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You've more than likely consumed alcohol. You're more than likely under 21. If so, you've broken the law.

thirty years ago, President Ronald Reagan raised the United States drinking age to 21 in an attempt to decrease drunk driving. Since then, people have been working to lower the age back down to 18. Is it fair to be able to go to war, voluntarily or involuntarily, but not be able to have a beer when you return home? Is it fair that the USA is in the six percent of the 138 countries studied by the World Health Organization where the drinking age is 21? Is it fair that your parents could drink at age eighteen? Hopefully, your answer to all of these is no.

We haven't been to war, but we can make the assumption that the things seen in the trenches are much more intense than the things seen after a six-pack. You could go risk your life in the battlefields of Iraq for a year, but be denied a simple alcoholic beverage at a bar.

Fiji, Indonesia, Micronesia, Palau, Sri Lanka and the U.S. are the only six countries where the drinking age is 21. Mexico and Canada, which are connected to the United States, have a legal drinking age of 18. Most of Europe, including Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland all have a legal age of 16-17.

Most of our parents could go back to their dorm rooms after a long day of class and crack open a cold one, why can't we? It's unique of our generation to have parents that grew up with different alcohol laws. Being so, parents are even more experienced and knowledgeable about youths and alcohol. The age being raised to 21 doesn't give parents the opportunity to teach their child to drink responsibly before they go off to college. Instead, the child goes through three years of peer pressure before he or she can legally drink.

Of course, like all controversial issues, there are positives to the drinking age being 21. It lets a person fully develop and become more mature and responsible. But, the positives don't outweigh the negatives.

In a recent study conducted, presidents from 100 well-known colleges and universities such as Duke University, Ivy-League Dartmouth College, and athletic powerhouse Ohio State University all want the age to be lowered to 18. Their argument is that anybody under 21, which is most college students, are more likely to binge drink.

If college presidents are pushing for it, why is it nowhere near becoming a passed law? College

presidents know best, because college is where the issue is the most prominent. The government needs to accept the fact that college kids are going to drink, despite the drinking age. Acceptance is the first step in fixing an issue. This is an issue that needs to be addressed with high importance, very soon.