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So, the opposition thinks young people are incapable of making informed decisions about their future? Perhaps they should take a look at the research that shows how engaged and politically active youth have become in recent years. By denying young people the right to vote, you are essentially saying that their voices and opinions don't matter. That's not only disrespectful, it's also undemocratic. If we trust 16-year-olds to drive, work and pay taxes, then why not trust them to vote? It's time we start treating young people as responsible citizens who can contribute to our democracy. It's ironic that they accuse young people of voting based on peer pressure when it's the politicians who are often swayed by lobbyists and special interest groups. Maybe we should be talking about the need for campaign finance reform instead.