

MAXIMIZING THE LIKELIHOOD OF A GOOD LIFE

RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS IN THE LIVES OF ADOLESCENTS

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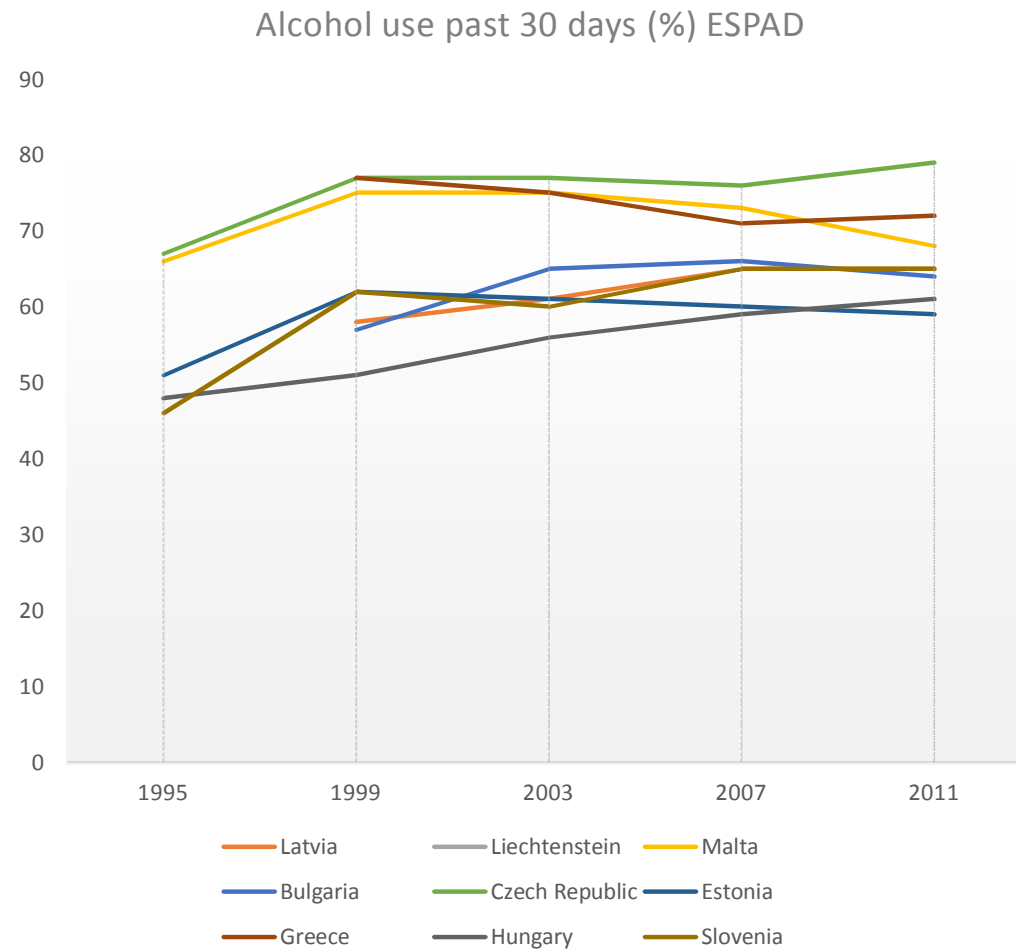


RAPID SOCIAL CHANGE

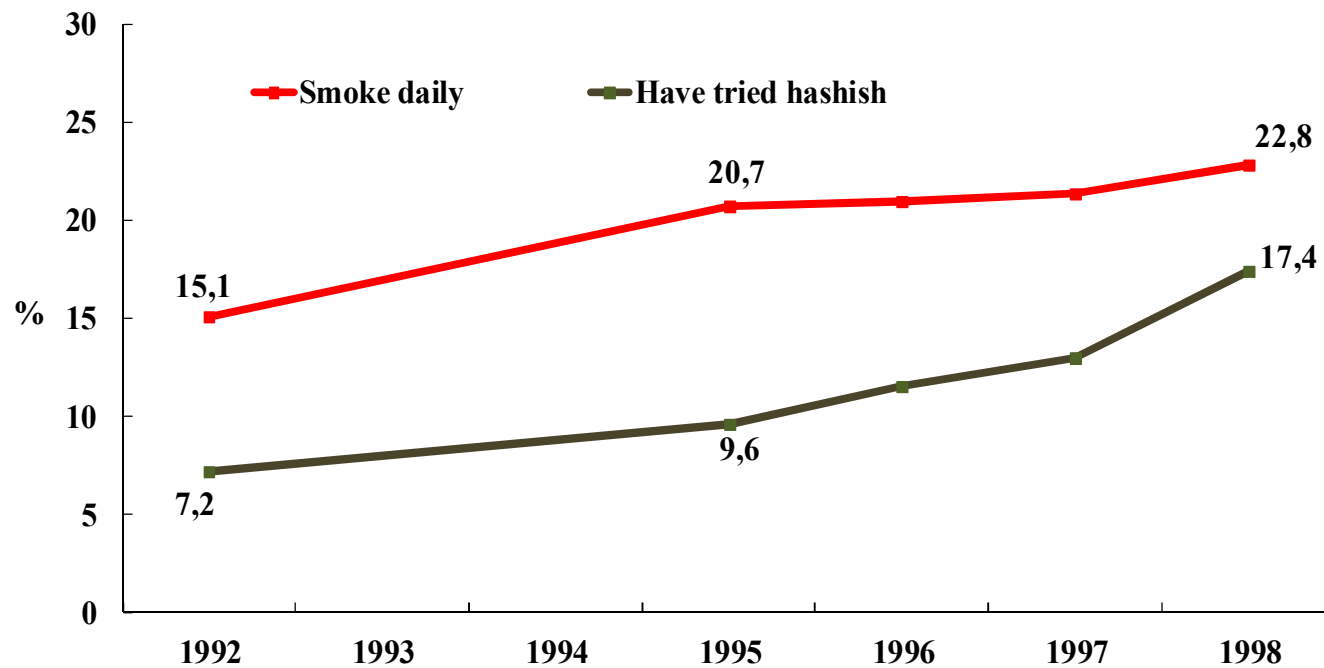
- Geographical mobility is greater than ever before
- Cities are growing
- Economies have advanced
- Educational opportunities abound
- Democracy has become our shared experience



