

An Opinion Essay: Banning of alcohol for under-aged youngsters

The government is thinking of banning the sale of alcohol to people under the age of twenty-one. In your opinion, what would be the consequences of this action?

Personally, I am not in favour of young people drinking alcohol. However, there are various reasons why I do not think that it would be a good idea to ban the sale of alcohol to people under twenty-one. In my opinion, that policy would fail.

Firstly, I think that if something becomes illegal, people will still do it, but in a more secretive way. This is what happens with drugs, for example. What's more, if you tell people not to do things, they sometimes become more interested in trying it, so this new law might have the opposite effect to what was intended.

Furthermore, I do not think that this policy is really necessary. It is true that a minority of young people are irresponsible with alcohol, but that is also true of the older generation. Most young people go to places such as bars and cafés because they want to meet friends. In other words, they go out to socialize and not because they want to drink.

Finally, if the government really wanted to control the consumption of alcohol, it could launch a publicity campaign which shows that alcohol can be both unhealthy and antisocial. In addition, I think that increasing the price of alcohol would have a very significant effect.