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THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL IN CRIME-RURAL ENVIRONMENT OF SLOVENIA

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A scenic view of a vineyard in autumn. The vineyard is a terraced hillside with rows of grapevines showing vibrant orange and yellow foliage. A paved path winds through the vineyard. In the background, there is a small wooden building with a red roof and a tall, thin cypress tree. The surrounding forest is also in autumn colors.

**Of all valid responses
people:**

- **28% consumes a glass or 2,**
- **39% 3 to 4,**
- **23% 5 glasses or more.**

Source: <https://www.terra-balka.com/en/blog/art-culture/on-the-road-of-slovenian-osmica>

About alcohol and its effect on people

Alcohol = DRUG (Ministrstvo za zdravje, 2021).

Alcohol is very well accepted in Slovenia (Poiškruh, 2021).



Source: <https://citymagazine.si/en/what-are-the-rituals-of-toasts-around-the-world-and-what-foreign-correspondences-to-ourselves-to-health/>



Source: <https://www.stajerskival.si/sl/news/zabava/zalska-fontana-piv-pospravlja-pipe.html>

Domestic violence

Drinking alcohol (meaning alcoholism and excessive alcohol drinking) has a proven impact on domestic violence (Yegidis, 1992; Kozel, 2011).



Source: <https://www.hawkesburygazette.com.au/story/6918839/domestic-violence-spike-during-covid-leads-to-new-service-grants/>



Source: <https://casualmarketer.com/searching-for-excuses/>



Source: <https://www.dreamstime.com/vector-silhouette-superior-men-over-women-who-stands-pit-out-gender-symbol-concept-inequality-discrimination-man-image114794994>

Fear of crime in rural environment

Alcohol, excessive drinking = threat source (problem is people's tolerance)
(Smith, 2010).

Conduct of police is questionable (Barclay et al, 2016).



Source: <https://depositphotos.com/104985788/stock-illustration-police-warned-cannot-drink.html>

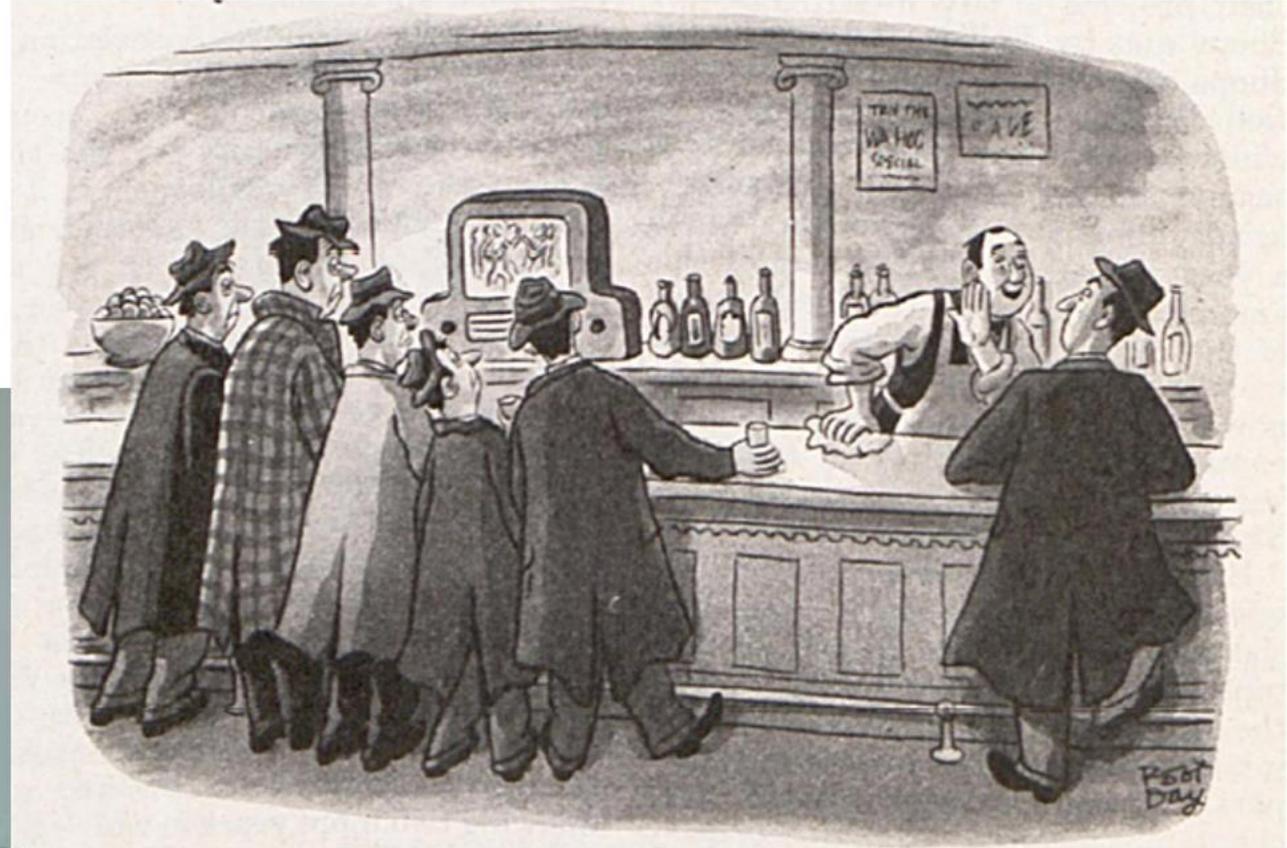
OR



Source: <https://www.news.com.au/entertainment/movies/seth-rogen-shares-superbad-secrets-on-films-10th-anniversary/news-story/12f5c8fc4e801f900ded8c8296bfe8ea>