ALCOHOL USE PAST 30 DAYS (%) ESPAD



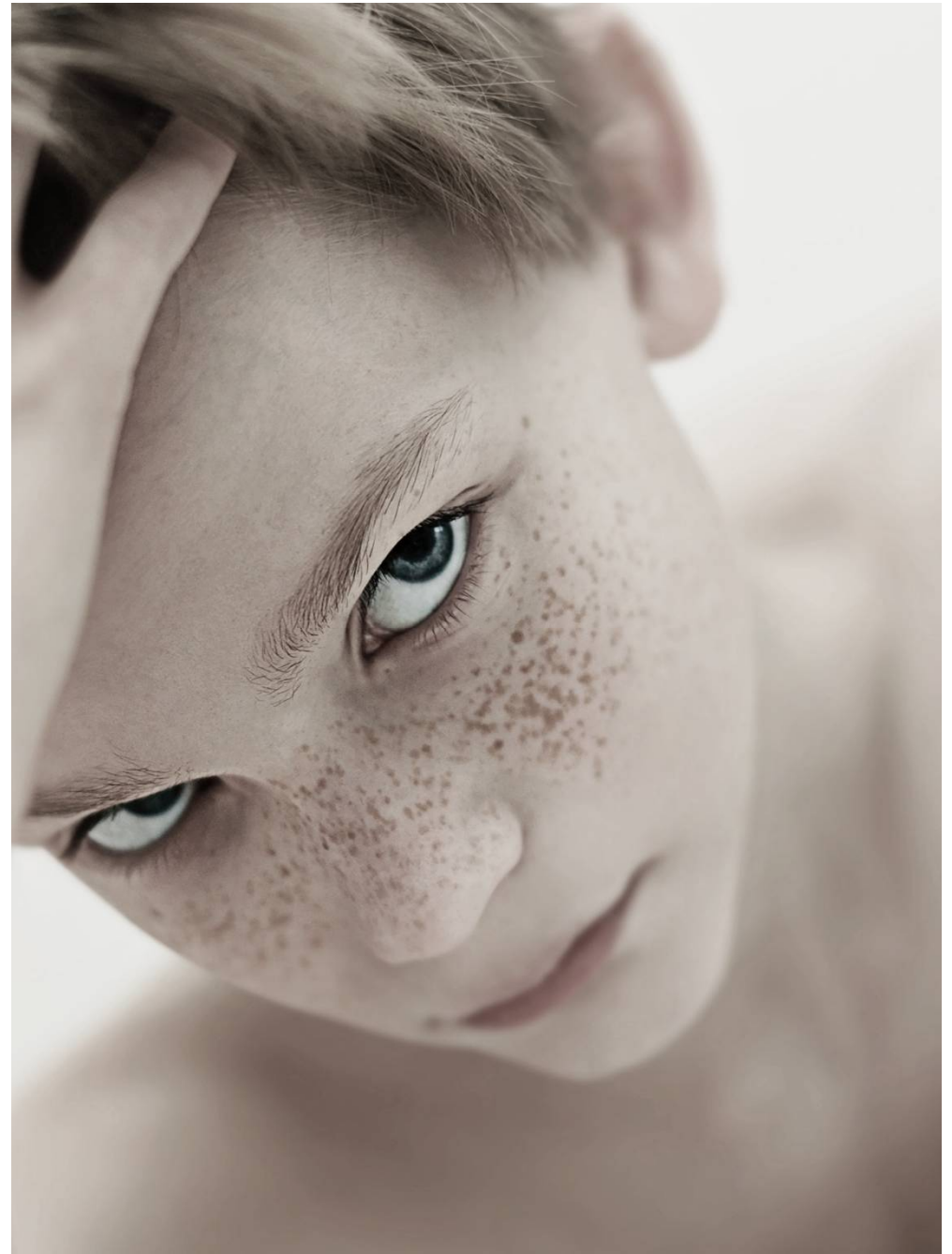
UPWARD TREND 1992-1998



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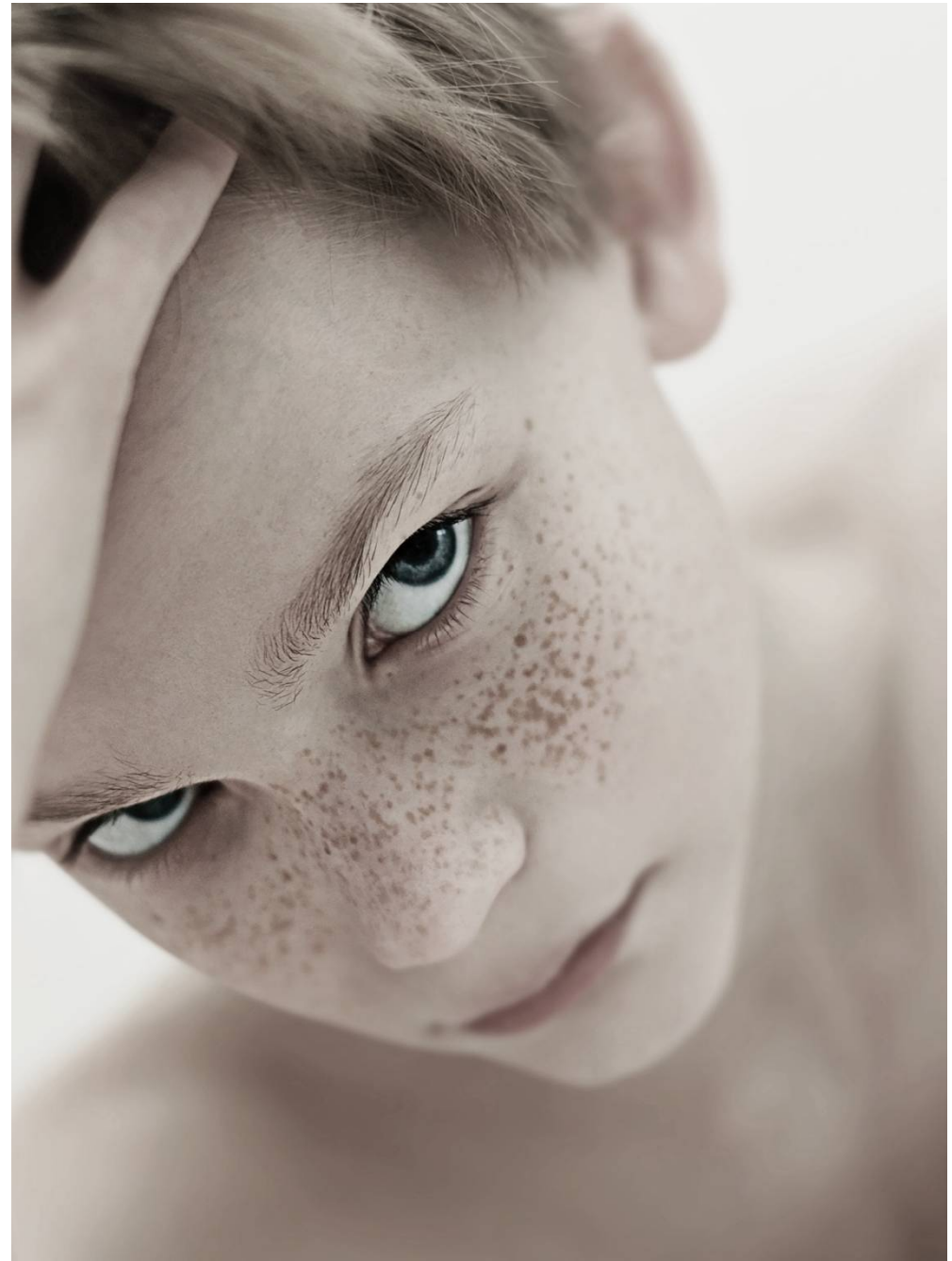
YOUTH IN ICELAND

- Theory-based, multi-level community-wide intervention



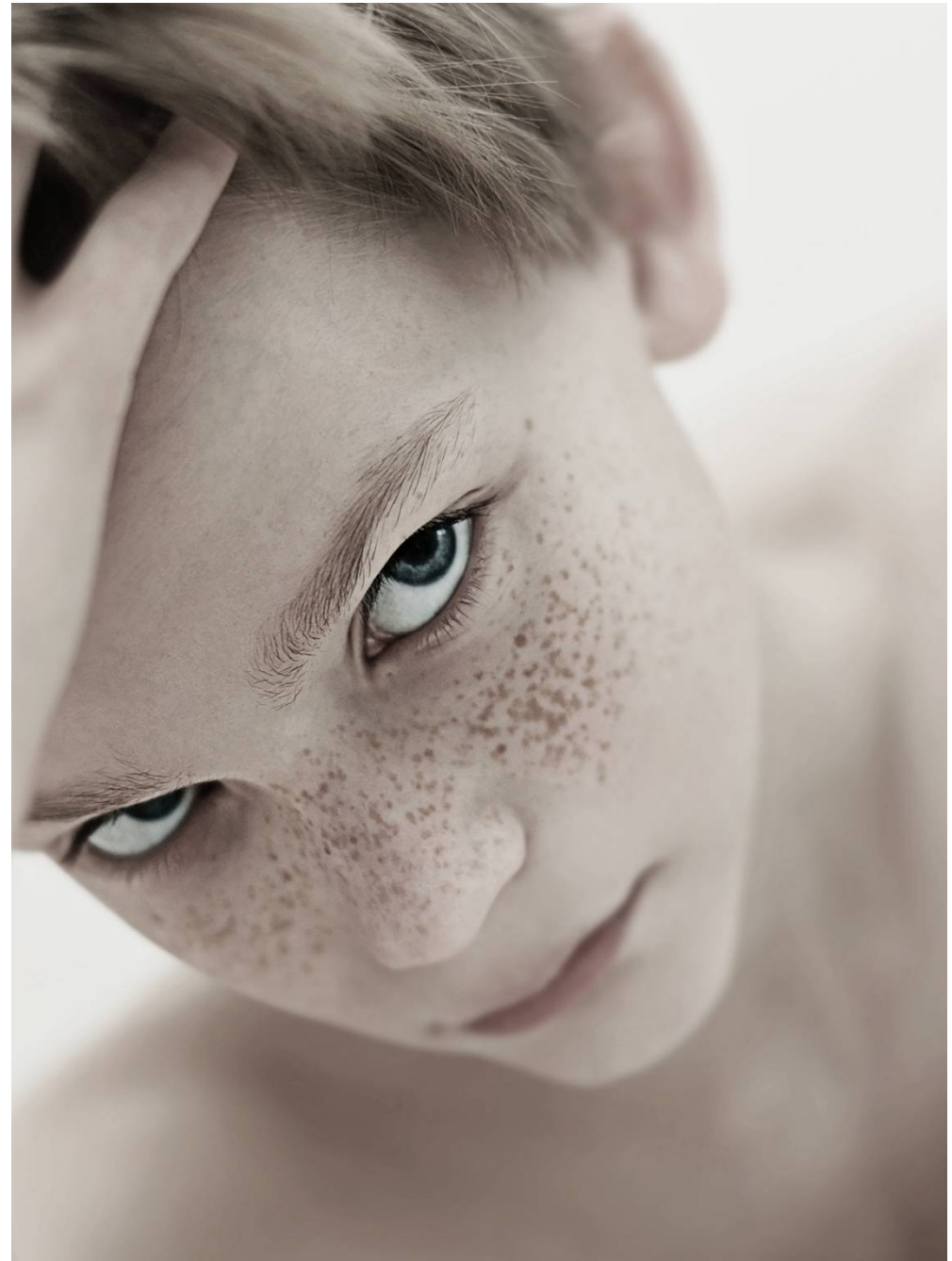
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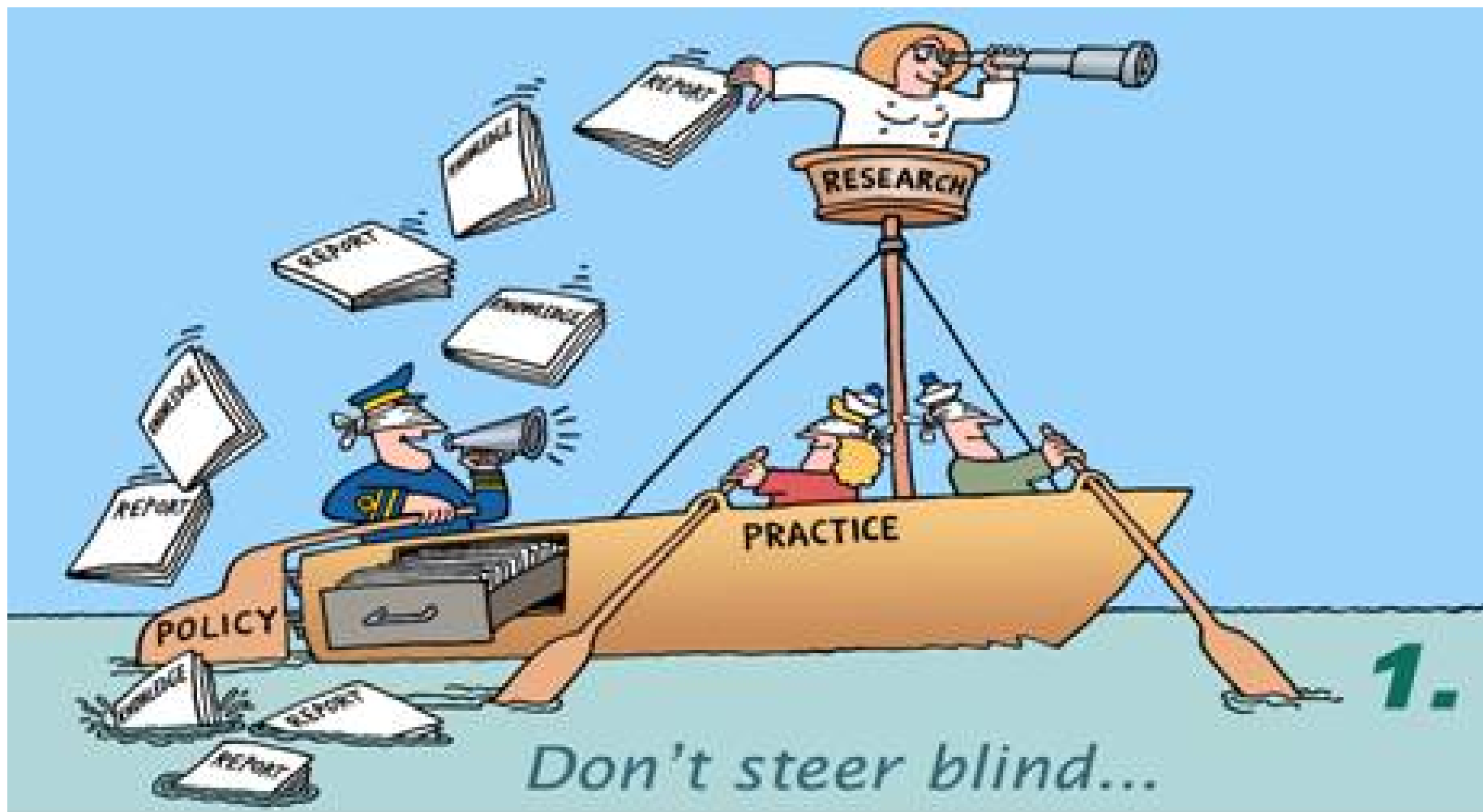
- Empirical evidence on risk and protective factors

