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Respectfully, a 5 year old's future is at stake every election too, but we don't let 5 year olds vote.


A 16 year old doesn't know enough yet to vote. They haven't lived enough yet to vote. They're too young.
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They have a lot of skin in the game. Their future is literally at stake, from the national debt to the climate change to if they will still have a democracy and the human rights are protected or not. Everything is at stake.

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I challenge [@RepPressley](#) to come on my show & debate her radical proposal to lower the federal voting age from 18 to 16. Simple question: Why stop at 16? Why not 15? Or 14? Or 13? This is simply more liberal insanity. [wrko.iheart.com/featured/kuhne...](#)
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 Kuhner's Corner: Ayanna Pressley's bad idea to lower voting a...
 Her plan will only further dumb down our democracy
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Both of the above tweets indicate the need for a paradigm shift. By this philosophy, sixteen-year-olds are dropped in the “child” category, synonymous with immaturity. Notice that they say 16-year-olds shouldn’t vote by pointing out that people even younger shouldn’t vote. Arguments in favour of lowering the voting age must be framed in such a way that sixteen-year-olds are moved to the “adult” category which connotes maturity. Still, you have to introduce nuance: different kinds of maturity come in at different times. Sixteen-year-olds have the kind of maturity required to vote.

Andrew Cusack [@cusackandrew](#) · Mar 25, 2019

Science says we should raise the voting age to 30. [#votesat16](#) [#votingage](#)
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BBC NEWS

'People don't become adults until their 30s'
 Experts say people aged 18 are still going through changes in the brain that can affect behaviour.
[bbc.co.uk](#)

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However, overreliance on Steinberg’s description of cold and hot cognition (which might be convincing in a courthouse) will also wear thin, and does nothing for the deeper, more instinctual reluctance people have toward lowering the voting age. People don’t lose their biases by having academic papers cited at them. Make it personal. Talk about remarkable young people you know, talk about the skills you know young people have. Then ground it in evidence and statistics.



In 1900 a 21-year old frequently was a self-supporting taxpayer with a job, a spouse, and a deep stake in society. Today many of that age live an unanchored life at the expense of parents, the government, loans, and grants. #copolitics #VotingAge



Pelosi wants to lower the voting age to 16; it should be raised to 25 - Independence... Science has discovered that the brain does not fully mature until age 25... The record of governance in most countries that allow 16 year olds to vote—Brazil, ...
i2i.org



Crazy Nancy wants to lower the voting age & not require ID to vote.

@SpeakerPelosi making the case for the only votes the Democratic Party can get: 16 year olds & criminals.

Also, who made this 🤡

#MAGA #PelosiCrimeFamily #NancyPelosi #VotingAge #VoterID #DoNothingDems



Bucci Hoogy ❤️
@OregonJB

16 years old is TOO Young to vote.

#therelsaidit
#votingage

The high schools don't even teach Government. The only Government teaching I learned was from Schoolhouse Rock.

There are pervasive stereotypes about young people which highlight their decline of self-sufficiency and dignity. They are uneducated, impulsive, and worse. Through tweets like these, pundits instills distrust for the group pushing the change and relies on well-worn jabs at the group. They are not arguing policy, he is arguing emotion. This is a common tactic.



Gov. Mike Huckabee ✓
@GovMikeHuckabee

Massachusetts Democratic Rep. Ayanna Pressley just introduced a bill to lower the voting age to 16. Liberals don't think kids know what gender they are, but are smart enough to vote. It's a brave new world!

16.1K 10:39 AM - Mar 7, 2019

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Posted by u/Kimarcus2267 1 year ago
We should Never lower the voting age to 16 and in fact increasing it to 21 would be preferable.

Voted 65% unpopular

In my opinion as an 18 year old too many of my peers and those younger are not knowledgeable or mentally mature enough to vote. A vast majority reach mental maturity at 25 so to allow those 9 years younger than that to vote would be foolish.

List of Articles Against Lowering the Voting Age

According to these articles, lowering the voting age is a ridiculous idea of the opportunistic, radical left: below serious consideration. We all remember how stupid we were as young people. You want your childish nephew/daughter/goldfish choosing who gets to be prime minister? Eighteen is eighteen for a reason. Don't mess with a good thing.

