local alcoholism ^{educ.} programs
- raise liquor industry taxes
- raise price of drinks
- provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source
- close bars at 2:00 AM
- increase enforcement of liquor laws
- 1 place greater emphasis on education
- 4 place greater emphasis on treatment
- provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

? What are drinking programs?

9) Other Comments

Provide funding for Herc's looking at You
ab. ed. curriculum for K-12.

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Because they are allergic to alcohol
and become addicted and cannot stop and it
affects his nervous system many times has black outs and more

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

yes Why Heavy Drinker has no problems
 no Caused by alcohol.

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
 no

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Because they drink, they have an allergy to alcohol and develop the disease of alcoholism, there is no choice of their own

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

all 4 are responsible

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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9) Other Comments *Put together a complete program that covers all phases of alcoholism treatment and*

Education using expertise that is available to the State now. No new expertise is needed it is all available but needs direction

Put some money with the successful programs and people who understand how to handle treatment Education and follow up.

Put Involuntary Commitment into effect and make Involuntary treatment a reality thru the courts.

There are a few of us old timers in treatment who can tell you the answers and how to put it together, if given the opportunity.

Henrietta Nuzen

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Because they are unwilling or unable to recognize the early symptoms of alcoholism

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

yes

Why *In the clinical sense, yes; in the behavioral sense, no.*

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

"social" drinkers might drink less, but drinking patterns of problem drinkers would show little change.

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

yes

no

Alcohol seems to be over in spirit. The cost of production of alcohol has gone up.

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

1 raise liquor industry taxes

10 raise price of drinks

8 provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source

9 close bars at 2:00 AM

7 increase enforcement of liquor laws

2 place greater emphasis on education

6 place greater emphasis on treatment

5 provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

9) Other Comments *I feel that alcoholism treatment and*

education should be funded as much as possible thru a direct tax on alcohol, justified as a form of health insurance

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Because they have no responsibility

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

yes

no

Why the alcoholic needs help and the heavy drinker needs a relief from pressure

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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increase more money for local alcoholism programs

raise liquor industry taxes

raise price of drinks

provide more money for alcoholism programs regardless of the source

close bars at 2:00 AM

increase enforcement of liquor laws

2 place greater emphasis on education

1 place greater emphasis on treatment

3 provide incentives for alternatives to drinking programs

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

EMOTIONALLY NEED A RELEASE OR CRUTCH.

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

yes

Why THE ALCOHOLIC IS EASILY RECOGNIZED

no

THE HEAVY DRINKER HAS YET TO REACH THE PROBLEM STAGE

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

- ALL OF THEM 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

no

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Some people have physical/chemical reaction & just can't control the drinking. An illness like diabetes - TB - some people more "susceptible" than others - Personality too is involved, why they drink -

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

yes Why *The heavy drinker has control & choice; the alcoholic does not.*
 no

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

yes
 unsure. Mostly YES
 no

4) Who do you think has the most responsibility for doing something about alcoholism; should it be the *all*; *this is an emergency*

state
 employer
 local community
 family
 individual

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

yes
 no! the real drinkers, the alcoholics & the average person, only the penny pinchers.

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 *only when arrested; watch out for gov't control this is a free country.*
 no

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- 1 place greater emphasis on education
- 3 place greater emphasis on treatment
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9) Other Comments *were talking of several different problems. We need education, changed attitudes toward illness of alcoholism. The liquor business should not be penalized; they are legitimate; laws should be enforced. Liquor in itself is not bad. Denied alcoholism treatment people are*

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Family - Social - economic - health
problems - weak ego

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

yes

Why

no

"A Rose by any other name
is still a rose"

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

3 local community

1 family

2 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 Repeal decriminalization statute

Prohibition with maximum penalties
for violations

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1) Why do you think people become alcoholics?

Unknown

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

yes Why Personal Problems
 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

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yes
 no

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yes
 no

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yes *if person is incapable of handling him + herself w/ out respnsal*
 no

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9) Other Comments _____

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Social & Environment

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yes Why AS ABOVE
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IF I COULD ANSWER THAT
WE WOULD NOT NEED THIS MEETING

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yes Why _____
 no

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yes
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9) Other Comments STRESS EDUCATION + REHABILITATION

W. L. McDonald

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If you can fully answer that, you will be an instant millionaire

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

yes

Why

One can stop without too much trouble

no

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

yes

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9) Other Comments STUDY ANY PROGRAM BEFORE you enact it

Rev Coaker

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Primarily emotional problems
cannot cope.

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yes Why yes to difference of control.
 no

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yes (one must know their
limitations)
 no

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9) Other Comments The abusive drunk should be
penalized along with requirements for
treatment.

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TENSIONS - EMOTIONS

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yes

Why AN ALCOHOLIC IS NEVER SOBER

no

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yes

no

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9) Other Comments ARREST DRUNKS AND REQUIRE TREATMENT

AFTER A NUMBER OF ARRESTS (2 OR MORE)