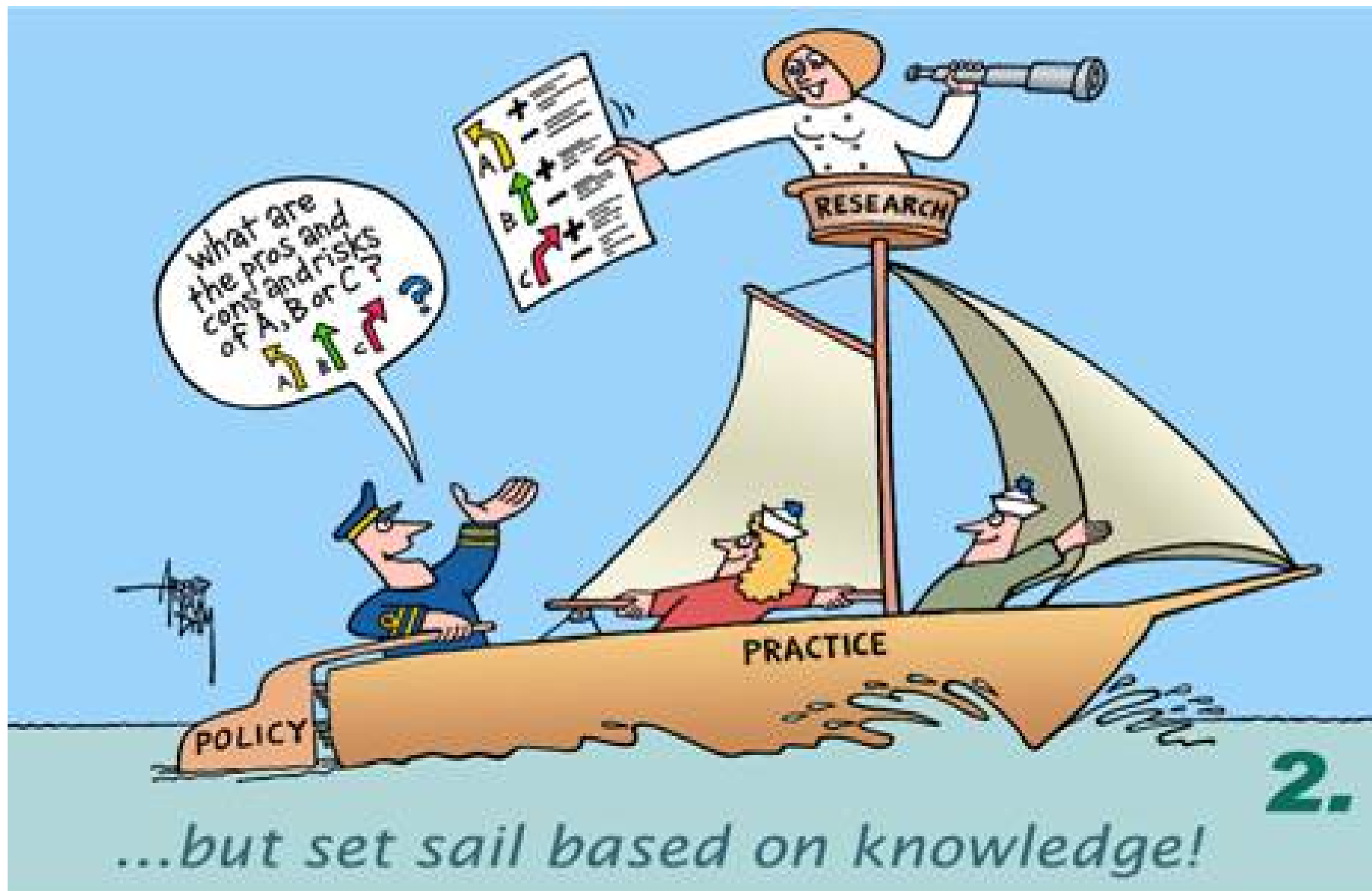


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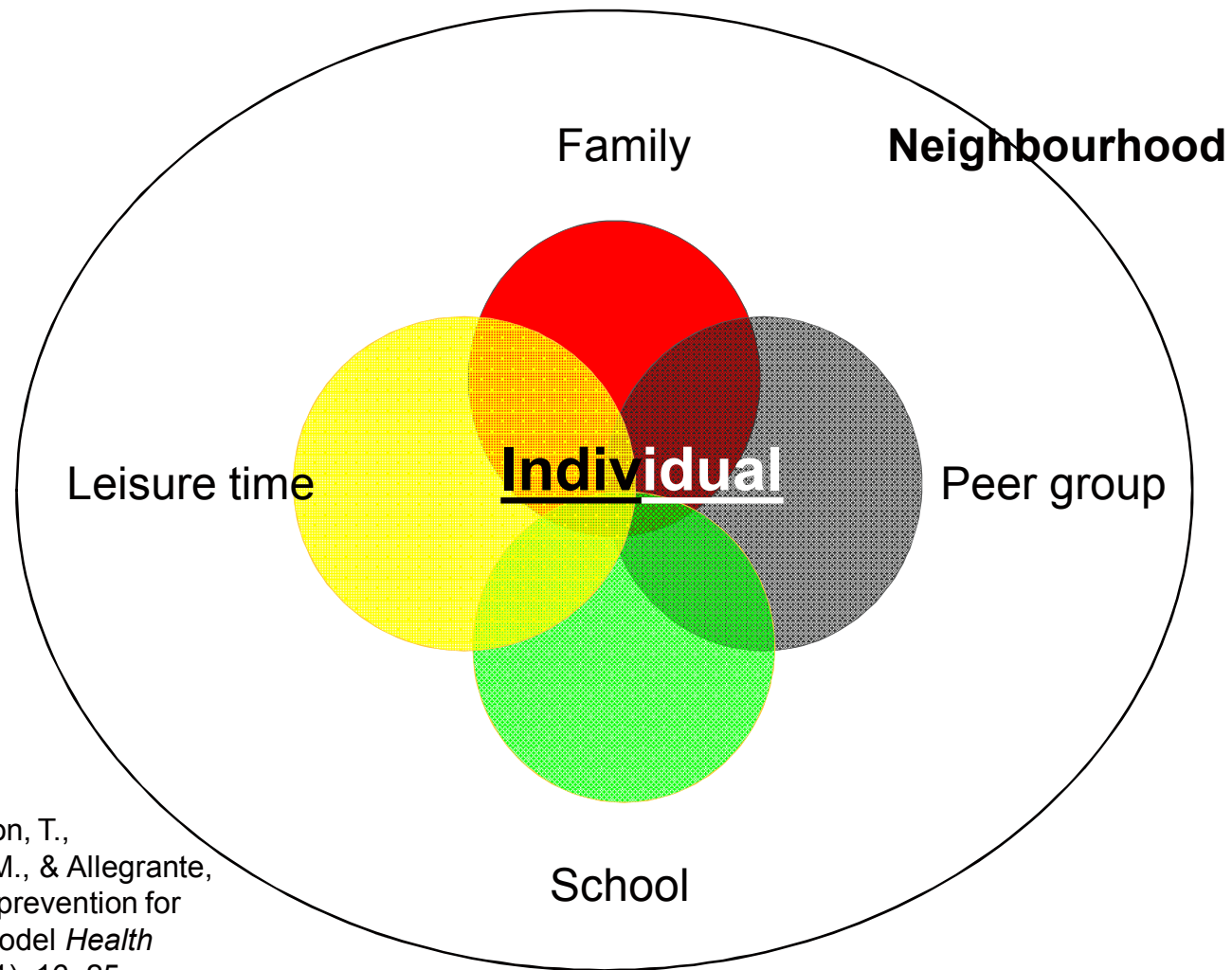
- Dialogue between social scientists, policy makers and practitioners





