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Lowering the voting age to 16 years of age is a seriously bad idea. The age of Majority is 18 for a reason. At 16 a youth's ability to reason and make responsible decisions is still in the formative stages. The only reason I can see for lowering the age is so that they can be controlled, via the education system, as to how they would vote. The likely scenario is as follows: A teacher helps his or her students register to vote, as a "class project" in civics . Next, the teacher, again as a "civics project", directs the students to bring their ballots to class and guides them in how to fill them out. Of course, the teacher would not "tell" them how to vote but the bias would be obvious to the students wanting to get a good grade in the class.

Teachers have a tremendous influence on children and at 16 they are still children by every other measure in our society.

Respectfully,

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