Sleep, Caffeine Use, and Social Media

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Relaxation Drinks: The Opposite of Energy Drinks (WSJ, October 1, 2013)

- Developed in 2012
- Not FDA approved
  - Others: Neuro Bliss, Marley’s Mellow Mood
  - ? Healthier than soda
  - Many have L-theanine, Ginko, etc. herbs
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- Energy drinks marketed specifically to teens with Ads featuring high risk activities & extreme sports, such as rock climbing, parasailing, & skiing

- Catchy slogans: “Red Bull gives you wings” “Excite your sense” (Miller, 2008).

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**What Is An Energy Drink?**
- Beverages that contain caffeine in combo with other ingredients - taurine, guarana, B vitamins.
- **Purport to provide “teens” with extra energy.**
- Term created by companies in the beverage industry; **not recognized by FDA**

- Started in Japan, Taisho Pharmaceuticals: Lipovitan-D in 1962

- Contained mix of B1, B2, B6 vitamins, along with niacin & taurine, metabolic agents intended to boost energy & concentration.

- “Tonic drinks” grew in popularity in Asia
- 1987: Austrian, Dietrich Mateschitz added **caffeine & sugar** to create…
- **Red Bull**, quickly became popular in Europe…US……
Reasons and Expectancies for Caffeine Use

Method
197 9th – 12th graders
51% females
71% caucasian
Suburban high school
SST: 7:25am
Health and Sleep Habits Survey

Ludden & Wolfson, Health Education & Behavior, 2010

Results
- 95% used caffeine during last 2 weeks
- 86% used caffeine yesterday
  - 61% soda
  - 19% coffee
  - 6% energy drinks
  - 4% tea
  - 8% other caffeine products
- Typically used 5 – 9 pm
- Males drank soda & energy drinks more often than females

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Caffeine Expectancies & Reasons for Use

- Cluster analysis revealed 3 patterns of use:
  - mixed use (n= 51)
  - high soda use (n=72)
  - low caffeine use (n=65)

- Mixed group:
  - Use soda or coffee 6 - 9 X in 2 weeks.
  - Use caffeine earlier in day, consume more caffeine pills, wake up earlier on school days, report more sleepiness.

- Mixed vs. High Soda users:
  - More likely to use caffeine to get through the day, have fun, experiment, and expect more dependence symptoms and energy enhancement---
  - More dependency-like behaviors!

Ludden & Wolfson, 2010
Mixed Caffeine Group higher expectations for withdrawal, energy, mood, appetite, performance vs. other clusters, p’s < .001 (Ludden & Wolfson, 2010)

High School Focus Groups on Caffeine and Sleep

- Revealed coffee & energy drinks as most popular!
- Girls more attracted to diet coke, coffee, iced coffee, whereas boys more energy drink use.

*Energy drinks/coffee* were consumed to escape daytime sleepiness, but also mentioned that it prevented them from being able to fall asleep at night.

- "I think you need it when you have had like zero hours of sleep. Coffee I feel like just wakes you up in the morning. Five hour energy shot is like key for me."
- "A couple of years ago like I use to try Monsters but I never felt anything like I never felt alert or anything. But then when I would try to go to sleep at night I couldn’t sleep."
- "Some people just instantly think, oh if I drink coffee I’ll be wide awake all day."

**Timing:** If you do drink coffee do you drink in the morning or at night?

- "Morning or like when I’m going to work or after school."
- "Yeah it’s situational depending on if I’m going to school or going to work or something that requires me actually to stay focused and awake.”
Caffeine Inhaler!
- Each puff 100 mg caffeine, equivalent to tall mocha at Starbucks (6 to 8 shots)

- March ’12: FDA issued warning letter to Breathable Foods Inc, makers of AeroShot, for false/ misleading statements in labeling; questions about safety of “caffeine inhaler.”

- FDA expressed concern about use of AeroShot by children/ adolescents and in combination with alcohol.
- Company’s Web site indicates AeroShot “not recommended for those under 18 years of age,” product label states “not intended for people under 12.” But Web site targets youth!

ARE OR WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

R. Griffiths (Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, 2008):

“Caffeine is the most common mood altering drug in the world”
Caffeine and Sleep...

- Reduces SWS
- Increases sleep onset latency and night awakenings
- Decreases sleep efficiency
- Decreases sleep duration
- Increases morning sleepiness
- Negative impact on sleep quality

James, et al., 2010; Orbeta et al., 2006; Pollak & Bright, 2003; Hernandez et al., 2012

- Moderate - High vs. Very Low HS caffeine users 1.9 times more likely to have difficulty sleeping!
- 1.8 times more likely to report morning sleepiness!
- Caffeine disrupts (increased WASO) sleep for larks > owls in college sample.

- “But if we are always on, we may deny ourselves the rewards of solitude,” S. Turkle
- Question: and rewards of sleep?
- Have Facebook, texting, smart phones, etc. “eroded the boundaries between work and leisure?”
- Or, in sleep terms— between wake states and sleep states?
An iPad for every student?
What Los Angeles school district is thinking.

The Christian Science Monitor (8/28/13): Los Angeles Unified School District is passing out iPads to all 650,000 of its students this fall, part of a $1 billion high-tech investment. Whether that’s a smart move depends on teacher training and a host of other factors, experts say…..

LA Times (9/30/13): You just had to see this coming. Los Angeles is temporarily pulling the plug on plans to let students take home iPads issued by the school district. In a surprise move, tech-savvy teens cut through district security like a hot knife through butter, allowing them to check out websites, chat on Twitter or stream music, rather than stick to just school work…

? SLEEP
Reflections...

- Many reasons why teens (WE) get insufficient sleep...

