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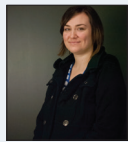
There have been many controversies in history on numerous things where two major opinions have clashed and made it onto the front page of a newspaper. However, who knew that the latest controversy would be about the name of a new drink at a local bar? A new drink called the "Date Grape Kool-Aid" at the Daiquiri Factory is made up of grape and rum and has caused an uproar in the Spokane area. Many view it as offensive because it's obviously based off of the date rape drug and opposers think it is highly inappropriate. Others, however, see it only as the name of a drink, one that is among many others that can be considered offensive, and don't understand why it's causing such a hype.

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Matt Perez The Daiquiri Factory at this time has changed their stupid drink name. They obviously made a mistake in naming a drink "date grape". People are outraged, and the local bar has made it into national news for the protests against the offensive beverage.

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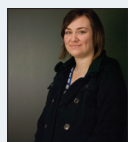
Brittany Tolleson Date rape.....Is it really something to make a pun out of? Better yet, is making an alcoholic drink out of that pun a good idea? The idea that Date Grape Kool-aid is meant to be "funny" or "clever" is insulting. It's insulting to the victims of actual date rape and to the people with some sort of common sense and morality.

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Matt Perez Though the controversy around the name of this daiquiri may be starting debate, it seems to be solely around the name.

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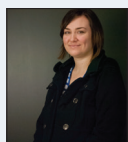
Brittany Tolleson The definition of Date Rape is any sexual assault where alcohol or drugs affect the victim's ability to give informed consent. Is it any wonder why people are outraged that they used an alcoholic beverage to solicit the name DATE GRAPE?? There are a lot of other silly drink names that can be construed as "insensitive", however does that really matter in the case of the Daiquiri Factory? Do two wrongs make a right?

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Matt Perez I've heard plenty of people talk about date rape since the drink broke news. I have yet to hear anyone mention rape as a separate, much more important issue. The conversation isn't around why this name is offensive, or why they would use that name in the first place. The focus is exclusively on how upset people are at the bar. The name "date grape" is offensive because its mocking something horrible that is happening in our society, so shouldn't we be far more concerned with the action than the word?

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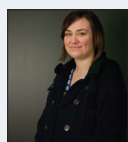
Brittany Tolleson We're not talking about Sex on the Beach or a Slippery Nipple...We're talking about rape. We're talking about serving an alcoholic drink to young college students, who by the way are some of the most vulnerable to date rape, and naming it Date Grape kool-aid. What message are we sending? Imagine for a moment that you have a son or daughter; your baby whom you've raised and loved all their life. Then imagine you find out he/she has been raped. Rape, one of the most violent crimes against a human being. To imagine your child helpless and overcome by some jerk who can't help themselves but to use force and power over another living soul. Imagine what that does to a persons ability to trust. Now imagine that someone decided to name a drink making fun of that violent attack that your child went through. How would you respond? Would you say to yourself, "geez, maybe my child should just get over it and stop whining. It's just a drink name"...NO! You would not. It makes that person upset to know that someone could "make light" or a pun out of it. So now ask me "what harm is it"...Are you starting to understand?

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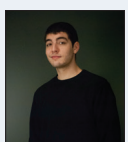
Matt Perez The White House Council on Women and Girls estimates that around 1 in 5 women have been raped in their lifetimes, according to a January 2014 report. Has anyone been talking about the prevalence of rape in our society? The same report had data from a 2007 study that indicated "7% of college men admitted to committing rape or attempted rape." But the buzz is all about an offensive drink name, not that our society badly needs to address sexual assault. The Daiquiri Factory named their drink Date Grape because of our culture, that's what we should be talking about. When you Google offensive drink names, some of the titles will actually make you want to puke; they're far more offensive than "Date Grape". But our cultures unwillingness to talk about rape in a meaningful way, and the sensationalist reporting on the outrage refuses to let this be anything but a piece of gossip.

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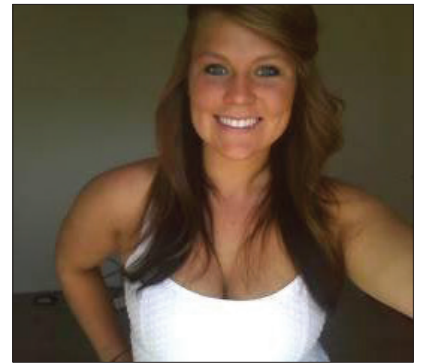
Brittany Tolleson I digress... The very fact that Jaime Pendelton not only refused or acknowledged complaints against this idiotic name shows that he's not very business savvy...But then to go on and have his employees, himself included, SHAME rape victims shows that he has no sense of empathy or moral compass. Honestly, how hard is it to change the name of a drink. There are thousands of people worldwide (not just in Spokane or America for that matter) that are outraged over this. The owner can CLEARLY see how bad this is and yet remains on the defense and continues to victim blame. Ultimately I'm not sure if the complaints would have just fizzled out had the owner simply responded with a better attitude...But instead this has turned into a media poop-storm all nationwide, having people like gossip blogger Perez Hilton and bad-boy rapper Rick Ross to understand the seriousness and speak out. If these two can see it why can't Mr. Pendelton? And I wonder why he refuses to discuss his point of view or share his story with nobody but through Facebook. He refuses time and time again when offered by news stations. Why is that? My guess is he really is as ignorant as we all think him to be.

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Matt Perez I would think that the protestors that sparked this coverage wanted to make us pay attention to why that word hurts, to show that it is too often taken lightly make us pay attention to why that word hurts, to show that it is too often taken lightly, not just make a bar change the name of a drink. This should have started a meaningful conversation locally, and could have given insight into how to change our culture and policies to prevent sexual assault. If it had I would be writing a much different article right now. But it didn't, and its not , and that to me is more offensive than "date grape".

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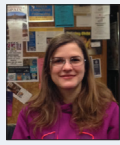
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Alisha Allen

So there's this huge deal about something called the "Date Grape" drink. Apparently everyone is finding it offensive and inappropriate and there have been huge protests trying to get the owner to take the drink off the menu or to at least change the name to something else. I'm not really sure why it's a big deal, I mean it's just the name of a drink. There are many other drinks out there that could be considered immature if anyone actually took the time to pay attention to them. I feel like there is way too much attention being brought to this issue and there are way bigger problems out there that deserve the front page of the newspaper way more than this. It's definitely being blown out of proportion.

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Caroline Rhodes I think the response from the owner showed a lack of maturity. The protests may have been unnecessary.

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Michael Houbrick Date Grape? Huh? What? – 😕 feeling confused.

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Amanda Dorsey I think taking rape lightly and making it a pun is horribly inappropriate! I can't believe the owner didn't apologize.

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Alisha Allen Michael-It's a new drink at the Daiquiri Factory that is basically making a pun out of the date rape drug and a lot of people are finding it offensive. Amanda-Apparantly, the owner ended up changing the name of the drink after all.

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Gage Lewis Rape jokes are very much the hackiest form of joke, they're not funny but almost any standard what so ever. And if you are somebody who doesn't have a respect for their audience like the manager of the Daiquiri Factory, then you don't deserve to make rape jokes. Also, being a jerk does not give you points in my book.

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Connor Molter-Gaddy You know, all this controversy has got me thinking....

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