

I negate the resolution, Resolved: The Twenty-Sixth Amendment should be amended to raise the voting age from 18 to 25."

Contention 1 is the betrayal of democracy

Analysis: Adults ages 18-25 are living their own lives in every other aspect, by denying the vote while they pay taxes on full time jobs, you deny them fundamental rights of citizenship just because they don't vote how you would like them to.

The proposal would require an ill advised Constitutional amendment marking the first time the constitution would be amended to remove a fundamental right rather than expand them.

Analysis: Part of the reason for the 26th Amendment was a recognition that if you are old enough to die on the battlefield, you should be able to vote and represent yourself in the decision to make war.

Impact: A government who is selective when determining who can vote is not a truly democratic government. Selectively determining who can vote and who cannot is a human rights violation because you are denied your right to vote due to race or your opinion. It means that the government is not one for the people but one for the few.

Contention 2 is lower voter turnout of young people

Warrant: The voting block of ages 18-25 is the most motivated in the fight to protect the climate, and removing their vote means that climate policy will be fought for less. This is also why politicians like Ramaswamy want to remove this group's right to vote, as he and others simply disagree with the policy goals and the voters themselves. [Politico '22 notes](#) "The proposal,... would disproportionately affect Democrats' ... since Generation Z voters decidedly skew left. [Exit polls](#) ... showed 63 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds voting Democratic". Partisan bias in favor of the GOP is the only basis for this proposal. The equivalent proposal would be for democrats suggesting the elderly be banned because they might be losing their mental capabilities.

Impact: [Otieno 22'](#) Young people continue to take on a leading role in influencing, advocating, and demanding for responsible climate behavior and stronger political will from governments and the private sector.

Analysis: Young voters are essential to curtailing climate change before it is too late. Taking the voice away from youth will only make things worse by delaying action by half a generation. .

Impact Card on Climate Change:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/jun/16/us-climate-crisis-millions-lives-saved#:~:text=For%20the%20first%20time%2C%20researchers.2050%2C%20according%20to%20the%20analysis.>

Milman of the Guardian reports in June 2022 that:

“For the first time, researchers have calculated exactly how many people the US could save by acting on the climate crisis. A total of 7.4 million lives around the world will be saved over this century if the US manages to cut its emissions to net zero by 2050”

A2 Mental development

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<https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/UIDaho-Responsive/Files/law/law-review/articles/volume-56/issue-2/symposium-doraisamy-final.pdf?la=en&hash=E9EE8942007C5B000AB78E32DD54D185D5B70E82>

Doraisamy 20 Notes: *[P]ersons with diminished mental capacities were disenfranchised since colonial America.” Originally these exclusions came in the form of race, gender, and financial or social status restrictions.*

Any argument about mental level has always been a mask for some form of discrimination.