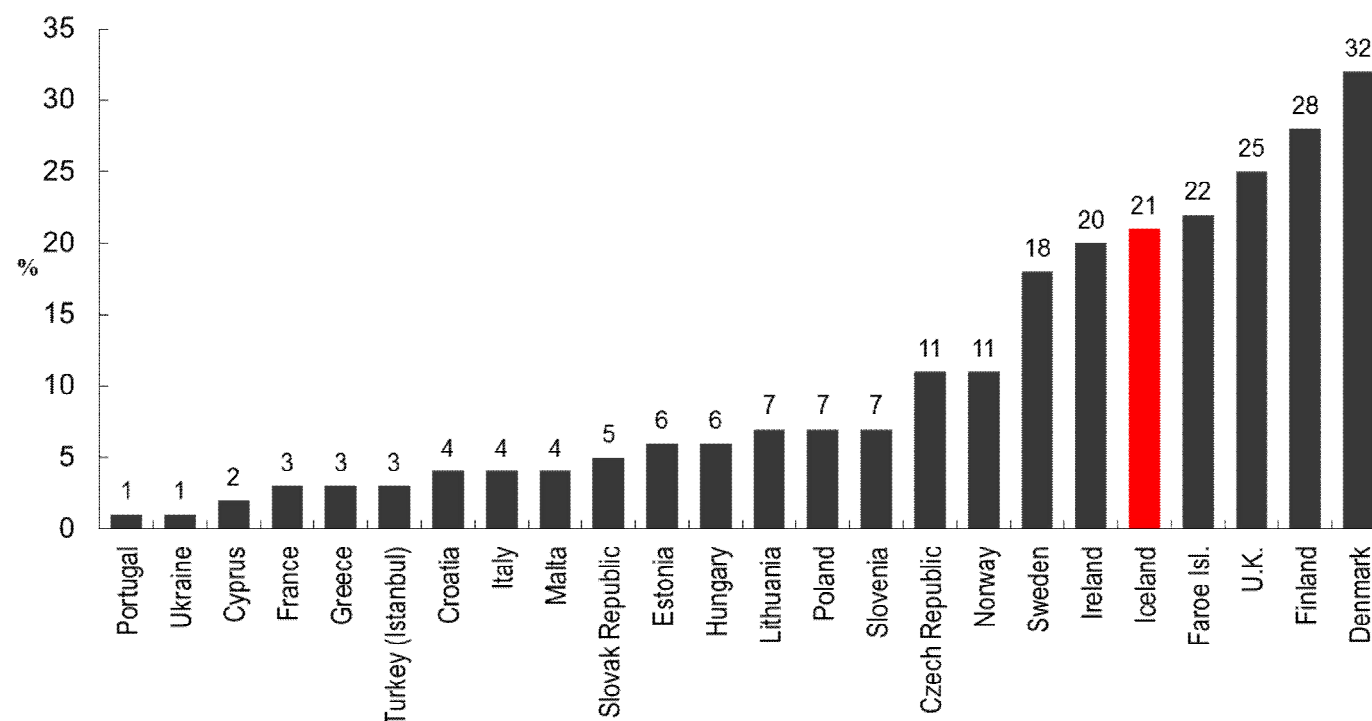


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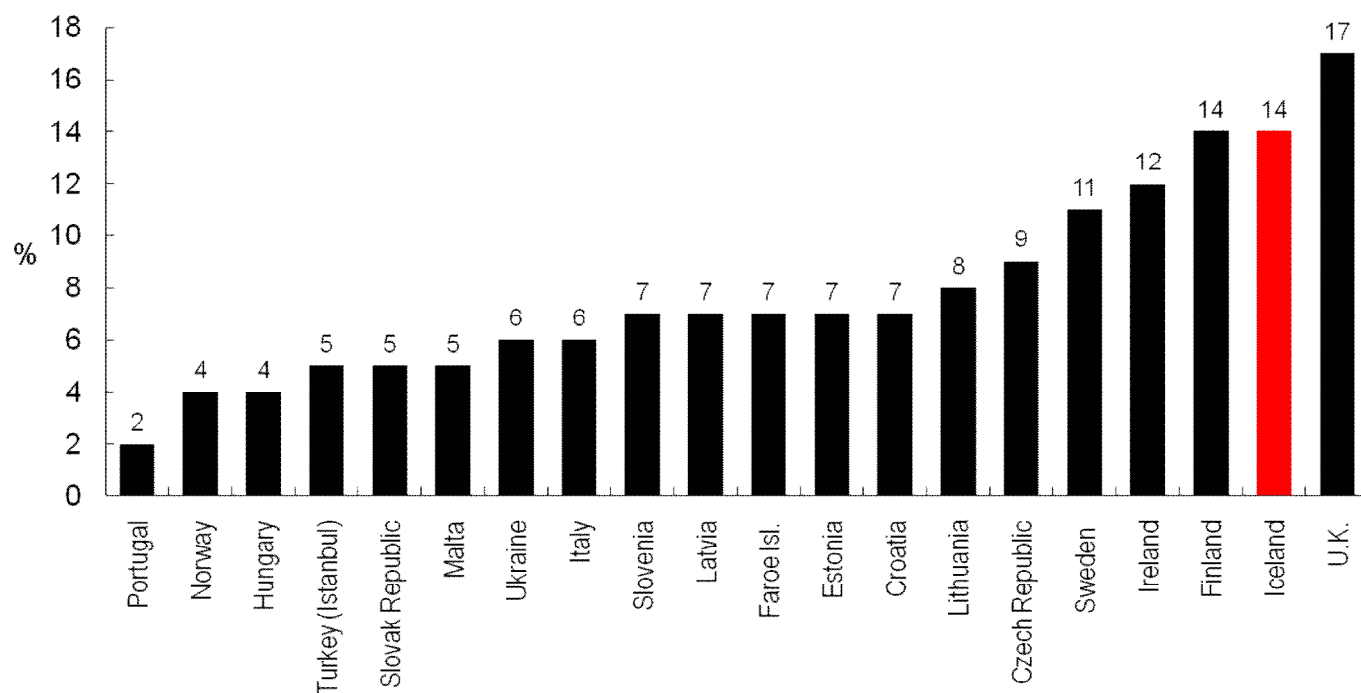


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PROPORTION OF STUDENTS IN 10TH GRADE WHO HAVE BECOME DRUNK 10 TIMES OR MORE DURING LAST 12 MONTHS (ESPAD, 1995)



PROPORTION OF STUDENTS IN 10TH GRADE WHO HAVE HAD ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES RELATED TO ALCOHOL USE (ESPAD, 1995)



THE ICELANDIC MODEL

Risk factors

Peer group

- Having friends who smoke, drink or use other substances

Unstructured activities

- Attending parties
- Spending time downtown nights/weekends
- Hanging out around malls/shopping centers

Protective factors

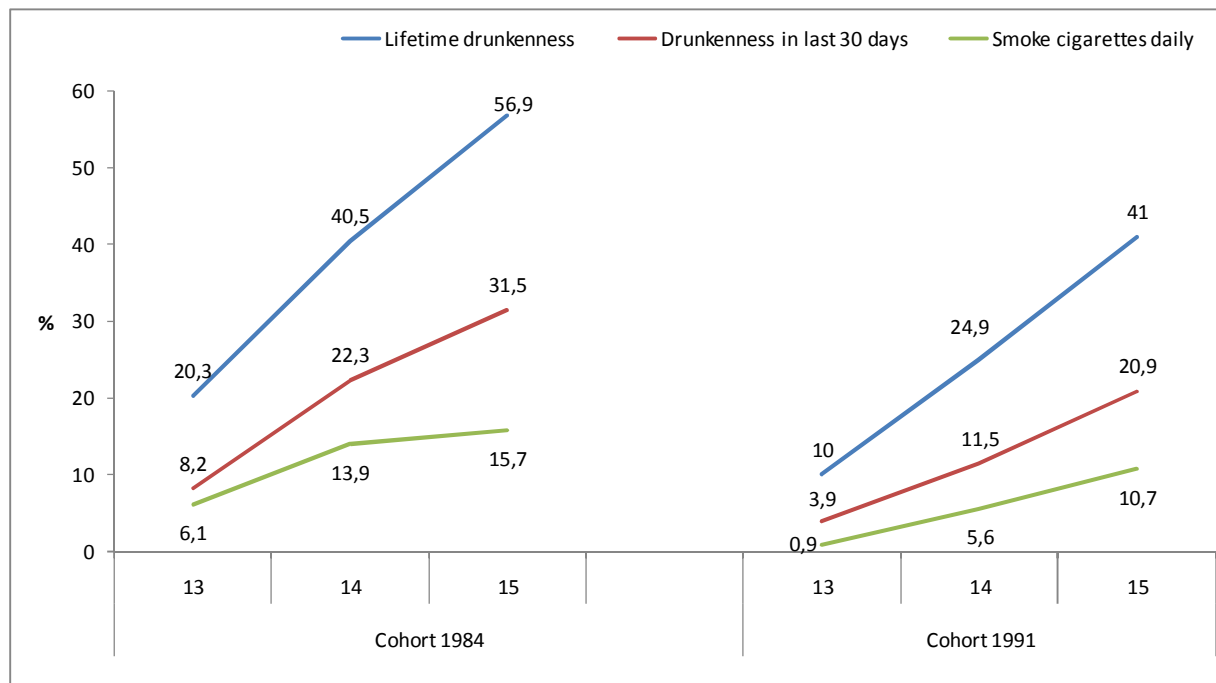
Organized youth work

- Participating in sports with a team or a club
- Engaging in structured activities within youth recreational centres
- Extracurricular activities in school
- Other: scout clubs, squads, religious groups, etc.

Parents

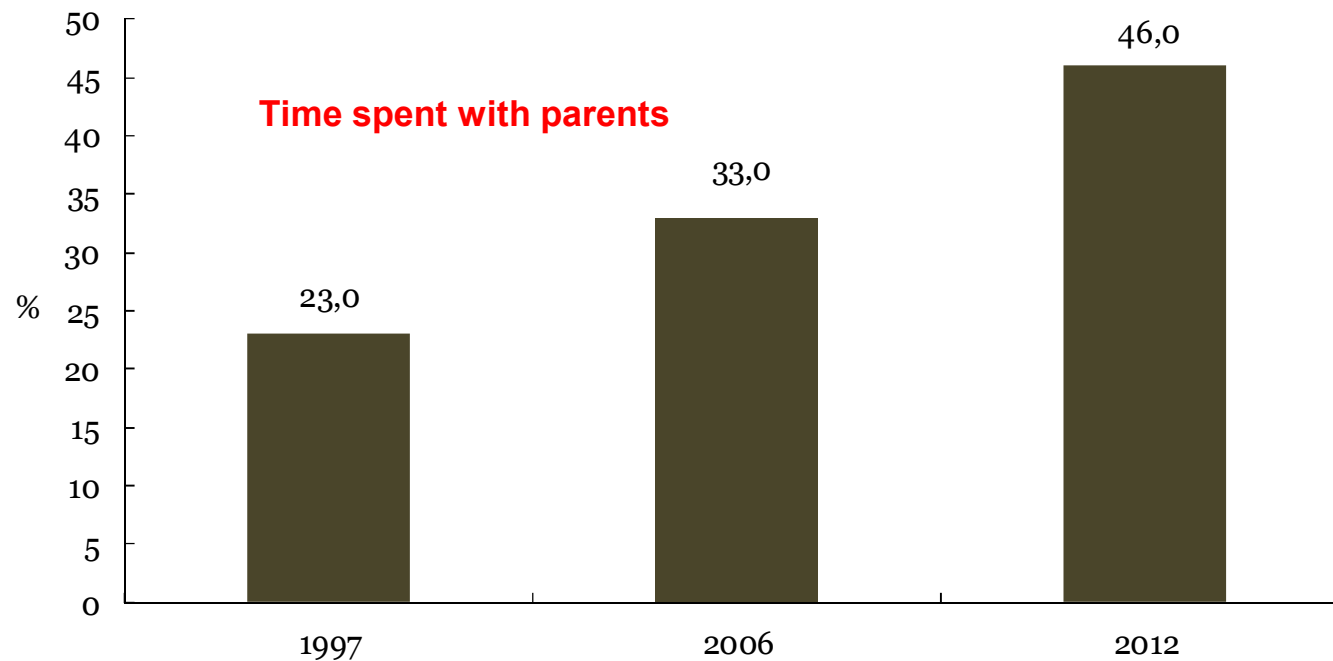
- Support: caring and warmth
- Monitoring: knowing with whom and where the adolescents are in the evenings
- Time spent with parents

