

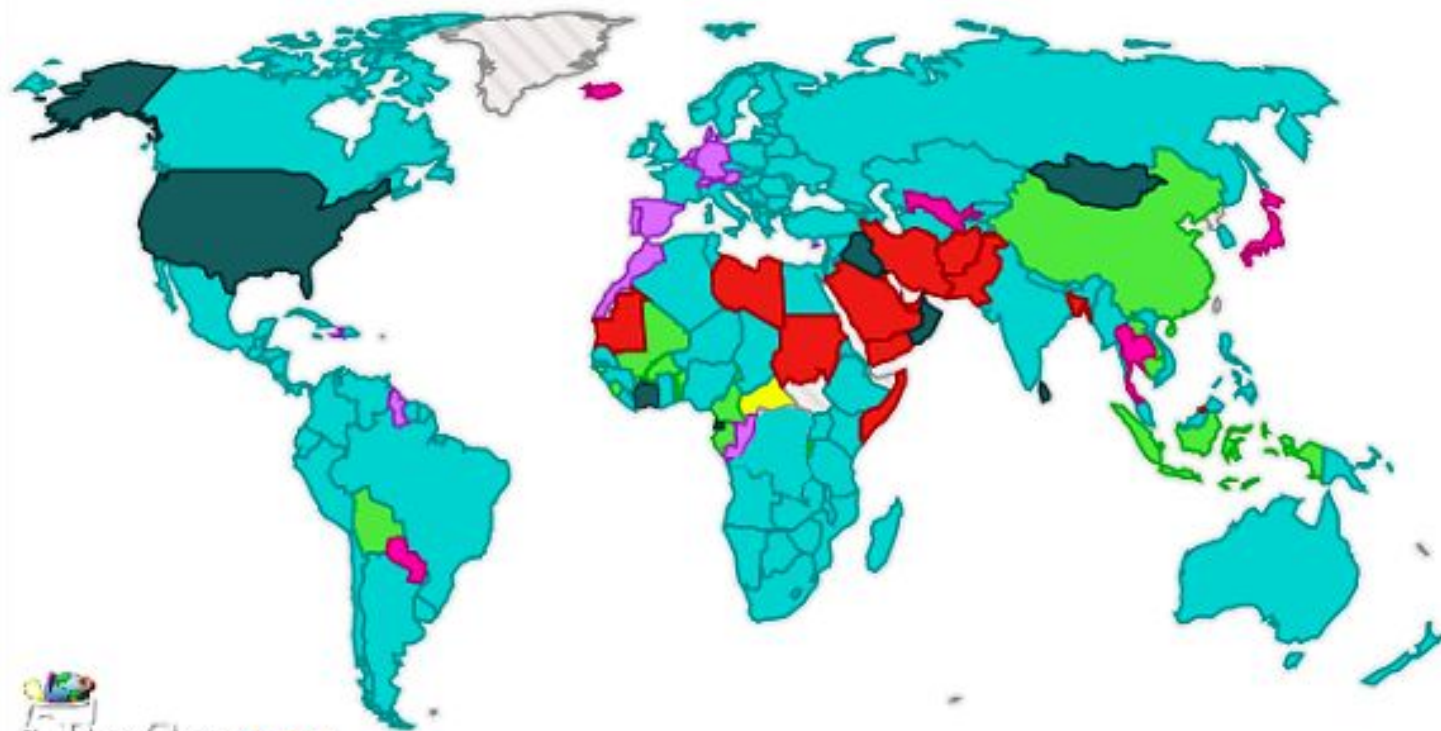
The Drinking Age
in the United
States Should be
Lowered to 18

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18 Is Too Young

- 18 is adulthood in U.S.
 - U.S. 1/12 countries with 21
 - 61% of countries have 18
 - U.S. drinking age was 18
- Young children drink
 - 19 countries: no drinking age
 - 2 countries: 10-15
 - 20 countries: 16-17
- Drinking in moderation is good
 - Reduce risk of heart disease & stroke
 - Reduce risk of diabetes
 - Reduce stress





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MLDA:	None	10-15	16-17	18-19	20	21	Illegal at any age
# Countries:	19	2	21	115	5	12	16
% Countries:	10%	1%	11%	61%	3%	6%	8%

