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Exclusive Poll: Do Utah's Liquor Laws Hurt Tourism and Economic Development?

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A solid majority of Utahns say the state's liquor laws hurt economic development and tourism in the state.

Our UtahPolicy.com poll finds 69% of Utahns feel the state's restrictive liquor laws put a damper on economic development and tourism. Just 15% say they are helpful.



A whopping 92% of Democrats along with 62% of Republicans and 71% of independent voters think the state's liquor laws are detrimental to tourism and economic development.

Utah's liquor laws were liberalized somewhat when the state got rid of the private club rules and allowed the selling of alcohol by the drink. 50% of Utahns say it's difficult to buy alcohol while 38% disagree with that statement.

Perceptions about the ease or difficulty of getting a drink see stark divisions along party lines. 56% of Republicans say it's easy to get a drink in the state, while 58% of Democrats say it's difficult. Independent voters seem split on the question, 48% say it's easy to get a drink while 44% think it's difficult.

The survey was conducted by Dan Jones and Associates on November 4-6, 2014 among 402 registered Utah voters. It has a margin of error of +/- 4.89%.

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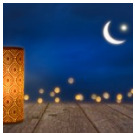
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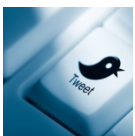
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