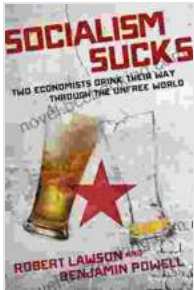


# Two Economists Drink Their Way Through the Unfree World



## Socialism Sucks: Two Economists Drink Their Way Through the Unfree World by Robert Lawson

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In their new book, *Two Economists Drink Their Way Through the Unfree World*, Tyler Cowen and Alex Tabarrok take readers on a journey through some of the world's most repressive regimes. They visit North Korea, Cuba, Venezuela, and other countries where the government controls the economy and limits personal freedom.

Along the way, Cowen and Tabarrok sample the local alcohol. They drink beer in North Korea, rum in Cuba, and wine in Venezuela. They learn about the history of alcohol in each country, the economics of alcohol production, and the social impact of alcohol.

Cowen and Tabarrok's book is a fascinating look at the role of alcohol in different cultures. It's also a reminder that even in the most repressive

regimes, people find ways to enjoy themselves.

## **A Trip Through the Unfree World**

Cowen and Tabarrok's journey begins in North Korea. They visit the country's capital, Pyongyang, and meet with government officials. They learn about the country's strict laws on alcohol consumption. North Koreans are only allowed to drink beer and wine, and they must do so in moderation.

Despite the restrictions, Cowen and Tabarrok find that North Koreans enjoy drinking. They visit a local bar and sample the local beer. They find that it's not very good, but they appreciate the opportunity to socialize with the locals.

From North Korea, Cowen and Tabarrok travel to Cuba. Cuba has a more relaxed attitude towards alcohol than North Korea. Cubans are allowed to drink beer, wine, and spirits. They can also drink in public. However, the government still controls the production and distribution of alcohol.

Cowen and Tabarrok visit a local rum distillery and learn about the history of rum production in Cuba. They also visit a local bar and sample the local rum. They find that it's much better than the beer in North Korea.

From Cuba, Cowen and Tabarrok travel to Venezuela. Venezuela is a country with a long history of economic problems. The government has been struggling to control inflation and provide basic services to its citizens.

Despite the economic problems, Venezuelans still enjoy drinking. They drink beer, wine, and spirits. They also drink a lot of homemade liquor.

Cowen and Tabarrok visit a local bar and sample the local beer. They find that it's not very good, but they appreciate the opportunity to socialize with the locals.

## **The Economics of Alcohol**

In addition to the history and social impact of alcohol, Cowen and Tabarrok also discuss the economics of alcohol production. They look at the costs of producing alcohol, the taxes on alcohol, and the prices of alcohol in different countries.

They find that the economics of alcohol production is complex. The cost of producing alcohol varies depending on the type of alcohol, the ingredients used, and the production process. The taxes on alcohol also vary from country to country. The price of alcohol is determined by the cost of production, the taxes, and the demand for alcohol.

Cowen and Tabarrok argue that the economics of alcohol production is important because it can affect the availability and affordability of alcohol. They believe that governments should carefully consider the economic consequences of their alcohol policies.

## **The Social Impact of Alcohol**

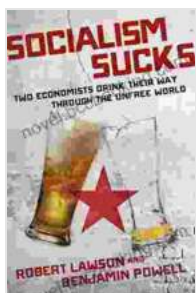
Alcohol has a significant social impact. It can be used to celebrate, socialize, and relax. However, alcohol can also be abused. It can lead to addiction, violence, and other problems.

Cowen and Tabarrok discuss the social impact of alcohol in different countries. They find that alcohol abuse is a problem in all countries, but it is more severe in some countries than others.

They argue that governments should take steps to reduce the harms associated with alcohol abuse. They believe that governments should educate people about the risks of alcohol abuse, provide treatment for people who are addicted to alcohol, and enforce laws against drunk driving.

Two Economists Drink Their Way Through the Unfree World is a fascinating and informative book. It is a must-read for anyone interested in alcohol, economics, or travel.

Cowen and Tabarrok provide a unique perspective on the role of alcohol in different cultures. They show that alcohol can be a source of both pleasure and pain. They also show that governments can play a role in reducing the harms associated with alcohol abuse.



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