1. **Prohibition**
   * + - 1. 18th Amendment went into effect in 1920 banning the manufacture, sale, and transportation of alcoholic beverages.

Virtually unenforceable the law gave raise to criminal behavior.

* + - * 1. Speakeasies:

Underground illegal saloons began to spring up all throughout the US to get around the law.

People would speak easy to avoid detection. Passwords were used to enter the establishment.

* + - * 1. Bootleggers:

Transporting illegal alcohol

Named for a smuggler’s practice of carrying liquor in the legs of boots brought liquor in from Canada, Cuba, and the West Indies.

* + - * 1. “The business of evading the law and making a mock of it has ceased to wear any aspects of crime and has become a sort of national sport.” Journalist H.L. Mencken. This became true with evolution of NASCAR.
        2. Organized Crime:

Al Capone, from Chicago, made a name for himself running a bootlegging operation. Made over $60 million a year. Capone would eventually go to prison for tax evasion, later let out. Died at 48.

* + - * 1. Popular opinion:

Only 19% of Americans supported Prohibition. Mostly rural Protestant Americans, especially in the Mid-West and the Bible belt.

* + - * 1. 21st Amendment

Overturned the 18th Amendment making it legal again.