

DRINK DRIVING

ENFORCEMENT LAW IN FRANCE

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INVENTORY OF FIXTURES

- ° Effects:

BAC: 0.5 g / l = 2 - 3 glasses of alcohol
Risk of accident is doubled

- ° Accidents:

In 2002 France still counted among the most murderous countries of Europe on the road:

38 % of fatal accidents since 20 years
2700 people killed - 24000 injuries / year

- ° Global cost: **27 billions**

RECENT EVOLUTION

3 national priorities:

- cancer
- handicaps
- road safety

LEGISLATION

° laws

- February 2003:

Law on driving under influence of drugs

- June 2003:

Law strengthening fight against road violence

- July 2003:

Decree of application of the laws

° penalties

- **Removal points: 6 points of 12 points**
- **Cancel/interruption of licence: 3 – 10 years**
- **Prison: 2 – 7 years**
- **Fines: 135€ / 750€ - 100 000€**

OTHER DEVICES

- the probationary driving licence: 3 years (young drivers)
 - the school certificate
 - a licence to give evidence: 6 points then 12 after 3 years
 - removal of points

Example: Bac > 0.5 g/l

removal 6 pts + licence cancelled 3 years + fine [135€ - 750€]

46% of young people killed are < 18 – 24 >
40% " " " " < 25 – 44 >

- breathalyser

 - 2002: 8 millions of controls

 - 2005: the probability for a driver to be controlled BAC should be once a year for once a year every 15 years before

- self controls

 - chemical/ electronic tests

- insurances

 - a driver controlled with a BAC + who is responsible for accident will be indemnified neither for his injuries nor for the damages of his car
 - his insurance premium can be heavily raised and in some cases its cancelled contract

RESULTS

° Benefits

2002: 2700 people killed = 38% (7200) / 24000 injuries

2003: 1050 people killed = 20% (5730) / 9500 injuries

45 % of the drivers did not drink and drive in 1999

60 % of the drivers did not drink and drive in 2004

Cost: reduced from 27 billions to 24 billions / 3 years

° Factors of explanation

- _hardening of the punishments
- _commitment of authorities
- _automation of control

° Observations

- _behaviour change by anticipation of penalties
- _target group = low bac
- _young people = driving without licence

REACTIONS/POSITIONS

the industry :

" the governmental policy and ANPAA are responsible for the decline of consumption of wine "

the managers of bars:

" not to serve a drunk customer, it is as to close the bar "
" a good customer is an alive customer "

the parliament:

against the ban on sale of alcohol in petrol stations & h.w. restaurants adopted a programme reducing 20% alcohol consumption in 5 years

A.N.P.A.A.: propositions

- _To forbid the **sale of alcohol in petrol stations**
- _To reduce the **BAC level to 0.2 g /l** immediately for the novices drivers and the professional drivers
- _To strengthen the **information** about the effects and the risks during the learning of driving
- _To **harmonize** the European devices and obtain European authorities a statement:

" alcohol is not a good as an other but a psychoactive and toxic substance "

Thank you for your attention

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