Most arguments against lowering the voting age come from an idea that democracy isn't worth all the "wrong people" voting. Some want only those who contribute to society voting. Some want only those with substantial life experience voting. Some want only those above a certain IQ threshold or certain grade on a civics test voting.

It takes more than one dinnertime conversation to get someone to trust "the people." Yet for our elections, it's what our constitution demands. It's what democracy demands.

Leave the Voting Age Alone, by Jenny Diamond Cheng

<https://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2012/05/28/do-we-need-to-redefine-adulthood/leave-the-voting-age-alone>

- Explains the history of American voting age, and its links to military enlistment
- Yes the voting age is arbitrary, but "there is no life moment to which the voting age might be more obviously tethered, and any bright-line rule will inevitably seem unfair to some."
- Changing the voting age is a waste of time and effort. America should focus on Voter ID and residency requirements

Leave the Voting Age Alone, by Robert Thomas

<https://robertthomasjournalism.com/2018/03/20/opinion-leave-the-voting-age-alone/>

- "Lowering the voting age will give greater voting power to the older generation as those younger than 18 are not sufficiently mature and will vote in line with their parents."
- The former backed up by [Chan/Clayton 2006](#), latter backed up by [2005 Gallup Poll](#)
- Personal description of being influenced by parents in his life
- Changes that happen during adulthood change your worldview

"The voting age should stay at 18," says students

<https://tsrmatters.com/blog/the-voting-age-should-stay-at-18-says-students/>

- Survey was conducted on their website, and was not limited to students. In fact, anyone who logs onto their website today can still respond to the survey
- Survey was about UK voting age, opened seven years ago
- Provided some quotes by users
- "In general, 16 year olds have no interest in politics and are not educated well enough in politics to make an informed vote."
- despite the existence of legal limits for 16-year-olds – marriage (with permission), sex, paying taxes, getting a full-time job, etc – this is not enough to justify lowering the voting age.
- "I am in favour of the voting age being at 18 because this is a very symbolic cut off point. It is the age of adulthood and full acceptance of responsibility for your actions in society. Yes, a 16 year old may be able to marry and have children, but once again I fail to see why this in any shape or form justifies participation in an election."

No, we shouldn't lower the voting age to 16, by David Davenport

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/daviddavenport/2016/05/25/no-we-shouldnt-lower-the-voting-age-to-16/#13cf935a531e>

- Students aren't knowledgeable enough: "don't know who their U.S. senator is or how to amend the Constitution"
- "Young people are frequently liberal until they start paying taxes and really have to deal with the government, which does not happen at 16." Therefore, this is a partisan measure by opportunists
- Just adding more voters to the electorate won't fix our civic problems
- Expressed skepticism that having young people voting would encourage their parents to vote
- The voting age was set at 18 for a rational reason: the age of enlistment for the war in Vietnam
- "other legal age thresholds have been going up, not down. The drinking age is 21, and the age when kids may drive a car without any conditions has now increased to 17 or 18 by most state laws. . .the law has moved toward greater maturity before responsibility, not less"
- The brain doesn't stop developing until the mid-20s.
- Voting rights should be tied to the age of enlistment, or being subject to taxes
- There is no evidence we need or even want 16-year olds voting

Around Town: Raise the voting age to 30, by Pat Orr

<https://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20200112/around-town-raise-voting-age-to-30>

- Young people are superficial and too easily manipulated
- "If we aren't diligent this [lowering the voting age] could become a legitimate movement, and democracy as we know it would be voted right out the door in favor of whatever free stuff appeals to high schoolers that year."
- The voting age was set at 18 for a rational reason: the age of enlistment for the war in Vietnam
- "While many academics feel the 16-year-old brain is ready to vote, they also recognize that those brains have not developed fully when it comes to impulse control."
- The desire to form the habit of voting comes from liberals' desire to create more lifelong liberals. "these impressionable individuals are still being heavily influenced by a liberal education system and parental voting patterns should give us pause."
- Young people just vote the same way as their parents
- Cites this paper: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3212636/>
- According to Orr, "They devised tests to determine how age affects decision making. They found that younger participants were better decision makers than older adults when decisions were thrown at each group one at a time. Not completely satisfied with the result, the researchers then designed a model that required participants to evaluate the result of the decision and strategize the next choice required as a result of the decision. More like the real world, where every decision has a consequence. Not surprisingly, older participants trounced their younger counterparts."
- Only experienced people know that free isn't really free. Young people are overprivileged, oversensitive, and whiners.

