**WOLD'S STRANGEST LAWS**

Hello, today I am going to present you a really interesting and highly entertaining topic – the world's strangest laws.

After I chose this topic for my presentation I had definitely some questions, such as how is possibly that laws of this kind actually exist? Are this laws just for fun or are enforced for real? And how people respond to them? Are they often break the rules, because they find them pointless and stupid?

Let's see what is hiding behind!

Strange laws, also called weird, dumb, unusual or unnecessary laws, are laws that are perceived to be useless, humorous or obsolete/outdadted/arhaic. These are in many cases based on misunderstandings, exaggerations or outright fabrications.

Every country is different, and every country's laws are different. Sometimes these laws border on the seriously ridiculous, and other times they point to important cultural values that might be different than your own.

And now, I am going to present you some less and more ridiculous laws around the world and I hope you will enjoy it.

**It's Illegal to Chew Gum in Singapore**

Anyone importing, selling or making gum in Singapore can get fined and/or jail time, with the exception of nicotine and dental gums offering therapeutic value.

Don't get caught blowing bubbles in the streets!

**It's illegal to haking naked in Switzerland**

After Swiss and German travelers decided to make naked hiking a thing in Switzerland a decade ago, Swiss officials reminded folks that a public indecency law still exists and you can be fined if caught in the woods in the buff.

In 2011, a Swiss man was fined more than $100 for his bare-bottomed walk.

**Don't Wear Your Winnie the Pooh T-Shirt in Poland**

The cuddly little bear all stuffed with fluff also doesn't wear pants. Because of this, Poland issued a ban on Winnie the Pooh around playgrounds and schools, finding the A.A. Milne character a bit too risqué for the likes of impressionable children.

I recommend you to leave your bear attire at home in case you want to visit this Eastern European country, just to be safe.

**It's Illegal to Ride a Cow Drunk in Scotland**

Before you get any crazy ideas — and have too much Scottish whisky — you should know you could get a ticket for drunk cow riding. Technically, the full 1872 law mandates people not be drunk when in charge of a cow, horse, carriage or steam engine.

In case you are wondering, the same law states you cannot have a loaded firearm on you while drunk, as well. But we have to admit, that's a pretty good rule!

**No Selfies With Buddha in Sri Lanka**

When you take a selfie with Buddha, you are turning your back on him. This sign of disrespect is punishable by imprisonment in Sri Lanka. It is also considered disrespectful to point your finger at Buddha, and sometimes there are bans on taking photos with the statues.

Although not illegal to have tattoos of Buddha, a British woman was jailed for three days in 2014 because of other "inappropriate" tattoos.

Be polite and cover tattoos, respect "no photograph" signs, and don't turn your back on him.

**It's Illegal to Kill Bigfoot in British Columbia in Canada**

When people first began sighting Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, in the 1800s, British Columbia made it illegal to kill him/her/it.

No one has ever captured proof of this hairy, giant creature, but if you should find it and kill it, you could be fined up to $250,000 if you do not have a proper hunting license.

**It's ilegall to pee in the ocean in Portugal**

To keep beaches clean and beachgoers healthy, Portugal has banned peeing in the ocean.

I am not quite sure how they would prove this one, but it's better safe to just use the restrooms like a civilized person.

**Married Women Can Only Have One Glass of Wine in Bolivia**

This sexist law is due to the belief that alcohol may make a woman more immoral. A husband could actually divorce her if she is drinking in public!

**It's Illegal to Disrupt a Wedding in Australia**

Even if the preacher asks if anyone has any objection to the wedding, if you are in South Australia, keep it to yourself.

If not, you could be fined up to $10,000 and even spend up to two years in jail if you interrupt a wedding.

**You cannot be overweight in Japan**

Japan created the Metabo Law in an effort to prevent obesity in its citizens. This requires people between the ages of 40 to 74 to have an annual waist measurement performed at the doctor. Sumo wrestlers are excluced.

But the United states are winners when it comes to the most wacky and weirdest laws - some of them are even in the use, some are just outdated or a nonsense. Let's see:

**In Tennessee it's illegal to share your Netflix password**

Passed in 2011, this law is directed at hackers who sell log-in credentials in bulk. However, other individuals who share passwords and don't live under the same roof are also included. Oops!

**In Vermont it's illegal for women to wear fake teeth without their husband's approval**

Here's one jaw-dropping law for you: In Vermont, it's technically mandatory for women to get written permission from their husbands if they want to opt for false teeth. Better let your hubby know you're eyeing those shiny veneers.

**In New Mexico "idiots" are banned from voting.**

One law in the state of New Mexico prohibits "idiots" as well as "insane persons convicted of infamous crime" from voting. Luckily, this crazy law isn't enforced elsewhere.

**In Maryland sleeveless shirts are banned in public parks**

You definitely won't like this one if you're a fan of muscle tees: In Baltimore, it's technically considered a park rule violation to be in a public park with a sleeveless shirt, even if you're out for a run!

**In Iowa you can't throw a brick onto a highway**

This Corn State law seems to be written in stone. Throwing bricks or any other "dangerous instruments or toys," for that matter onto a highway, street, or any public ground is prohibited in Iowa, unless you have written permission from the City Council.

**In Alabama it's illegal to drive blindfolded**

Sounds like word didn't make it to everyone in the Yellowhammer State about the common phrase "Keep your eyes on the road." One Alabama law prohibits driving while blindfolded. Our eyes are wide open after hearing this one!

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**4 new words:**

**Obsolete**: no longer produced or used; out of date; zastarel

**To prohibit**: formally forbid (something) by law, rule, or other authority; prepovedovati

**Indecency**: morally offensive behaviour; nedostojnost, nespodobnost

**To opt**: make a choice from a range of possibilities; odločiti se za kaj

**Question(s) for my schoolmates to think about presentation:**

1. What do you think about these laws?
2. Would you abide by these laws?
3. What do you think about that some completely unnecessary laws still exist?