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As a former drinker, I believe that earlier closing times is a better practice for the whole of society. I stopped drinking in 1998, but still remember vividly the horrible incidents that would happen in the early hours perpetrated not only by drinkers but also by those who worked in the alcohol industry. I have no doubt in my mind that some among that industry are criminal. I witnessed on many occasion drunk people being violently beaten by security staff, UNNECESSARILY. I witnessed on many occasions bar staff taking advantage of intoxicated people not returning the right amount of change. People that clearly should have been refused service because of their intoxication, served more alcohol and not given the right amount of change, and when staff were questioned, the innocent intoxicated victim was usually set upon by the security thugs. This whole industry is based upon misery and suffering. For the Government to go back on what has been achieved thus far, could only be likened to insanity and one would have to assume that the decision was being made upon a financial benefit for just a few select people in society. I could no longer respect or support any Government that chose financial reward for a few over and above the welfare of the majority. There is simply no good thing that can come out of allowing venues to stay open all night. I truly wish that such laws were around 20 years ago when I was still a drinker!

Regards,

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