



HR4: Increased Voting Age Act

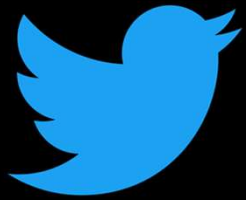
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What is the problem?

Most people at the age of 18 don't have much real world experience, so they don't know what they really believe, or what they want from their country. We believe that changing the age to 21 would put us at a better advantage as a country because they have a few more years to have real world experiences and that would give us more knowledgeable voters.





SHOCKING Research

Consider this research from Variety & Business Insider... they asked millennials between the ages of 13-18 years old (Generation Z) back in 2016 where they got their news. 44% of them said they resorted to Twitter and Snapchat to get most of their news, mainly for convenience. Yes, 44%. Also worth noting that some said they don't even keep up on news at all.

Of course this isn't an overall of all millennials but it's research like this that makes us believe that the voting age should be raised -- it gives these millennials a chance to experience more of the real world and hopefully become more aware before they begin voting.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/how-do-teens-get-news-2016-6>



What Some Peers From School Know About Voting

So, we asked a few kids from school some questions related to voting to see what they know...

1. Do you believe the voting age should rise to 21?
 - 84% - YES / 16% - NO
1. Can you name someone running for president? Other than Trump.
 - 0% - YES / 100% - NO
1. Do you know what party you belong to?
 - 15% - YES / 85% - NO
1. Can you name other parties other than Democrats & Republicans?
 - 20% - YES / 80% - NO
1. Do you know how many electoral votes are needed to win presidency?
 - 0% - YES / 100% - NO

Positives & Negatives

- Positives- We believe we will have better people in office if we have better and more informed voters. Most people around the age of 18 spend so much time at school & work that they are so easily brainwashed by internet, teachers, internet, etc. People 21 & older, as a rule, have more real world experience & should have a better understanding of what they know & what they want.
- Negatives- Of course, there will be much backlash that will one day die out but we will also have less votes but, we believe that quality over quantity is definitely a better way to look at voters & we also believe that the quality of our voters will be so much better that it will trump the quantity.

Differences Of Lives Between 18-21 Year Olds

18: Still a kid fresh out of high school, not most but a lot of 18 year olds are pretty immature, still very much dependent on mom & dad, most are freshmen in college, the term "adult" hasn't sunk in their head yet.

21: Most 21 year olds are fairly mature, many 21 year olds work and hold down full time jobs as well as going to college and even though quite a few still live at home a good number are living on their own and paying their own way.

<http://www.city-data.com/forum/psychology/1954042-maturity-difference-between-18-25-year.html>

Unemployment Rates

- Average unemployment of 18 year olds: 26.4%
- Average unemployment of 21 year olds: 6.4%

<https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/LNS14000036>

Video

<https://www.news.com.au/national/politics/pauline-hanson-raise-voting-age-to-21-to-ban-no-clue-youth/news-story/840282e9d51770acdaf2e7c4ea9866d5>

Why Is This Important?

Most importantly, the list of priorities, level of maturity, & ways of life are so different between those ages. Quite frankly, 18 year olds are still very much kids & with things like work, politics are so not on their priority list... so, why should we give them the ability vote? Not only that but you will learn in the next slide that the number of voters between the ages of 18-20 makeup such a small percentage of voters that the polls wouldn't be affected that much anyways.

Youth Voters

FACT: Young people (ages 18-29) make up 21% of the voting eligible population in the U.S.

REMEMBER: 21% is the ELIGIBLE number, some don't vote at all... so, that number will drop. Also note, we are just focusing on 18-20 year olds... so, that number will be so much lower than 21%. So, if we wanted to base it on numbers of voters, the number of 18-20 voters is so small that if none of them voted, it really wouldn't matter anyways. Right?

<https://civicyouth.org/quick-facts/youth-voting/>

Adding Voting Requirements (pt.1)

We will issue new drivers licenses and ID's at the age of 21 that will show a red checkmark at the bottom that will indicate you are an eligible voter.



Adding Voting Requirements (pt.2)

We will also make it a requirement that every voter must have passed the Tennessee Civics test and score a minimum of a 70.