Drinking culture in Slovenia

- „Wet cultures“,
- Birthdays, weddings, graduating, anniversaries ,
- Mandatory glass is a social ritual ,
- Comparison with other nations? ,
- Psychology of rounds,
- Alcohol as medicine?



Source: <https://depositphotos.com/209138760/stock-photo-irresponsible-doctor-drinking-alcohol-relax.html>

Representation of alcohol beverage's in newspaper's

- Miraculous solution ,
- Drug? ,
- **Traffic accidents** ,
- Why are alcohol and drugs regarded as separate yet alcohol is a drug? ,
- **Events that include alcohol.**



Alcohol use and attitudes

Viticultural family:

- Kid's from viticultural families are more educated on drinking alcohol,
 - **Kids from urban environment drink more alcohol,**
 - **Kids from urban environment start drinking earlier,**
 - On the countryside people drink more because alcohol is more easy accessible,
 - Kids from country side drink more wine.
- source: (Kačič, 2008)

Families with treated alcoholic:

- **Kids from urban environment drink more alcohol**
- **Kids from urban environment start drinking earlier,**
- Drinking alcohol doesn't impact kids from viticultural families much because they have wine at home,
- Drinking depends on parents discipline.

VIOLENCE??

Source: <https://www.dreamstime.com/stock-photography-stop-drinking-alcohol-image24556692>

Alcohol in traffic

Last year (2022), the number of traffic accidents that were caused by intoxicated driver amounted to 1,590, which means 5% more than the year before.

YEAR	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS THAT CAUSED INJURY TO BODY	DEATH'S	SERIOUS INJURY TO BODY	SLIGHT PHYSICAL INJURY	ALL INJURY'S
2018	1491	626	22	151	632	783
2019	1554	611	33	140	621	761
2020	1364	516	27	122	472	594
2021	1513	601	37	111	615	726
2022	1590	621	17	128	626	754
Comparison- 22/18	7%	-1%	-23%	-15%	-1%	-4%
Comparison- 22/21	5%	3%	-54%	15%	2%	4%

AGE OF DRIVERS THAT CAUSED ACCIDENT'S	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS	DEATH'S	SERIOUS INJURY TO BODY	SLIGHT PHYSICAL INJURY
FROM 0 TO 14	0	0	0	0
FROM 15 TO 17	7	1	1	4
FROM 18 TO 24	185	1	15	82
FROM 25 TO 34	322	3	27	113
FROM 35 TO 44	281	4	14	114
FROM 45 TO 54	243	1	16	86

Zgornja Savinjska dolina and alcohol

- Spirit distilling almost on every farm (Poiškruh, 2021).
- Društvo ljubiteljev lanskega mošta = „Association of lovers of last year's apple cider“.
- Savinska4life = page on social network that encourages drinking alcohol (Poiškruh, 2021).



Valid responses

- **The research was carried out with the help of a questionnaire filled out by the inhabitants of the Zgornje Savinjske doline.**
- **The sample consists of 200 completely answered questionnaires, of which 88 (44%) are men and 112 (56%) are women .**

- 28% consumes a glass or 2,
- 39% 3 to 4,
- 23% 5 glasses or more.

- 54% of them have already driven while intoxicated,
- 14% do it often,
- 8% of them have already caused a traffic accident when they were drunk.

- 10% of them were violent towards other person under the influence of alcohol,
- 4% of them were violent towards family members under the influence of alcohol.

Conclusion



Source: <https://www.usu.edu/today/story/usu-uwlpr-reports-on-domestic-violence-among-utah-women>
<https://nationalcasagal.org/domestic-violence-awareness-matters/>
https://www.pomurec.com/vsebina/58100/FOTO__V_sob-oskem_parku_so_se_poslovili_od_srednjesolskih_let
<https://siegfriedandjensen.com/blog/the-basics-of-utahs-new-lane-filtering-motorcycle-law/>

- In rural areas, domestic violence is the result of excessive alcohol consumption (Kozel, 2011).
- Research has found that about 34% of women and about 40% of men become violent towards their partners after consuming alcohol, and that the perpetrator is under the influence of alcohol in more than half of sexual assaults (Škrila, 2005).



Source of security threats in rural environment (Based on survey) :

- 35,4% alcoholism ,
- 32,9% drunkennes in public (Bučar Ručman, 2021).

- According to the mortality rate due to selected alcohol-attributable causes, as monitored by the World Health Organization (WHO), Slovenia is above the average in European Union and also above the average in the WHO European regions (NIJZ, 2022).

