

Reduce the Voting Age

We are beginning to see more and more young people advocate for their rights. It's clear that teenagers have a voice these days and deserve to be heard, especially when it comes to issues that impact their future. Should the voting age be reduced to allow teenagers to select politicians who align with their beliefs?

Reduce

Deserve to be heard

Their future

Fair

Change is needed

Keep

Not mature enough

Brain is still developing

Too emotional

Remember to include:

- An opening paragraph stating your side
- 3 reasons with explanations and examples
- A conclusion summarising your main points
- Strong vocabulary
- Persuasive techniques

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We are beginning to see more and more young people advocate for their rights. Teenagers have been taking to the streets and protesting issues such as climate change and inequality. That begs the question, should the voting age be lowered to allow teenagers to influence the leaders that we choose? I believe the voting age shouldn't change.

At the young age of 16, our life experiences and opinions are still maturing. We may be emotional or even passionate about global issues, but perspectives change as life experiences grow. You can ask any adult and they will tell you that they are very different to their 16 year old self. Allow our teenagers to develop their perspectives before we let them vote.

A recent survey by The National Voting Committee noted that there is only a small fraction of teenagers who really care about political decisions. Most teenagers want to hang out with their friends and rightly so. With this, there would be a high number of 'floating voters' who really don't care. This would lead to massive ramifications on election results and change the course of politics. Surely, you don't want this?

Furthermore, politicians would be enticed into changing their political agendas to meet the needs of younger generations. Can you imagine it? The president elect campaigning for less school days and no exams. The world would be in chaos!

In conclusion, we must leave the voting age as it is. Let teenagers be teenagers. It doesn't mean young people can't have a voice. We just need to let that voice mature.

The Voting Age Vocabulary

Match the vocabulary with the synonyms / definitions.

1. Advocate
2. Protest
3. Inequality
4. Mature
5. Perspective
6. Survey
7. Floating voter
8. Ramifications
9. Entice
10. Political agenda

Not equal

A voter who is easily swayed

To attract • of tempt

To object to someone or something

Consequences

Problems that politicians aim to solve

A point of view

A questionnaire

To fight for or support a cause

Fully developed

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The Voting Age Checklist

Read the text, complete the checklist and answer the questions.

1. Is there a strong opening paragraph? _____
2. Are there 3 clear reasons? _____
3. Is there a conclusion? _____
4. Does the author use high level vocabulary? _____
5. Does the author use persuasive techniques? _____
6. Is the grammar and punctuation correct? _____
7. Has the author spelled words correctly? _____
8. Are sentences varied in length? _____
9. Did the author convince you? _____
10. Give the author a score out of 10. _____

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Find each of the elements and write them below.

1. Three persuasive techniques

2. Two sentence openers

3. Three reasons

4. Five high level words

5. One rhetorical question

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The author has used a false statistic to further their argument. Can you create some of your own? The key is not in the statistic itself, but in the way you write it.

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