

I am 1001% against this bill.

The first thing that came into my mind when I seen this was to question the adults sanity! lol  
Then I had to wonder WHY would anyone in the political arena want to give adult voting rights to children.  
(legal age to be considered an adult in Oregon is 18).

Why would a politician want to let a child vote? Is it to make them child soldiers like oppressed foreign countries? Is it to be their political pawns? Is it to enslave , bribe, or condition the child? Is it indeed to manipulate them to vote for specific people/parties? Is it to allow the capital to became a dictator led by a few instead of to represent all the people of this great state? To CONTROL us?

I believe the answer to most of those questions, would be at least in part a resounding YES!

Why would an honorable elected Representative for the people of Oregon need to do this? Do those Representatives feel they only way they can keep their "jobs" is to brainwash children more?

As I pondered the meaning of this bill, I searched for a reasonable cause for this unusual action. The only other thing I could think of was maybe the sponsor had no experience with 16 year olds. Maybe they just would go to a local school for a good will visit, the kids were excited to see the Sponsors (hey, get out of class time!) and the students responded with their wishes: vote, drive, less school, more feelings/less responsibility, tacos or pizza daily, don't have to follow any rules at home/school...more dates...

As a sister, daughter, aunt, mother , grandmother, day care provider, nurse...I can share some insights on 16 year olds.

1) they are full of hormones: its all about sex, looking good, "romance"

2) they will do really dumb things for peer pressure (alcohol, drugs, crimes,tide pods, snort condoms, bully, protest without a clue what for, lie, steal...

it depends on who has the best option of which way their loyalty will be swayed instantly.

3) most are not nor ever have been employed (the world is ending if they have to clean their rooms)

4) they do not understand taxes, bills, responsibility, reliability, the US Constitution,wars, economics, our military...tell them that you would build a 6x10 room for them to have fun in if they pass a \$7million dollar tax : they would vote for it.

5) they can be easily manipulated

6) There is a reason that insurance companies have higher rates for kids under 25: they are not mentally stable enough yet to make sounder choices especially with cars! What is the accident rate for under 25 year old?

7) If you cant buy cigarettes, alcohol, go to college, drive a vehicle, work, join the military at 16 why would they be able to vote on measures that effect those that do??

8) their favorite pastime is to harass their parents, they think they know EVERYTHING.(even google is dumber than them)..but they are also scared of the big bad world..and once in awhile that parent will unexpectedly get a hug/thanks/love you.

I believe this is a illogical bill to even have been considered. Programs to teach 16 year old to make better choices, tutoring, employment, seminars on our Constitution, sports events, social events (something non violent; bowling, dancing, skating, SOLVE, ..) all are great.

This are still kids; let them be kids. Let them develop before they take on such a huge responsibility. Vote NO on JR22/ SB838!

Thanks!

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