



Put In Your 2¢ Worth...
About 2¢ a drink yields \$44 million annually to reduce the impact of alcohol problems in Missouri.

Question:

What can you tell us about the effects of Talking While Intoxicated (TWI) and Writing Under the Influence (WUI)?

Answer:

Verbal expression while under the influence is risky behavior. It can result in many undesirable situations, many of which are well-known. Although it has resulted in some notable literary works, it can also produce bad puns and other attempts at humor.

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Humor produced while under the influence has served as a model for the introduction of new words into the English vocabulary. Here are some examples, with definitions:

INTAXICATION: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize that it was your money to start with.

REINTARNATION: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

HIPATITIS: Terminal coolness.

OSTEOPORNOSIS: A degenerate disease.

DECAFLON: The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

KARMAGEDDON: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's, like, a serious bummer.

CASHTRATION: The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

GIRAFFITI: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

ELEPANTS: Too-tight jeans on broad-beamed people.

HINDPRINT: Indentation made by a couch potato.

DOPELER EFFECT: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

BOZONE: The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

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