SUBSTANCE USE FOLLOWS COHORTS

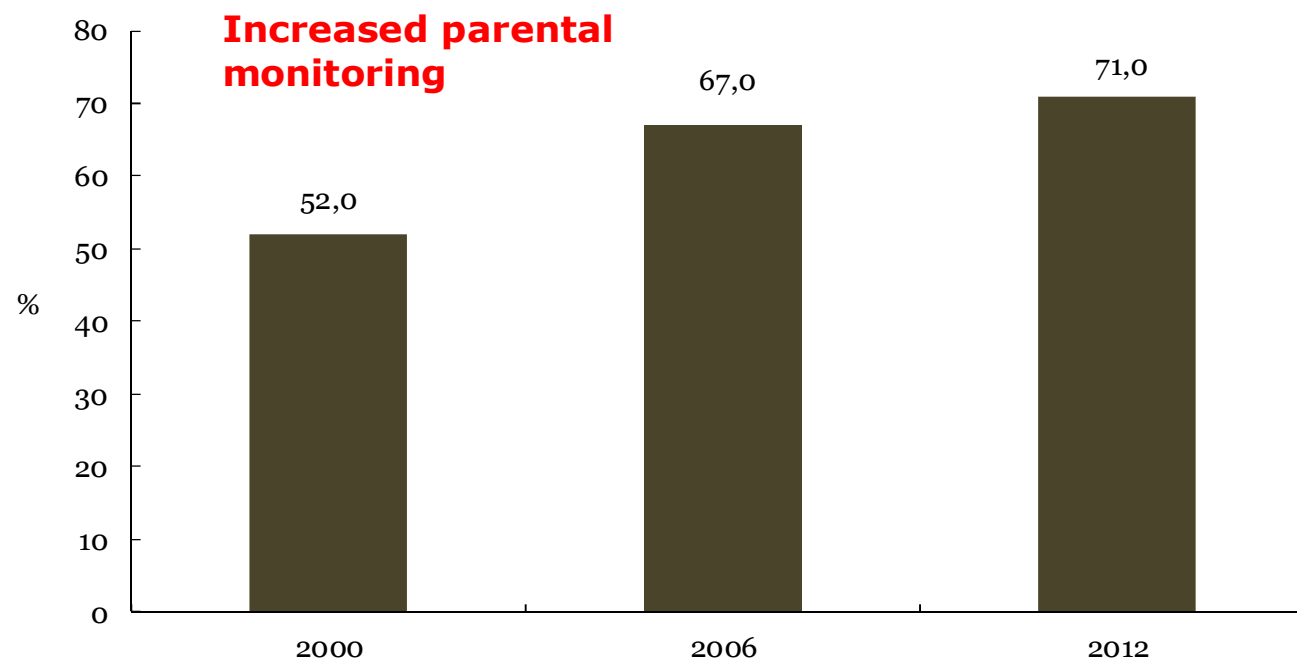


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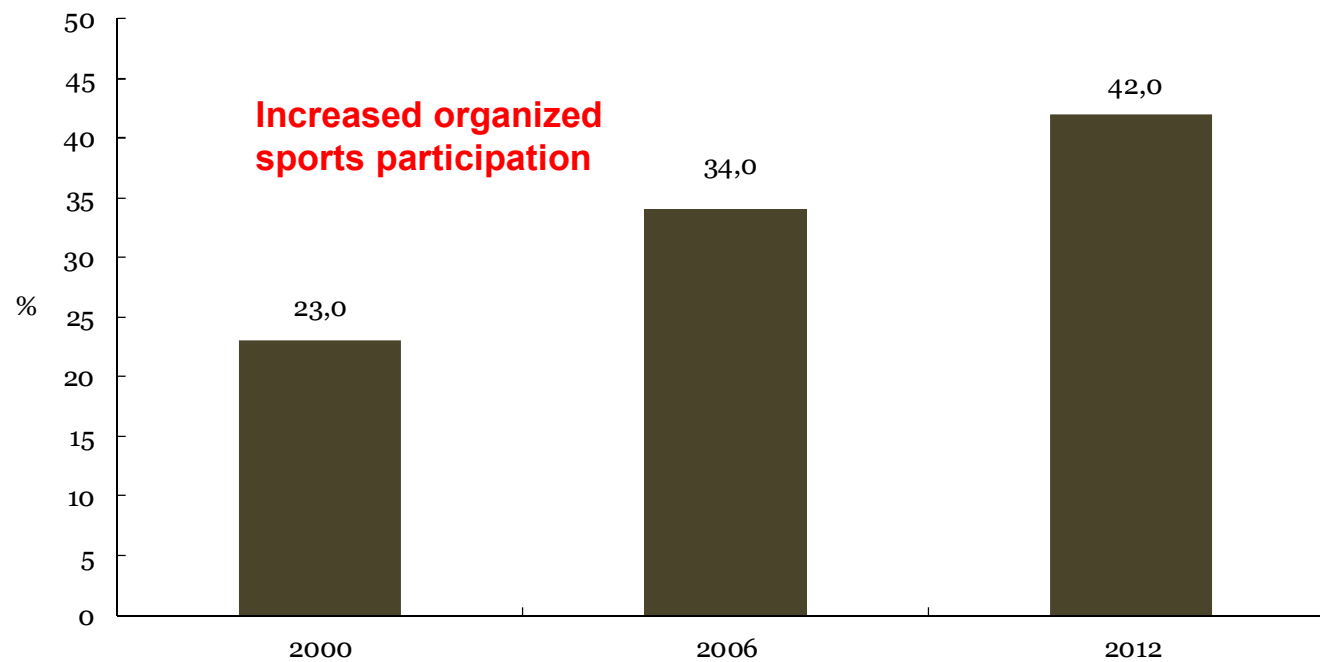
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS IN 9TH AND 10TH GRADE
WHO SPEND TIME (OFTEN/ALMOST ALWAYS) WITH THEIR
PARENTS DURING WEEKDAYS



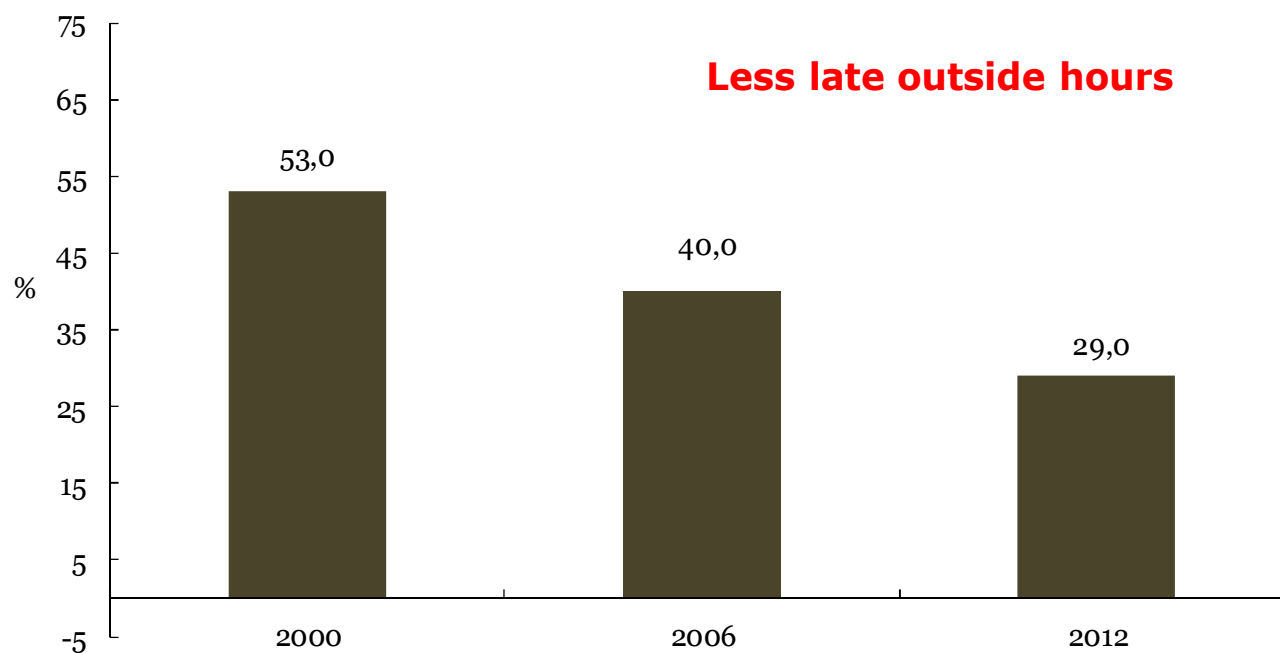
MY PARENTS KNOW WHERE I AM IN THE EVENINGS
(APPLIES VERY OR RATHER WELL TO ME) 9TH AND 10TH
GRADE



