

## STRONGLY OPPOSE

This bill allows 16-year-old children the right to vote. High school sophomores don't have adult brain development to make good judgment no matter how smart they are.

Good judgment isn't something teens can excel in. The rational part of a teen's brain isn't developed until early 20's and isn't completely developed until age 25 or so. In fact, recent research has found that adult and teen brains work differently. Adults think with the prefrontal cortex, the brain's rational part. This is the part of the brain that responds to situations with good judgment and an awareness of long-term consequences. Teens process information with the amygdala. This is the emotional part.

This would have the affect of moving political pressures into high schools. It will ignite bullying at a new level. A 16-year-old has no clue of the realities of the adult world. Being aware of surrounds isn't the same thing.