

Warm-Up: Crime during Prohibition



Prohibition led to a rise in crime, including violent forms such as murder:

- During the first year of Prohibition the number of crimes committed in 30 major cities in the U.S. increased 24%.
- Arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct increased 21%.
- Arrests for drunken driving jumped by 81%.
- During the first ten years, the murder rate climbed 78% across the country.
- In Chicago, almost 800 gangsters were killed.
- Nationally, the homicide rate per 100,000 people rose almost two-thirds during Prohibition.

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1. According to the passage what effect did Prohibition have in the US?
 2. What type of crime seemed to increase significantly?
 3. What city do you think the photo above was shot? Why?
 4. Why didn't Prohibition make the US more of a moral nation?