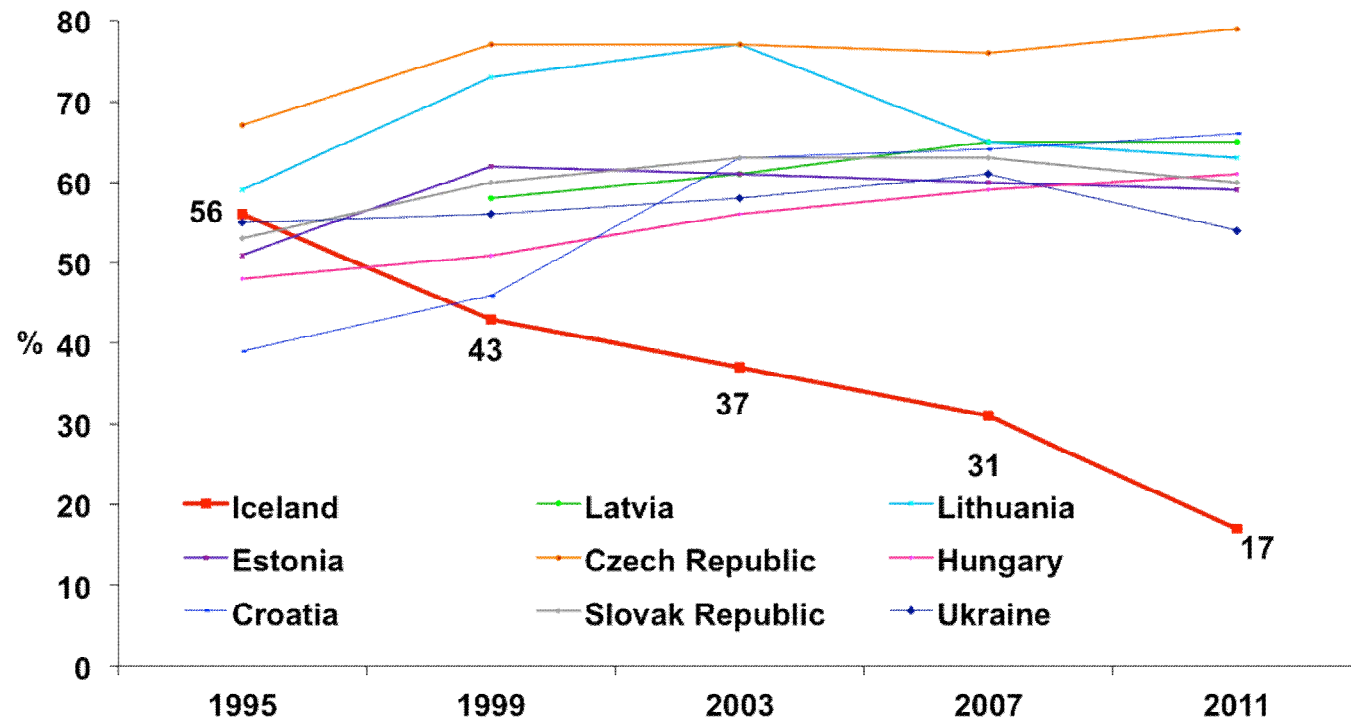
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS IN 9TH GRADE THAT PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS IN A SPORTS CLUB FOUR TIMES PER WEEK OR MORE



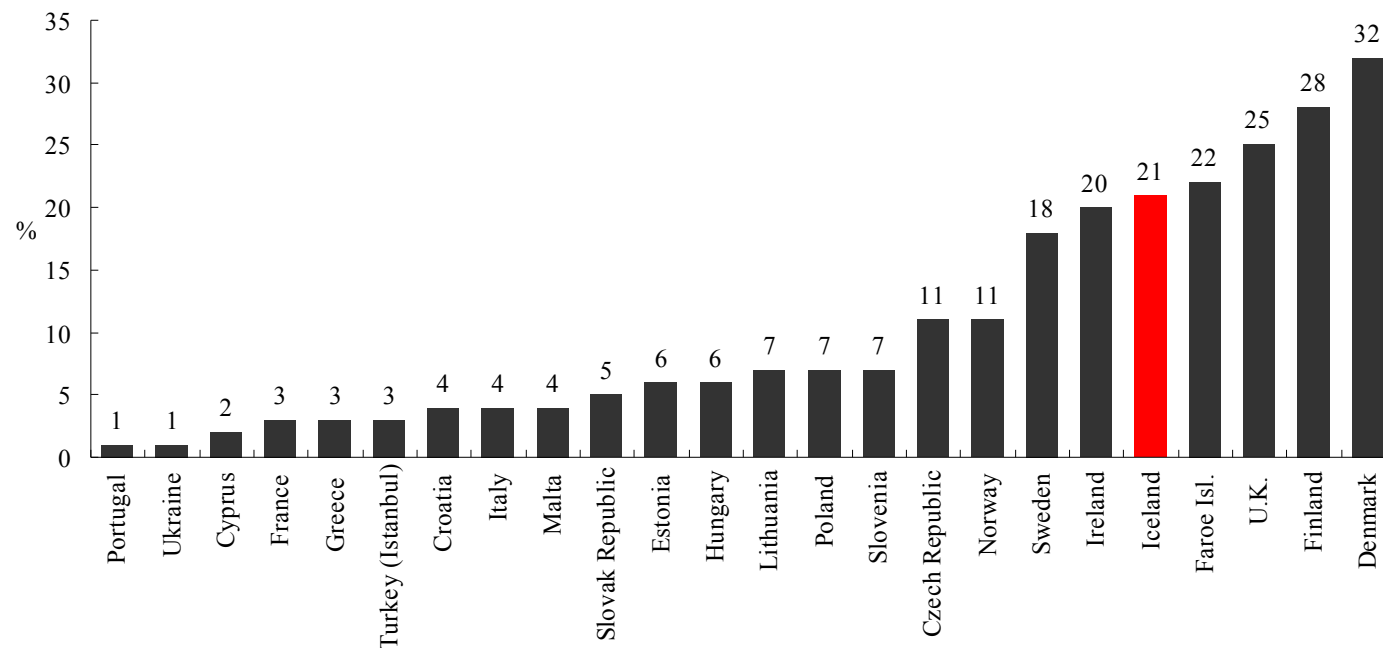
PROPORTION OF STUDENTS IN 9TH AND 10TH GRADE WHO
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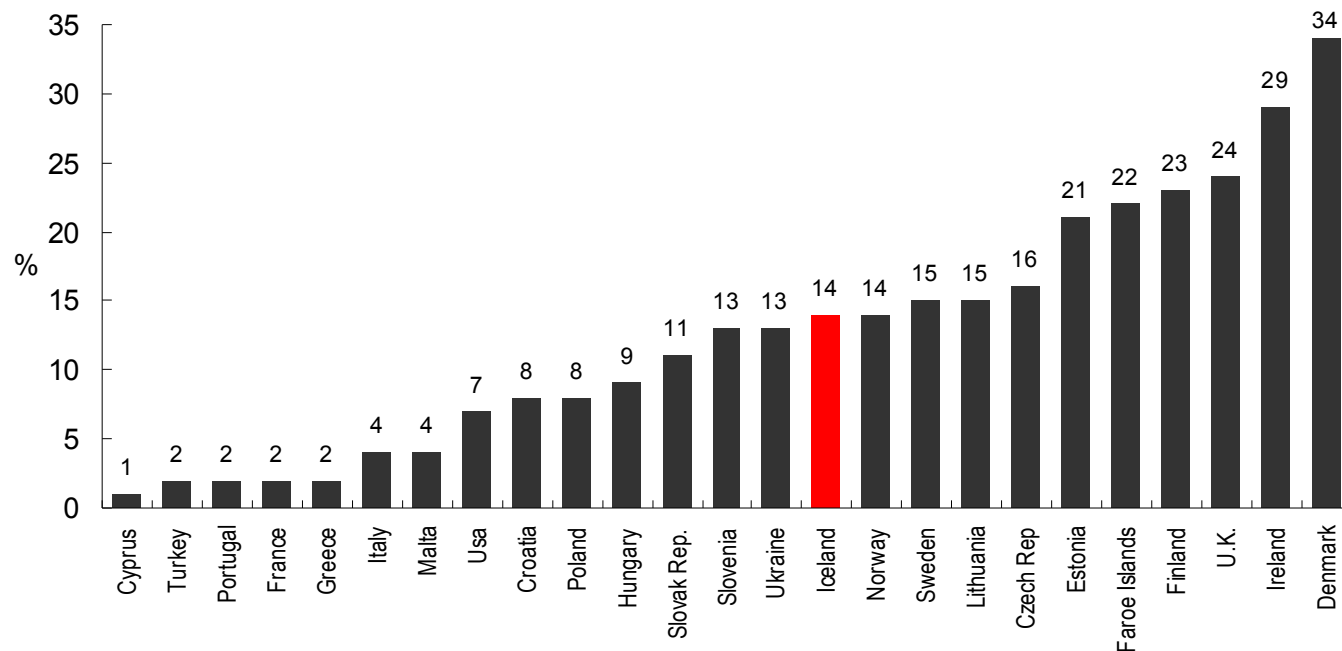
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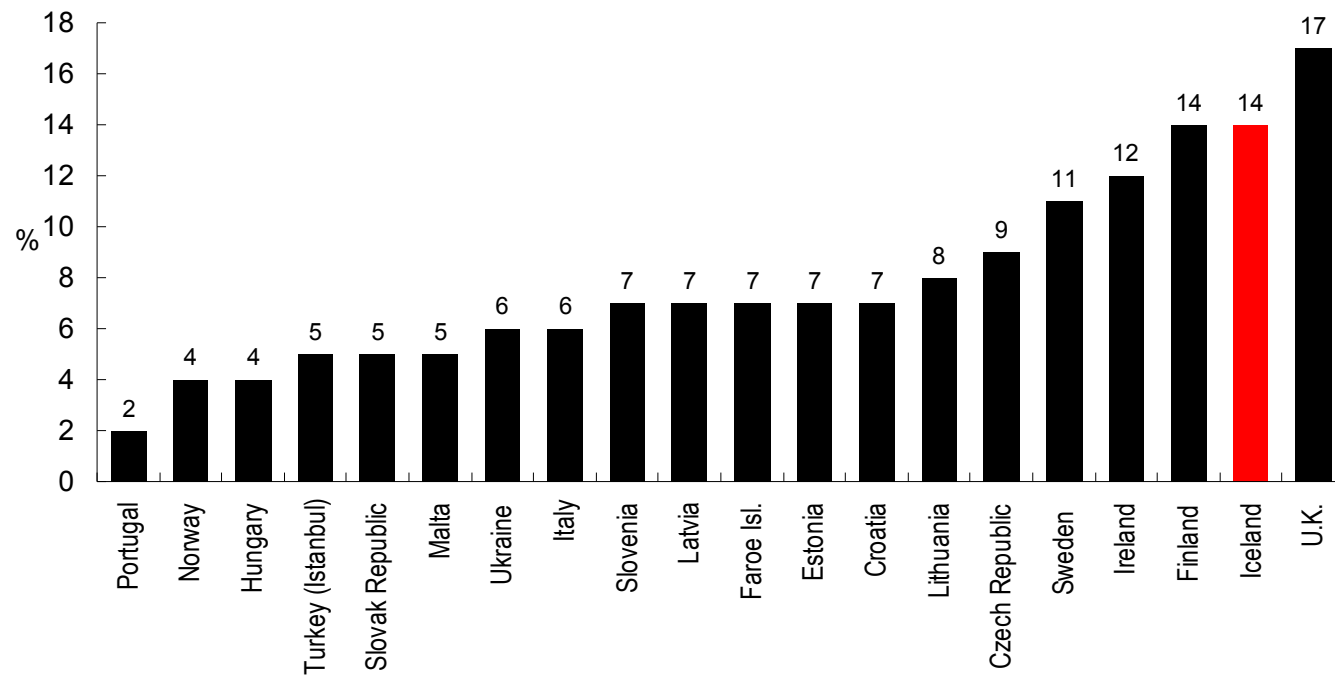
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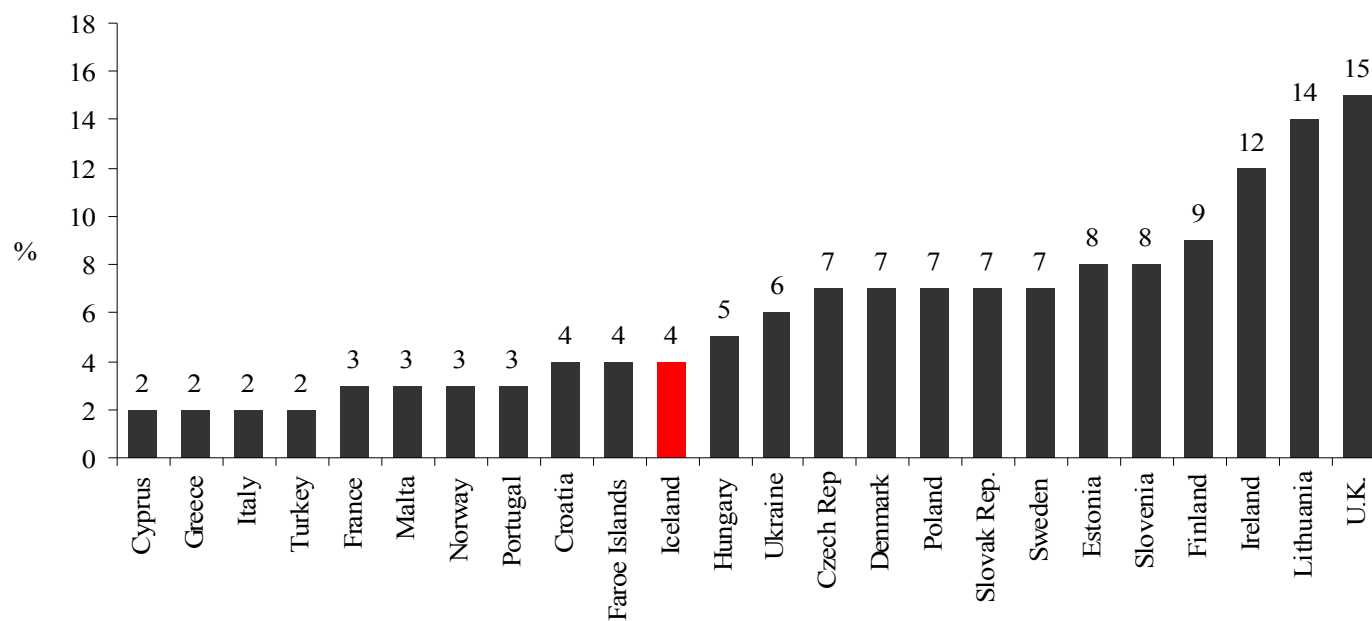
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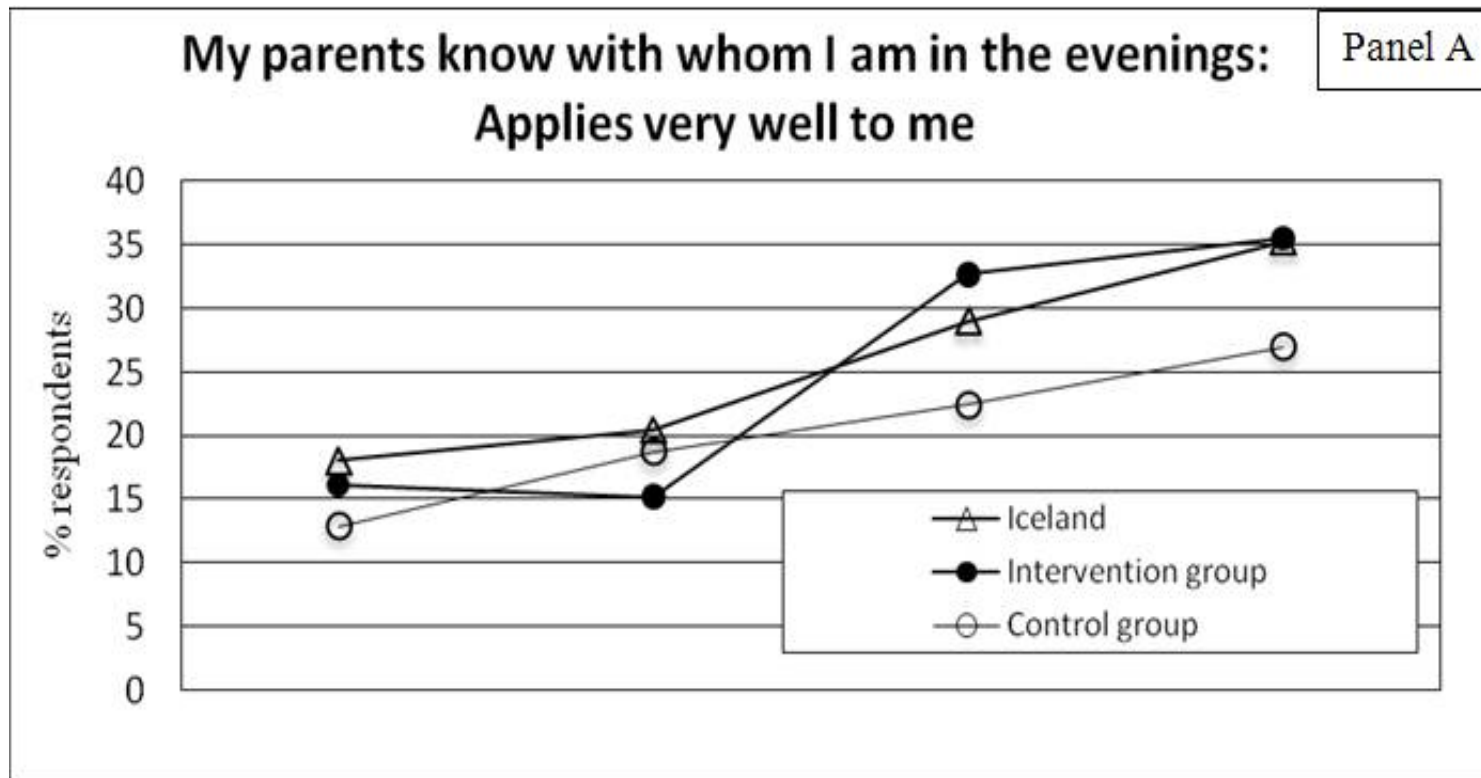


