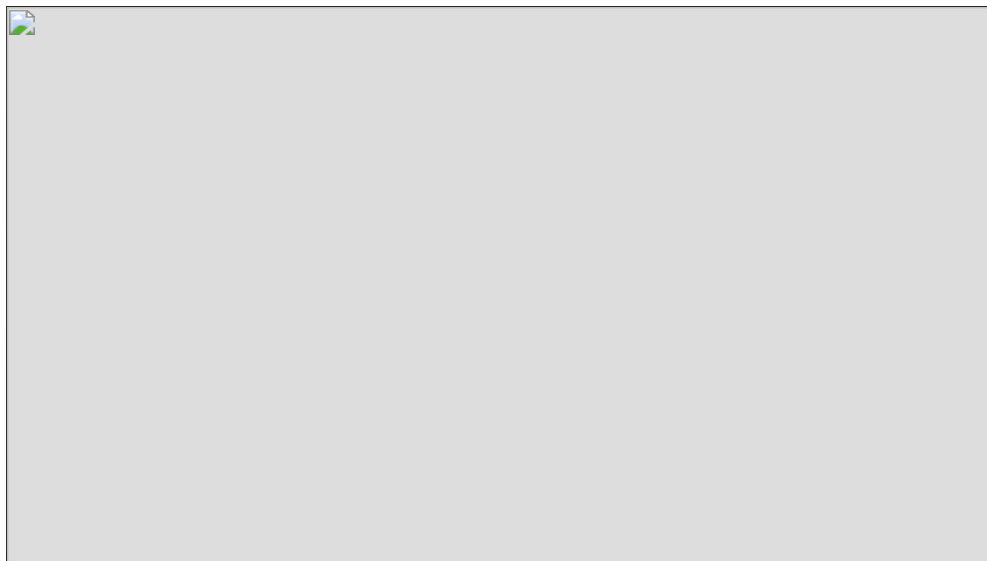




# Silicon Valley Mafia and Washington DC Wonk Alcoholics in spotlight

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President Trump's nominee to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs withdrew his name from consideration this week after a number of serious allegations were raised about his stewardship as White House physician, including that he drank on the job.

The allegations against Ronny Jackson of excessive drinking shine a light on a problem that, while not unique to Washington, is particularly acute in the nation's capital.

**Washington, D.C.**, has the highest rates of binge and problem drinking in America.

It's a booze problem fueled by a uniquely stressful environment where many of the corporate structures of accountability and oversight don't