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### Is Alcohol Delivery Safe?

In the year 2020 a proposed House Bill was signed by Ohio's Governor Mike Dewine which signed into effect the allowance of home delivery to residential properties of liquor Under the proper rules and guidelines. Within this bill there were other amendments made to sections to further alter the process of liquor delivery in the state of Ohio to be more convenient and consumer friendly. House Bill 674 and 237 of the 133 General Assembly are related by means of cooperation from both bills to make the sale and delivery of both alcohol and spirits, but also for liquor an easier task for manufacturers and consumers. House Bill 674 is supported by Bill 237 as it ensures that through the proper qualifications such as licenses and permits. The Bill was put in place to help assure businesses that mainly run on the sale of alcoholic beverages to stay afloat during the pandemic and to cooperate with national and local shutdowns. In 2020 the state of Ohio brought in a record \$1.57 Billion in liquor sales, as a control state they are both manufacturers and distributors of liquor throughout Ohio. This policy was put in place for the economic prosperity of the state as this change allowed for a large part of the market for alcohol to be reached which created an increased income stream for the total sales of alcoholic beverages in the state.

I believe this change was also made to help the consumer without them worrying about outside factors such as COVID-concerns as this policy follows a more progressive form of

ideology as this makes the access to liquor more widely available for everyone who is able to take part. As a result of this more progressive thinking some arguments made against the bill were rooted in a less progressive more orthodox manner. Some opposition to the delivery of liquor were concerns of ice fishing and the residency status of shanties, along with the concern of possible prostitution out of these shanties or residences. Because of the ease of accessing liquor the concern of prostitution comes up as we talked about in class that they are commonly referenced together and feed off of each other. The argument consisted of blaming one for the other and that as a result of passing this bill the ease at which prostitution could be committed would increase significantly if people never had to leave the comfort of their own homes to access a brothel. This relates back to the times of early puritan influence and the press against liquor due to the behaviors that were accepted and promoted. Jonathan Edwards saw fit that liquor was the downfall of man and wanted to change that, but more skew it to fit his narrative and work to his advantage.

The arguments that were used to help advance this bill revolved around an economic concern. Being a controlled state meant that the possibilities for the distribution and manufacture of in house liquor are endless. The amount of revenue that the state brings in on liquor could greatly benefit the communities as the state would have their best sellers being more widely available for many to access. An extra \$1.5 billion in generated revenue could help then be re-invested into the community for the betterment of all. Schools could receive more funding, roads could be fixed and paved, even more state workers could be employed or paid. While some view the delivery of liquor as being more dangerous due to this wide availability, those who now want to drink now can do it in the comfort of their own homes. This also helps to eliminate the amount of reckless and drunk drivers on the road as they won't

be leaving bars anymore too drunk for their own good and getting into a vehicle driving home. Instead these law abiding citizens are instead at their own home safe and not in need of worrying how they plan to make it home.

When making policy one thing that is considered is the morality politics surrounding the topic itself. Governor Mike DeWine tries to make it clear that he is in support of the consumer and portrays himself as very in tune with both the culture and subculture of his state. He believes that this is to provide a better future for the state economically and as a result this will help better the community. I think that Gov. DeWine also has a very strong institutional bond to assuring this bill goes through as his own hand is in the pot. I believe that DeWine sees the overall good that this bill could do and knows he will prosper with his peers and his favorability with a large demographic of constituents which benefits his reelection chances benefiting the patry. Economically this industry thrives and needs to continue its business to keep contributing to the success of the state. The intergovernmental work done could be done by corporations who wish to have their delivery app succeed, as the gov moves to promote these to get people more attune to using this system. While Ohio is not fully a conventional state, it is steadily losing its population and its overall growth has been slowing in recent years. In the 2010 census, 11.53 million people were documented living there, as of 5 years later in 2015 around a .7% increase in population occurred and growth went up slightly to 11.54 million indicating is slow decline.

This policy makes sense to me and only really serves to help benefit the community. The use of the money that could be generated is far too high for the state to be against, especially because a lot of the arguments are outdated and not necessarily relevant. This bill also makes perfect sense in a progressive way being that the ideas of delivery and making things

more consumer friendly portray a sense of community for this industry. In the context of the frameworks they are all considered when researching this bill. I believe the most important 2 would be economically and intergovernmental as both of these coincide. As American culture is essentially tied to the economic aspects of the country, politically it is smart to advertise your support for said economy whether it's local, countrywide, or worldwide. I agree with all of the changes being made and I truly believe that the worry of prostitution surrounding shanties is a poor attempt at trying to ensure the bill doesn't pass. I believe a better argument for the push against this bill would be the access for minors with fake identifications that are unable to scan via apps such as door dash and drizly and the dangers of drinking and ice fishing.