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Organized crime was a huge problem in cities. Gangs would basically run the cities using all of the money they got from their owned speakeasies. Many of them paid city officials and police officers to stay off of them and ignore them. This organized crime was the leading cause of the disobeying of the prohibition. Many people did not see it as a problem because all they wanted was their alcohol.

Al Capone

Al Capone was a young gangster who murdered people until he was a gangster power. He owned many speakeasies and bootleggers which brought in a lot of profit, and he used this money to avoid jail and being harassed by city officials and police officers.

Racketeering

In a little more than a year, 157 bombs were set off in Chicago alone. Al Capone also made a lot of money, 60 million alone just from bootlegging.

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