Empowering teenagers



Are teenagers able to make conscious political decisions at the age of 16? Over the last few years there has been some heated debate whether teenagers between 16 and 18 should be allowed to participate in democratic elections. Some people believe they are not mature enough, they lack of political knowledge or are too easily influenced by others. However, some people believe they have the right to participate in the political decisions that will eventually influence their future.

Taking all these into account, what is your opinion about it? Should 16 year-olders have the right to vote?

In this process of constructing themselves and feeling the sense of belonging they tend to copy tendencies and fashion.

Even though we are all subject to manipulation, most people believe teenagers are too easily influenced.

At the age of 16 teenagers are in the process of personal search, trying to figure out who they really are and living a constant identity crisis.

They are, then, too easily influenced by their mates' opinion or by what an actor/singer has to say to make conscious and unbiased political decisions.

On the other hand, these young adults are becoming active citizens of our country so it is sensible they should decide who represents them better.

Teenagers participate vigorously in social debates related to abortion, sex education and women rights among others.

Then they should have a voice in the choice of political leaders that would set the future of their country.

They are actively moulding their future, deciding what they want and what they are not going to accept any longer.

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