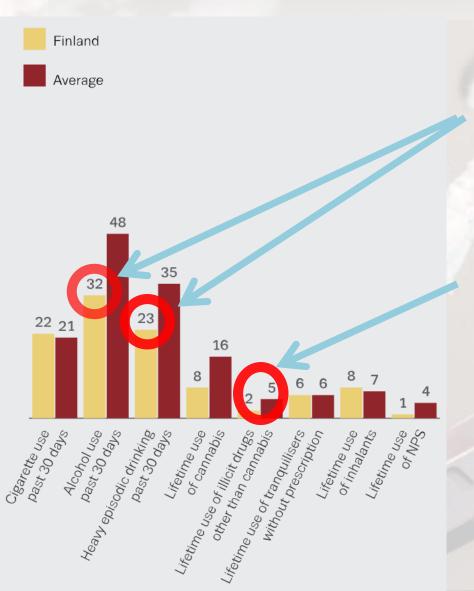
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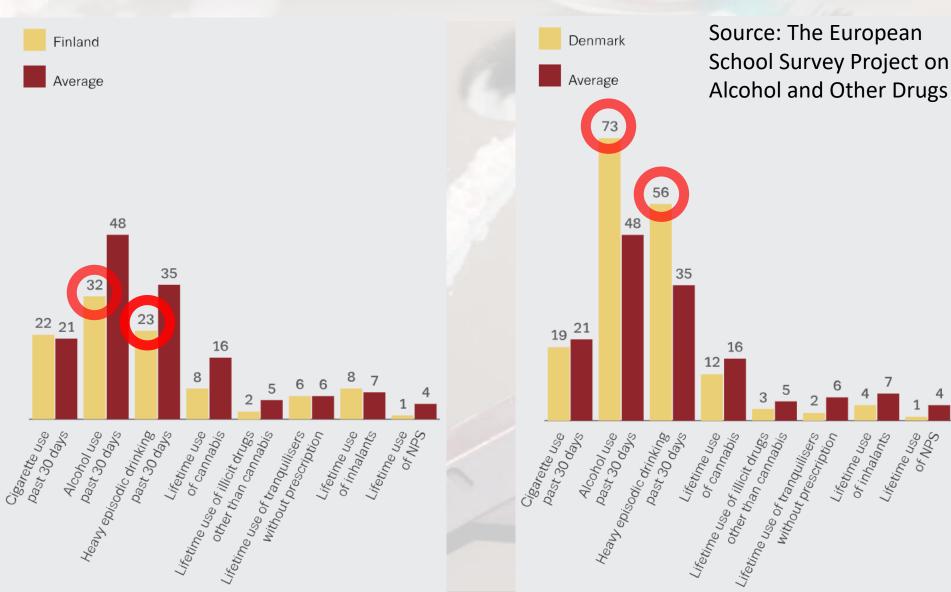
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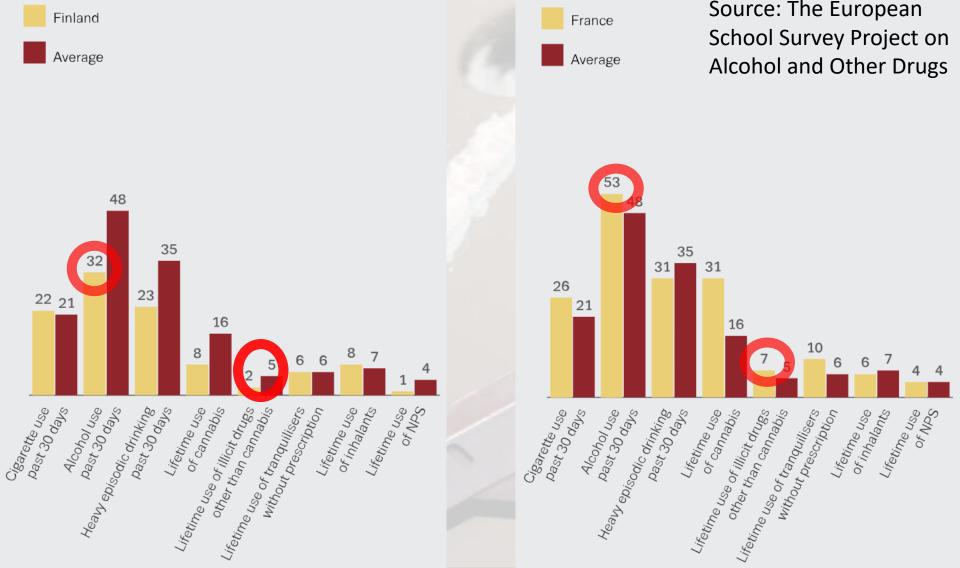


Finnish youth use far less alcohol than EU average

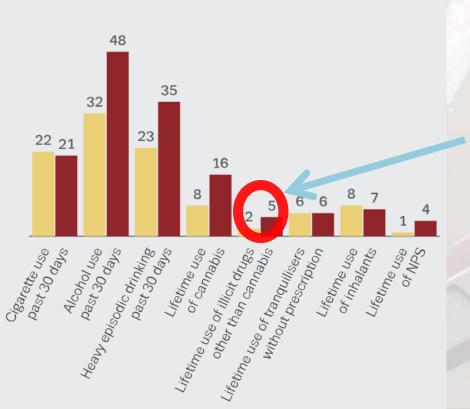
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Source: The European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs









Only 2% of 15-16 –year olds have tried illicit drugs => Marginal group

Marginalization leads to stigma

- We are sensitive to what is considered normal by others around us -> Conformity
- Getting labeled as an "addict" is very crippling for an individual and will hamper greatly the quality of life
- Studies have shown that smoking initiation and continued smoking has high prevalence among SUD (substance use disorder) patients

Signs of drug addiction

Behavioral

Unusual tiredness

Random outbursts of rage

Cover-ups

Difference in appetite

Need of money

Insomnia

Anxiety

Increase in absences from school/work

Decrease in educational achievements

Physical

Neglecting hygiene

Sudden changes in appearance: clothing, hair, makeup

Weight loss

Covering arms unusually

Difference in body odor

Signs of violence

Social

Changing friends circle

Finnish drug legislation

- In Finland possession and use of drugs is a criminal offence
- Narcotics offence is punishable by a fine or by a maximum of two years of imprisonment



 What will you do if you find an used injection needle in the beach?