

## OLD ENOUGH TO SERVE, OLD ENOUGH TO DRINK

### TODAY IN HISTORY

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**1924:** The Willis Campbell Act (anti-beer bill) was signed by the US president Warren G. Harding, which forbids doctors from prescribing beer or liquor for medicinal purposes.

**1937:** John Steinbeck's *Of Mice & Men* premiered in NYC

**1979:** Pink Floyd's "The Wall" was released and sold 6 million copies in 2 weeks.

**1963:** The BBC broadcast the first episode of Doctor Who.

**2005:** Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf was elected president of Liberia and was the first woman to lead an African country

These are some of the many events that have happened on this day. How do you think November 23rd, 2017 will be remembered?

### DRINKING AT 19?

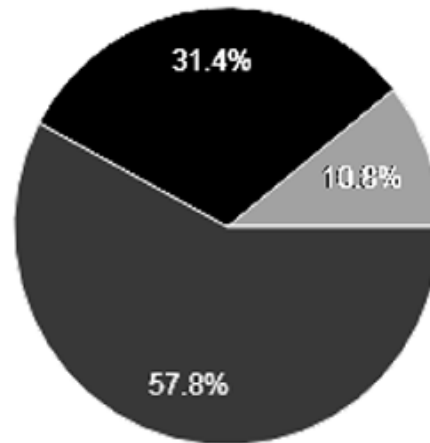
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The drinking age in the United States has been twenty-one since 1984, but a proposed bill in Wisconsin would make the legal age nineteen in that state. The bill, proposed by Wisconsin state representatives Adam Jarchow, Cindi Duchow and Rob Swearingen, is stirring debate across the country. Many people think that the legal drinking age should be lowered to 19 or even 18 because if you are able to help choose our country's leader, be drafted, leave your home as an adult, use tobacco and serve in the armed forces then you should be able to choose to drink responsibly. In Multiple countries the legal drinking age is as low as 18.

Some may say the brain is not fully developed before age 21 interfere with development of the young adult brain's frontal lobe, which affects emotional regulation, planning and organization. The brain at a young age is susceptible to addiction, dangerous risk-taking behavior, reduced decision-making ability, memory loss, depression, violence, and suicide

### Should the legal drinking age in Iowa be lowered to 19?



- Yes
- No
- Not sure

A poll of CHS students by Will Exline

is greater.

"I am unfamiliar with this Wisconsin bill, but in general I don't support lowering the legal drinking age in Iowa for a couple of reasons, the most important is that the human brain isn't fully developed at 19 and alcohol consumption could potentially interfere with that physiological process," said State Senator Amy Sinclair (R-Allerton) in an email to the Ink.

"When I was 18, the legal drinking age was actually 18," said civics and government teacher Chris Curran, "and it did pose some problems. Having said that, if you can go get shot at, I believe you should be able to get a drink. There are also other problems with the law. If they aren't going to enforce the legal drinking law they shouldn't have it. It's unenforceable."

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