- Yet, precipitating factor is an often unappreciated, technological breakthrough: the electric light ....more powerful than any drug
- Without it, few teens would use caffeine to stay awake at night.

- Between 1950 and today, greater light consumption (cost fell 6-fold) paralleled rise in sleep deprivation.

- Energy efficient solid-state light-emitting diodes (LEDs) now widely used in TVs, computer/laptop screens, tablets, smart phones, further increasing light consumption.....particularly in Teens and Emerging Adults
  
  Czeisler, Nature, 05/2013

Cell-Smart Phones, Computers, Tablets, Texting

- 78% of teens have cell phone
- 47% of those own smartphones – boys/girls (up from 23% in ’11)

- Nearly 1 in 4 teens have tablet computer, comparable to general adult population
- 93% teens have computer/access at home

- 25% “cell-mostly” internet users — vs. 15% of adults
- 34% of girls (24% boys) ages 14-17 mostly go online using cell phone

- Nearly 50% 7th – 12th graders text - spending at least 1.5 hr/day text messaging
- Over 3,000 messages/mo

Pew Internet ’13; Nielsen, ’10; Rideout et al., ’10; Soderquist et al, ’08
The sleep and technology use of Americans: 
Results from 2011 NSF Sleep in America Poll

Aim: to measure presence, use of technology on sleep across ages.

Method: 1,508 respondents, representative of the USA population between 13-64 yrs of age, completed the survey either via telephone interview (N=750) or the web (N=758)

Sample:
- Adolescents (13-18yrs)
- Emerging Adults (19-29yrs)
- Middle Age Adults (30-45yrs)
- Middle/Older Adults (46-64yrs)

Each age group was weighted to 2009 USA Census data.

Gradisar, Wolfson, Harvey, et al., in press

Key Results

- **Usage:** 9/10 reported using technological device in hour before bed (e.g., TVs the most popular; 60%).

- **Under 30 vs. Over 30:**
  - were more likely to use cell phones (72% teens, 67% emerging adults) vs. over 30 yrs.
  - Adolescents & Emerging adults’ sleep patterns significantly later across week.

- **Passive devices (TV, mp3 players) vs. More interactive (social) devices**
  - Greater difficulties falling asleep ($p < .0001$)
  - More unrefreshing sleep ($p < 0.04$)
  - Nappers (nap > 3 times past 2 weeks) more likely to use interactive devices before bed ($p = .009$), **suggesting overlap between napping & stimulating devices in predicting sleep patterns.** (Gradisar, Wolfson, Harvey et al., 2013)
### Technologies Used in Hour Before Trying to Sleep

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### Texting in Hour Before Trying to Sleep

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### Sleeping with Cell Phone Ringer on in the Bedroom

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### Awakened after go to bed few nights/week by text message or email

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<td>18% (9% every night)</td>
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Data from NSF Sleep in America Poll, 2011
TV, Bedrooms, and Sleep

**TV in Bedrooms**
- 71% of U.S. 8-18 year olds report TVs in bedrooms.
- Sleep-Smart low SES sample, 7th graders: 62% TVs in bedrooms (40% shared bedrooms).

**Sleep Patterns**
- TV/Computer in Bedroom, Frequency of use, Duration of use tied to---
  - More delayed sleep patterns
  - Less time in bed, shorter sleep duration
  - Longer sleep onset latency
  - More sleep problems such as, night wakings...
  - Increased daytime sleepiness

- Teens who reduced TV viewing from > 1 to < 1 hr/day, ages 14 – 22, reduced risk sleep probs as emerging adults.

Rideout et al., ’10; Cain & Gradisar, ’10; Johnson et al., ’04; Van den Bulck, ’04; Richards, Wolfson, et al., ’11; Alexandru et al., ’06; Owens et al., ’99; Adam et al., ’07

INTERVENTIONS/ COUNTERMEASURES?

HEALTH EDUCATION
PREVENTIVE-INTERVENTIONS
POLICIES AND BANS
Sleep-Smart Program Study

1: What is sleep? Why is it important? Basic sleep facts
2: Learn cool sleep habits
3: Where is sleep on your schedule and how much are you getting?
4: Consistent Sleep/Wake Schedules
5: Bedtime and morning routines
6: Monitoring sleep patterns and competence in obtaining sleep goals
7: Caffeine Use
8: Review and Commencement

Sessions co-lead by BA-level Leaders
SS teens kept sleep diaries during program
Parents receive weekly newsletter reviewing and reinforcing curriculum
**Design:** Using cluster sampling, 7th graders from 2 urban, public, New England schools (SST = 8:37am) assigned to Sleep-Smart (SS) Program or Comparison group

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**Sleep-Smart: Results**

Sleep Smart vs. Comp: Overall differences from T1 to T2, \( p < .05 \).

- Nearly 24 min more Sleep on school nights (weekends: nearly 10 min) vs. Comp. group who reported 12 min less TIB.

- **Improved Physiological Sleep Hygiene practices** (i.e., frequency of behaviors including activities before bedtime)

- **Marginal decrease in bedtime screen use!**

- **Less PM Caffeine Use!**

- Maintained Aver. English Grades whereas Comp. grades dropped significantly from T1 to T2.

*Johnson, Harkins, Marco, Ludden, & Wolfson, 2012*
Soda and Energy Drink Bans

- 2010: Majority US beverage companies ended sales of sodas in elementary schools, limited sales in high schools to diet sodas (American Beverage Association).

- May 2011:
  - AAP clinical report defined ingredients of sports & energy drinks
  - Discussed misuses and abuses
  - Encouraged
    - Screening during annual physical examinations for sports & energy drink use
    - Understanding reasons why youth consumption is widespread
    - Improving education aimed at decreasing/eliminating inappropriate use of caffeinated beverages by children & adolescents

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