The voting age should not be lowered to 16, by Samuel Schell-Olsen

https://www.newsrecord.org/opinion/opinion-the-voting-age-should-not-be-lowered-to-16/article_335212b6-f99a-11e9-a75f-1b1b72351493.html

- Calls the citing of all the things sixteen-year-olds can do "whataboutism," is not a reason to give their more rights.

- The average American 16-year-old is even less informed than the average American adult, with only 36% of the latter being able to name the three branches of government
- “No serious person will contend the average 16-year-old is at an equal maturity level as an 18-year-old.”
- Would be okay with civics test for 16-17s
- “I’m sorry but if having 16-year-olds in the voting booth is the answer to some civic problem we have, I guess I don’t know what the question is,” said Forbes contributor David Davenport.

Votes for 16-year-olds should be based on wider evidence, not just a need for participation

<https://theconversation.com/votes-for-16-year-olds-should-be-based-on-wider-evidence-not-just-a-need-for-participation-90898>

- Is not convinced that reducing the voting age will, on its own, increase political engagement and promote voting as a lifelong habit
- Even with the evidence that the lowered voting age led to greater civic literacy and engagement than older FTVs, “the full extent to which [lowering the voting age] has radically altered democratic behaviour of younger Scottish voters is not yet proven.” (Unclear what this means. Democratic behaviour? Meaning the amount of flair they use when putting their ballot in the box?)
- Said that 16-17 turnout of 75% is not impressive when compared to overall turnout of 85%.
- Suggests that this continued gap in turnout between young people and the average disproves habit forming theory
- “If 16-year-olds are old enough to vote, then we need to start considering other age thresholds – such as whether a 16-year-old should still be prohibited from serving on a jury, standing as a candidate in an election, driving, or buying an alcoholic drink.”
- “Not all young people are offered sufficient opportunities to learn about politics or gain the necessary democratic skills and experiences prior to gaining the right to vote”
- To call this disenfranchisement a constitutional injustice is an exaggeration; some states have lower voting age
- Youth political disengagement will not be solely addressed by lowering the voting age
- This issue needs to be evidence-based, not politicised

Video from the 2016 NDP Conventions

<https://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/cpac-special/episodes/47368228/>

- Canadians are lacking in political acumen, takes a long time to develop it
- Supports better civic education in schools, it is currently very poorly
- Her granddaughter feels she doesn’t have enough life experience to vote on NDP resolutions
- 16-17s don’t have as many obligations as people think they do
- Would consider this further in the future

House Democrats push to lower the voting age

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oc7CZHKG-HM>

- Mitch McConnell said there is no need to drive turnout, pointing to 2018’s record turnout numbers
- Republicans see it as a political ploy to get more votes for Democrats
- There is no push to lower the age of military enlistment, which is why it was set at 18 in the first place.

Why Lowering The Voting Age Is A Terrible Idea

<https://youtu.be/TfbdeJM2zoE?t=526>

- This is a political ploy to get more votes for Democrats
- 16-year-olds lack experience and wisdom
- They also lack responsibility. Still living at home, lacking jobs, not paying bills
- An electorate should be made up of those who have skin in the game, so they have something to lose and therefore deserve a voice
- Would argue that because of this we should raise the voting age
- We should go back to the idea of the founding fathers that only “contributing members of society” should be allowed to vote.
- Sixteen is “peak dumb phase.” This is the age of greatest risks, so it’s best to keep young people out of voting booths as long as possible
- He would allow children to vote if they could pass a civics test

Let 16 Year-Olds Vote!? | Delicious Tide Pods to Democracy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDTQ6mmlbtI&ab_channel=LaurenChen

