The 18th Amendment

Ratified in 1919, The 18th Amendment made it illegal to buy, sell, make or transport alcohol. The law grew out of the temperance movement, led primarily by female activists such as Carrie Nation. They argued that alcohol was immoral. Several states had already prohibited alcohol before it became federal law.
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Private consumption of alcohol was not illegal but the law led to a surge in organized crime and the illegal liquor trade. It was important to people’s daily lives at the time as it led to violent crimes, especially in the city and groups of people clashed on a regular basis over whether the law was fair.