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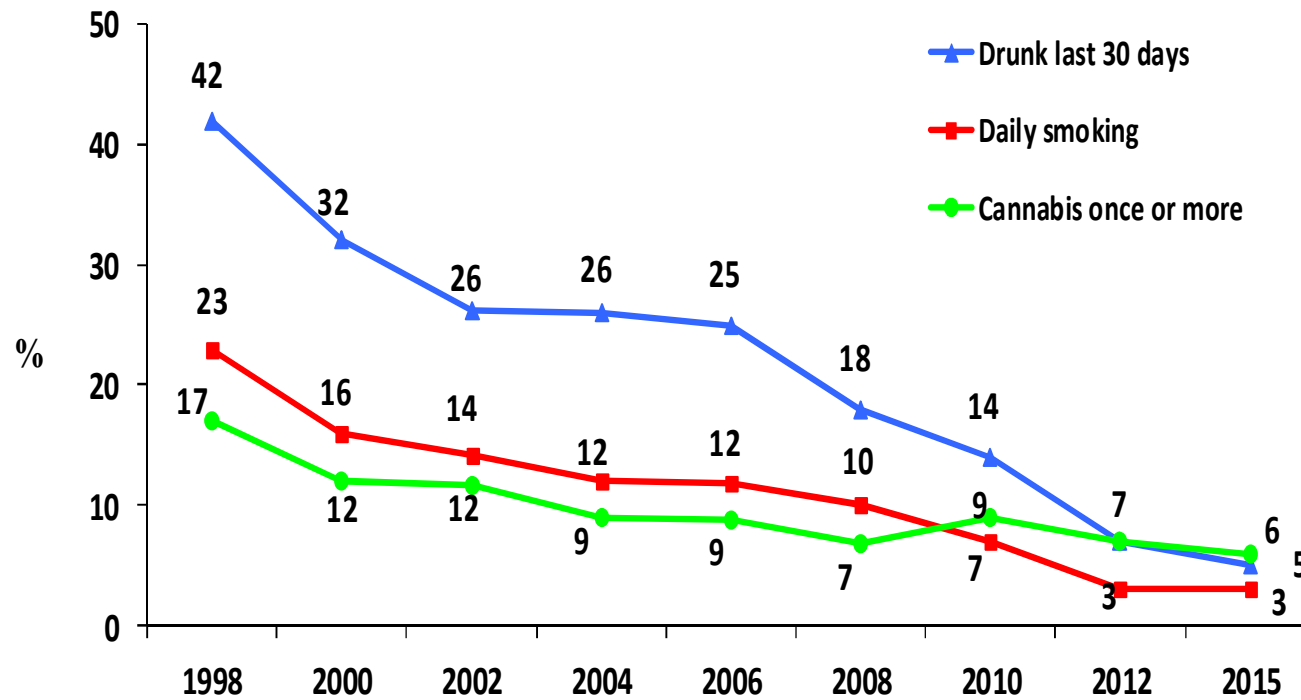