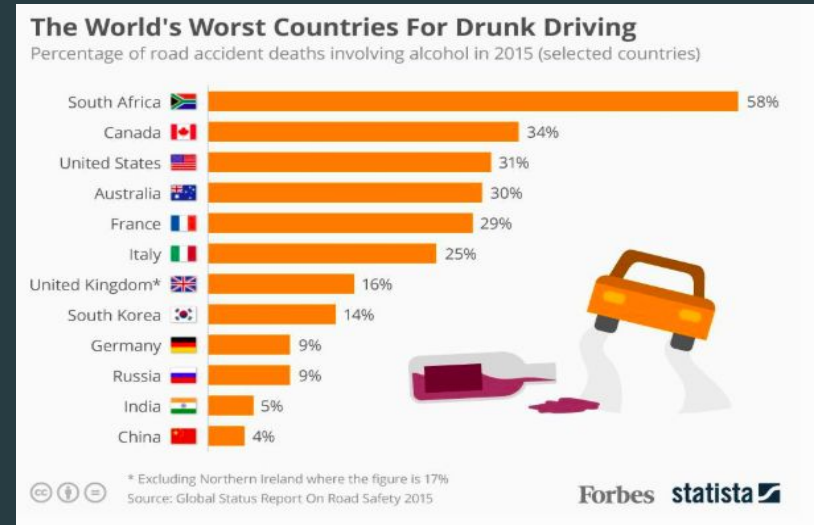
Dangerous Environments

- Teaches Responsibility
 - Mature quickly
 - Diminish thrill of breaking the law
 - Less binge drinking
- Good for Economy
 - More people able to spend money
 - More jobs
- Build Relationships
 - Be more social
 - Buddy System



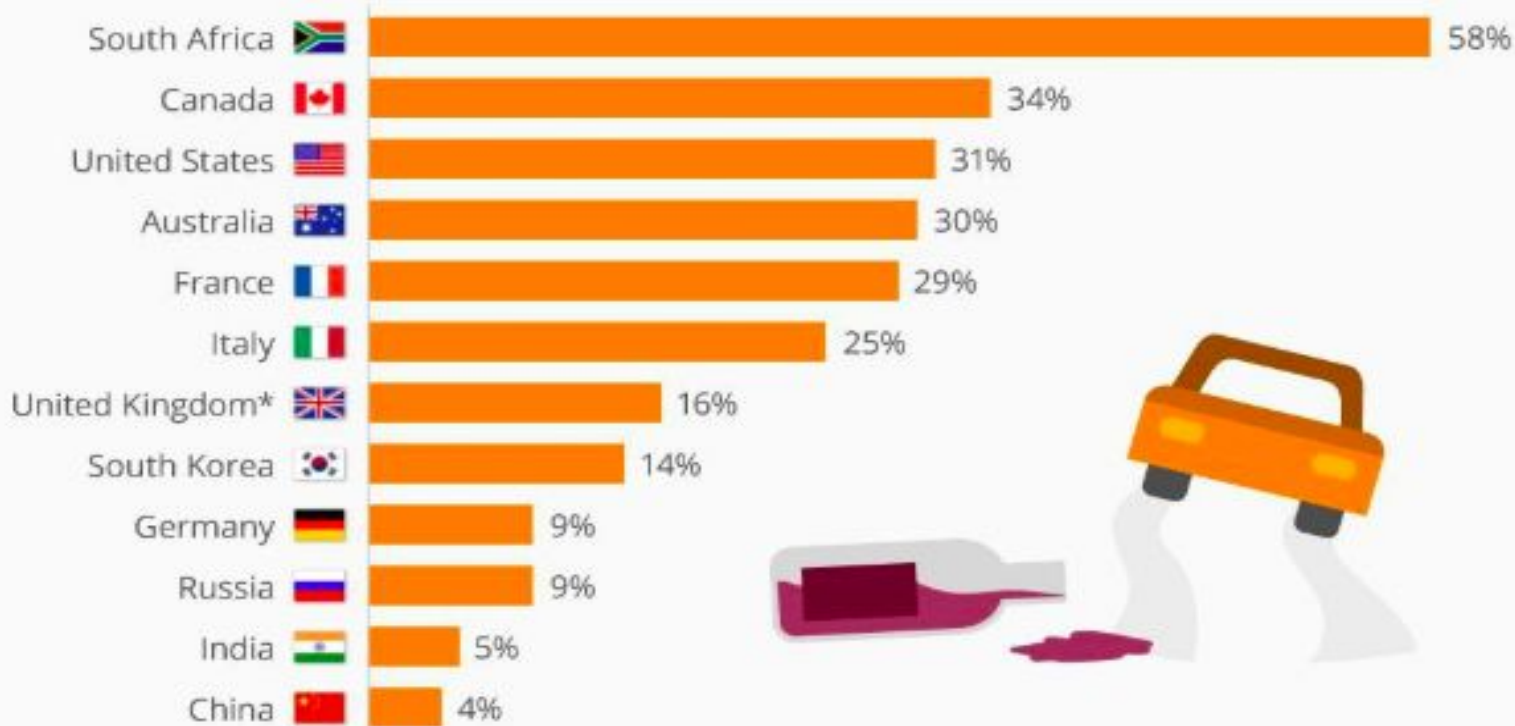
More Drunk Driving Accidents

- Countries with 18 have less drunk driving
 - China: 18
 - Germany: 16
 - Age doesn't influence drunk driving
 - Pauline Horrigan
- Shuttle Services
 - Uber, Lyft
 - SNC Shuttle, Good Samaritan
- Laws are unclear
 - Wisconsin law
 - DUI



The World's Worst Countries For Drunk Driving

Percentage of road accident deaths involving alcohol in 2015 (selected countries)



* Excluding Northern Ireland where the figure is 17%

Source: Global Status Report On Road Safety 2015

Thank You!

