

PROHIBITION DID WHAT?!

-A BEER-GOOGLER LOOK AT THE VOLSTEAD ACT OF 1920-

What Amendment prohibited the sale and distribution of alcohol?

What ACT enforced the prohibition of alcohol?



SLOSHED BY THE MAN



During the first 11 years of the Volstead Act the government appointed 17,971 people to the Prohibition Bureau

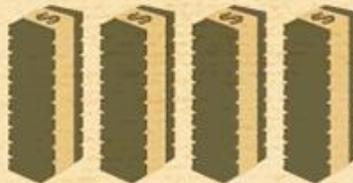
Of that, 13,586 are fired for bribery, extortion, theft, falsification, conspiracy, forgery, and perjury

Convictions for liquor offenses rose from 35,000 in 1923 to over 60,000 in 1932



X 10,000

It's estimated that there were between 200,000 and 500,000 speakeasies in the US



X 1,000,000

In 1928 it's estimated that doctors had netted nearly \$40 million by writing prescription whisky

Directions: Review both sides of the handout and answer the questions that follow.

- Based off the info what percent of the Prohibition Bureau employees were fired?

- What are the reasons listed as to why the government employees were fired from the Prohibition Bureau?

- How many more liquor offense were there in 1932 compared to 1923?

- What were the effects of prohibition?

- Between 1919-1929 how much \$\$\$ did Bootleggers bring in through their distribution services?

- What impact did prohibition have on the murder rate in the United States?

Evaluating the Evidence: Respond in a full paragraph

Based off all the information listed what conclusions can be made as to the effectiveness of enforcing the Volstead Act? Cite specific examples to support your conclusions.

BOOTLEGGING TO THE MAN

(ORGANIZED CRIME STATS DURING PROHIBITION)

3 months prior to the 18th Amendment becoming effective, \$500,000 worth of liquor was stolen from Government warehouses.



\$500,000

Al Capone built an entire criminal Empire by bootlegging



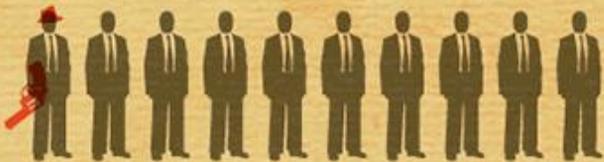
From 1919 to 1929, it is estimated that bootleggers brought in nearly \$500 million with their alcohol distribution services



X 10 MILLION

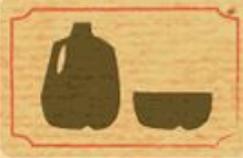


Homicides increased from 6.8 per 1,000 in 1920 to nearly 10 per 1,000 in 1929.

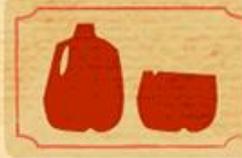


It's estimated that 10% of government officials had ties with the mafia during prohibition

DRINK BY NUMBERS



Estimated consumption of alcohol pre-prohibition: 1.46 proof gallons per capita.



Estimated consumption of alcohol during prohibition was 1.63 proof gallons per capita.



Average # of deaths per 100,000 due to alcoholism pre-prohibition: 5

Average # of deaths per 100,000 due to alcoholism during prohibition: 3

Arrests for drunken and disorderly conduct increased



Arrests drunk drivers increased



Police funding increased by



\$11.4 MILLION

Thefts and burglaries increased



The number of federal convicts increased



56%

Federal prison population increased



366%

7. Do you think alcohol consumption would have been as popular in the US if it was not banned? Explain

8. Based on the info provided was prohibition good for the country? Give 3 supporting facts to support your conclusion.

9. Looking at the facts: As a result of Prohibition what 3 increases do you think were the most harmful to society?

Connecting to Modern Society: What if the 18th amendment had never been repealed? How would this impact Americans today?