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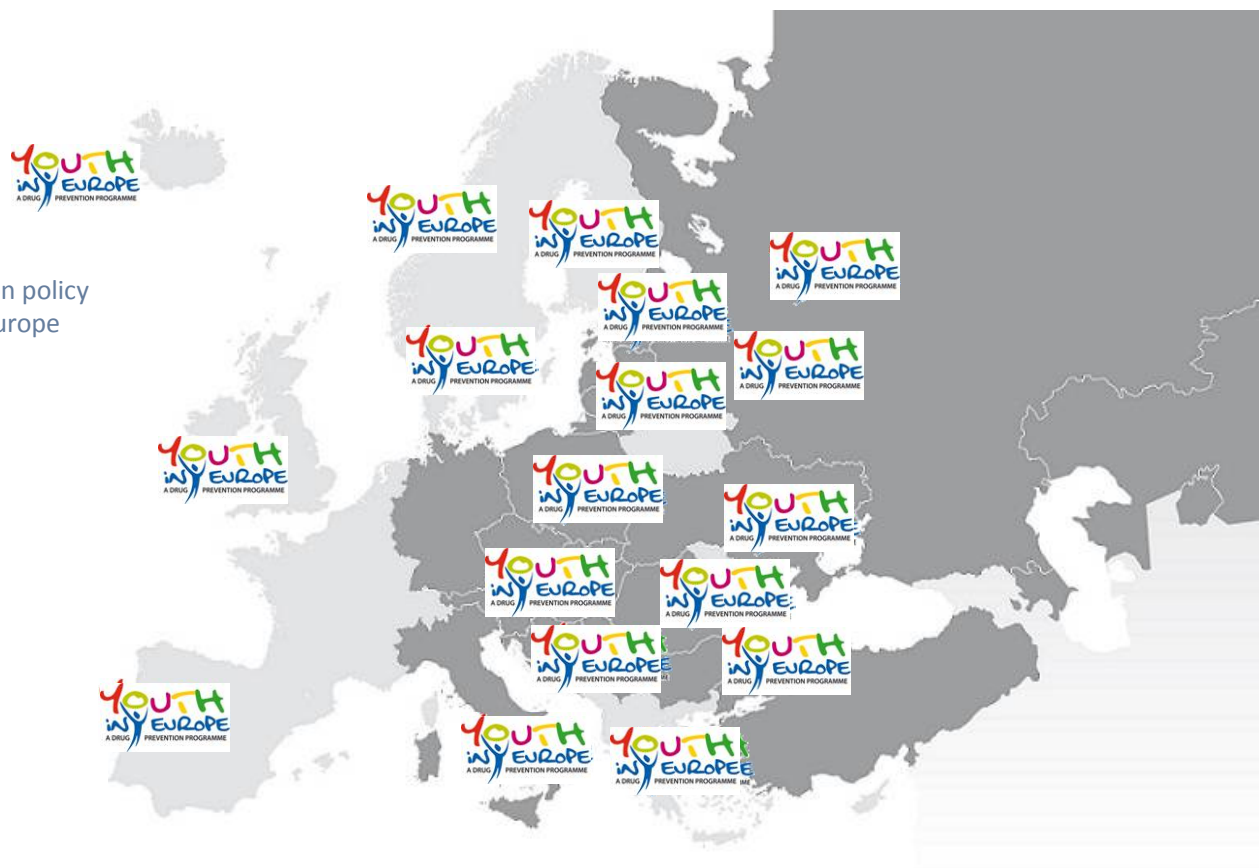
SUBSTANCE USE IN ICELAND

15-16 YEAR OLD ADOLESCENTS

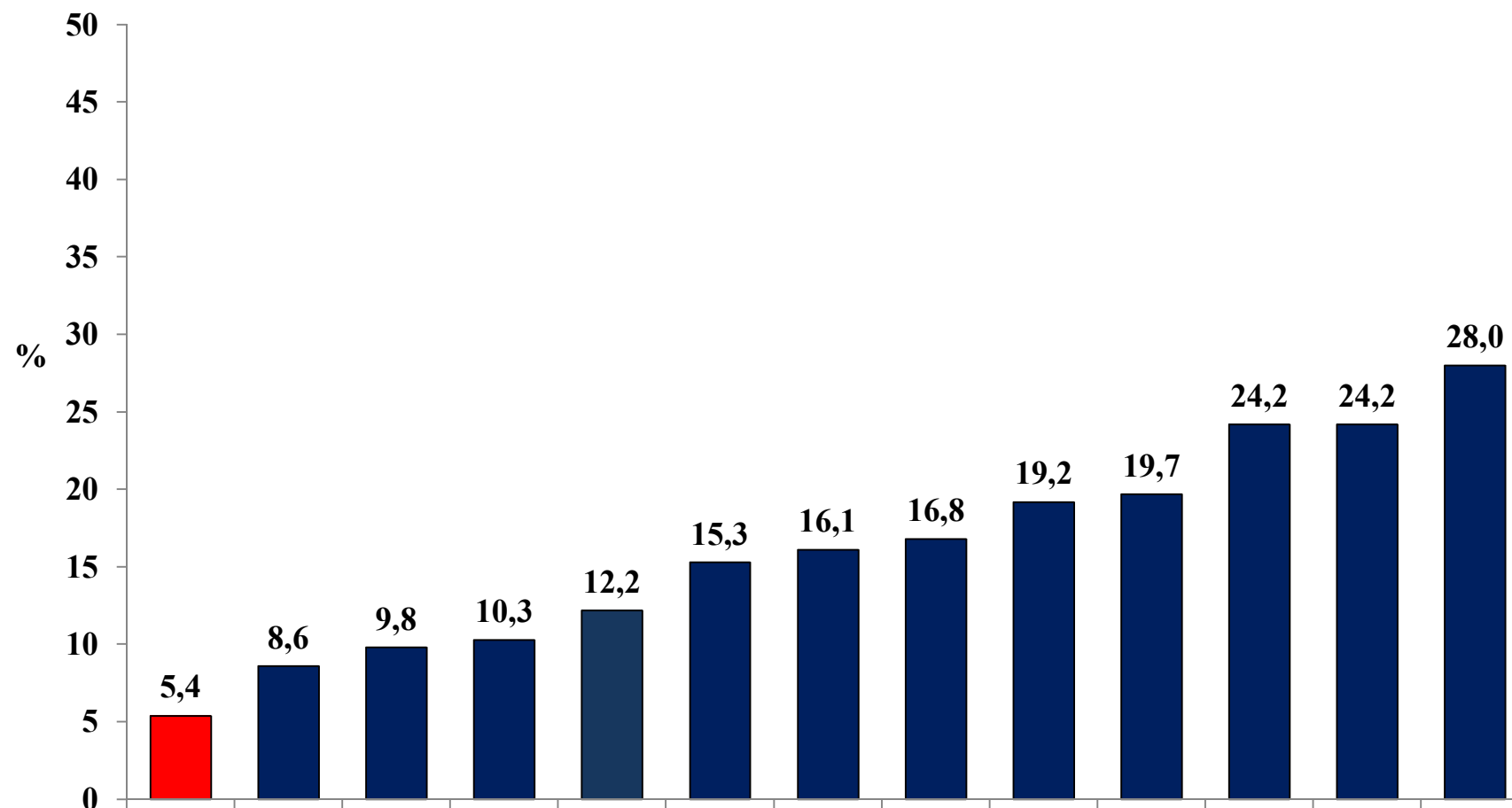


Impact on policy across Europe

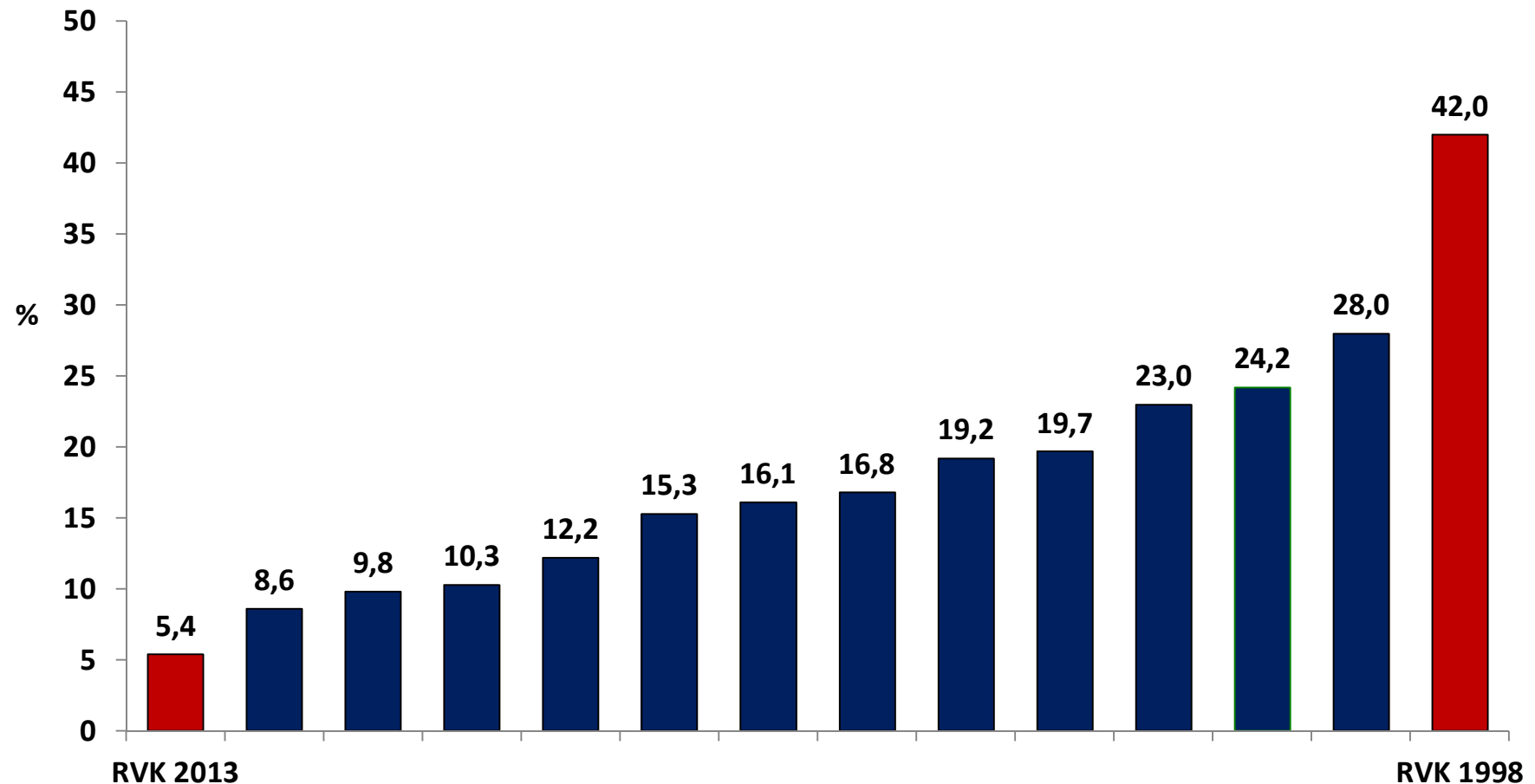
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15 – 16 year old who have become drunk past 30 days in some European cities 2013



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PIONEERING INTO A NEW FIELD

Example of why:

Depression > Suicidal ideation

Anger > Suicidal attempts