- There is a contradiction between wanting to lower the voting age on one hand, and wanting to raise the age of firearm usage on the other
- Voting is a serious thing, with serious impacts
- Sixteen-year-olds are not ready for the responsibility
- They don’t know how government works
- They aren’t aware of the context and meaning of policy issues
- They make bad decisions (uses study I can’t find)
- It doesn’t make sense to lower all the other rights to sixteen, so why this?
- Sixteen-year-olds shouldn’t have a say in running government, if they don’t have much of a say in their own lives
- This is a political ploy to get more votes for Democrats
- These idiots eat tide pods

Michael Burgess defends lowering voting age to 16

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqeLupzp5yM&ab_channel=JasonMrochekforCongress

- Children are irresponsible, this is a ridiculous idea not worth consideration
- Will vote for the Democrats, lead to bad government

Lowering voting age wrong way to improve democracy (Editorial)

<https://www.masslive.com/opinion/2019/05/lowering-voting-age-wrong-way-to-improve-democracy-editorial.html>

- Lowering the voting age is deeply unpopular
- They will vote for the Democrats, this is a political ploy
- Young people don’t have the political, real life education necessary
- We need an informed electorate

Commentary: Why voting age should not be lowered

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/opinion/story/2019-09-11/why-voting-age-should-not-be-lowered>

- Teenagers lack experience, education
- Many adopt their parent’s political beliefs

- Uninterested, unengaged adults should still be allowed to vote because they pay taxes and are impacted by laws. Teenagers are not.
- 18 is the age at which teenagers acquire the vast majority of their rights as adults.
- 18 involves completion of high school, first exposure to the effects of govts

Editorial: Sixteen is perfect for the prom, not the polls

<https://www.bostonherald.com/2019/03/08/sixteen-is-perfect-for-the-prom-not-the-polls/>

- Kids don't know the world, much at all, they shouldn't be making decisions for society.
- No life experience, is probably a coddled dependent
- Lack the necessary maturity, lack of effective civics curriculum
- Liberal teachers will influence them, we should wait for an age at which people think for themselves

Ayanna Pressley thinks your 16-year-old should be able to vote. Let that sink in a minute

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2019/03/11/ayanna-pressley-false-start-teen-voting/o0jVbFtLRE9RA8gORTOOpJ/story.html>

- Young people are incompetent, will rebel against their parents by cancelling their vote.
- Little civics knowledge
- Few hold jobs, or care for themselves.
- Most don't pay for their own cellphones, or pay taxes
- 18 is the well-established age of majority
- Some laws recognise that teenagers aren't mature and don't have sufficiently developed brains, so why lower the voting age?
- Lowering the voting age will lead to President Taylor Swift

Should We Lower the Voting Age?

<https://www.nationalreview.com/magazine/2019/04/08/should-we-lower-the-voting-age/>

Liberal-appointed senator supports bill that would give 16-year-olds the vote

<https://thepostmillennial.com/lib-senator-supports-bill-that-would-give-16-year-olds-the-vote>

Trudeau appointed Senator wants voting age LOWERED to 16 years old

https://www.rebelnews.com/trudeau_appointed_senator_wants_voting_age_lowered_to_16_years_old

Canada is close to LOWERING voting age to 16 following a push from Trudeau appointed Senator

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBUmdaKdT_M&ab_channel=RebelNews

LETTER: Voting age idea is childish

<https://www.theguardian.pe.ca/opinion/local-perspectives/letter-voting-age-idea-is-childish-527495/>

Proposition 18—Should Seventeen-Year-Olds Be Allowed To Vote?

<https://www.hoover.org/research/proposition-18-should-seventeen-year-olds-be-allowed-vote>

Why the Voting Age Should not be lowered in Canada

<https://mainstreetcapital.ca/gp68z/8cd607-why-the-voting-age-should-not-be-lowered-in-canada>

Lower the voting age to 16? Sure, but why stop there?

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/andrew-coyne-lower-the-voting-age-to-16-sure-but-why-stop-there>

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/colby-cosh-turning-the-age-old-debate-about-teen-voting-on-its-head>

<https://link.nationalpost.com/view/5e42e1d55a8f9c162702cd79ff0xh.1/3d7f6dea?email=jkline@postmedia.com>

<https://tomkniec.substack.com/p/yes-to-keeping-the-voting-age-at>

<https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/keep-the-voting-age-limit-the-same>