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The impact of late opening hours:

I am 25 years old. I don't know that late opening hours have impacted on the incidence of alcohol-related violence. I have seen several rules brought in since I turned 18. A ban on \$1 drinks, a ban on advertising cheap drinks and the 3am curfew, to name a few. I consider each of these rules has only been hurdled by partygoers. People simply load up on drinks at work or home before they go out to save money because of the first two measures. The 3am curfew has really only made getting a cab home after 3am very difficult. I have seen this frustration lead to male friends becoming very angry or driving home drunk. I think the key is helping people get home faster to remove frustrated, drunk people from the streets. If opening hours were reduced, the negative impact would be far more people on the streets at closing time trying to get home after probably having binged faster to beat the last drinks call. For example, on a night out, I normally go home about 1-2am. If pubs and clubs closed around then, there would be people who go home early milling on the streets, as well as the people who normally go home later. You simply can't kick out people if you don't drastically improve ways for them to get home. It would be like Christmas party season every weekend where there is simply no way to get home because it's too busy and there aren't enough cabs. I don't believe closing pubs and clubs early also will stop the idiots who are looking for a fight, and who seem to have drinking and behavioural problems. Not all drunken violence starts after 2am.