

Social Studies Collection "la Caixa"**Volume 22:** Adolescents and alcohol. The parents' point of view**Keywords:** alcohol consumption, Spanish adolescents.**Authors:** Eusebio Megías (director), Juan Carlos Ballesteros, Fernando Conde, Javier Elzo, Teresa Laespada, Ignacio Megías and Elena Rodríguez.

The study presents a very broad examination of the various aspects that, within a wide-ranging sociological perspective, arise in the phenomenon of alcohol consumption among Spanish adolescents.

It looks at the dimensions and quantitative trends of the problem in recent decades, including prevalence, signs of abuse, range of problems, importance of stated reasons, indicators of risk periods and rates of mixed liquor consumption.

Special emphasis is given to the rise of a new consumption model, very different from the traditional one with a description of its historical origins, the changes that have made this possible and the dynamics that have turned it into a feature, not only institutionalized, but to some extent, actually defining the condition of youth.

In addition, as part of the essential attention given to the social perception of this phenomenon, we are provided with a profound analysis of the feelings and attitudes of the parents of those involved. These give us clues to the possibilities and limits of socialization within the family. Finally, it looks at the reality of the education given or denied to these boys and girls as they are about to move into adolescence and when, already adolescents, they must live through the conflicts of growth and becoming independent.