Notes on Contributors

Alcohol in Courtship Context: Focus-Group Interviews With Young Swedish Women and Men

In focus groups of young Swedish women and men reacting to film excerpts, intoxication is seen as reducing shyness and creating an opportunity for flirting and sexual contact. But while the men see themselves as freed from restraint, the women still feel under critical observation by themselves and others.

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The Differential Effects of Exposure to "Youth-Oriented" Magazines on Adolescent Alcohol Use

972 students aged about 13 in the U.S. mountain region were asked about their reading of three types of magazines with substantial alcohol advertising. Reading men's lifestyle magazines was associated with favorable norms and expectations about drinking and with drinking frequency; reading music/entertainment magazines with norms and expectancies but not with frequency of drinking; and reading sports magazines with none of these.

STEVEN R THOMSEN AND DAG RIEVE

Finnish Newspapers' Positions on Drug Policy Between 1993 and 2000

Analyzing 133 editorials from five Finnish newspapers, the article finds a dominant framing in terms of crime and a policing perspective. However, the papers also supported development of the drug treatment system, and they moved closer to viewing drugs as a problem of "us" rather than "them." Harm reduction and criminalization were viewed as complementary rather than opposing strategies.

JUKKA TORKÖNEN
Interviews in the southern U.S. with 45 farmworkers born in Central America or the Caribbean and 74 born in the U.S. found that drug initiation was more often at a familiar home base rather than in a work camp, and usually with assistance or encouragement from an acquaintance rather than a family member.

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Transnational Mexican Farmworkers and Problem Drinking: A Review of the Literature

Studies of alcohol problems usually do not include Mexican migrant workers in the U.S. The few studies available indicate that binge drinking is common among the largely male workforce. Heavy drinking is likely to be facilitated by the stresses of their situation and their often clouded immigration status.

VICTOR GARCÍA AND EDWARD GINDOLF

Estimating the Prevalence of Ecstasy Use Among Club Rave Attendees

Self-report of drug use and oral fluid specimens were compared in 100 respondents leaving raves in the Baltimore-Washington area. While 72% reported using Ecstasy (MDMA) at some time, 28% reported using it in the last two days, and 30% tested positive from oral fluids.

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