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Alcoholism

W: Sarah, how is the alcohol consumption within the university?

Sarah: are you thinking about this new phenomenon called binge drinking?

W: Yes, I heard about it and found it quite scary.

Sarah: well I think it is especially famous in England, but France has not been spared, where apparently binge drinkers are even younger than in England.

W: To my mind the issue probably comes from the lack of anti-drinking campaigns.

Sarah: do you think so? I do think that we should first ban the advertising of alcohol, raise the minimum drinking age, and eventually the legal blood alcohol limit for driving should be lowered.

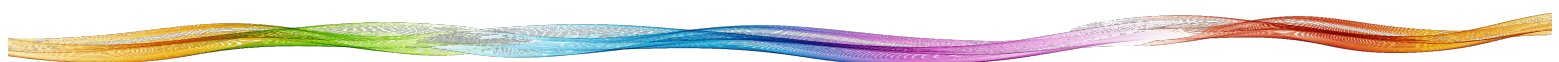
W: you're certainly right. It is difficult to fathom what drives people to drink to excess: group dynamics, stress, anger probably all play a part. Every year in the UK alcohol lands one hundred fifty thousand people in hospital through illness and accidents.

Sarah: We all know that bingeing is linked to increased risk of thrombosis, high blood pressure and sudden cardiac death.

W: unfortunately I don't think that might prevent people from drinking, as just in the US, alcohol contributes to a hundred thousand deaths a year, and per capita consumption of alcohol in the UK has doubled since nineteen sixty.

Sarah: well at least to restrict the hours of sale would help decrease the convenience of purchasing.

W: maybe. It's a vast subject anyway.





GLOSSARY:

Alcoholism	The advertising
To be spared	Minimum drinking age
To raise	legal blood alcohol limit
To lower	Group dynamics
To fathom	Anger
To drive	Illness
To drink to excess	Thrombosis
To land	High blood pressure
To binge	Sudden cardiac death
To link	A vast subject
To play a part	The hours of sale
To prevent from	The convenience of purchasing
To contribute	Within
To double	Younger
To restrict	Eventually
To purchase	Through
The alcohol consumption	Per capita
A new phenomenon	At least
Binge drinking	
Binge drinkers	
The issue	
The lack	
Anti-drinking campaign	



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