

Teen Politics  
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The twenty-sixth amendment in the U.S. Constitution gives eighteen year olds the right to vote. This amendment not only grants freedom to eighteen year olds, but it comes with a lot of responsibility. Not only does the eighteen year old have to pick a name on a ballot, they also have to participate in jury duty. Some eighteen year olds are not mature enough to handle these responsibilities. In my opinion, this amendment needs to be deleted from the U.S. Constitution.

In these modern times, many teenagers have lives away from home, and away from the news. Many teenagers do not care who is running for office, what their stand is, and what they are offering to our community, state, or country. When these eighteen year olds walk into the polls to place their votes, they have no idea who to choose. Although this is not just a problem with teen voters, it is more popular among them rather than adult voters.

Another big issue when it comes to teen voting is peer pressure. Usually teens only get peer pressure when it comes to their social life, but it exists in other aspects as well. When a teen voter does not know who they should vote for their parents usually have an input. Even though it is better to have an adult's opinion instead of randomly choosing someone, it still is not the best choice. A voter should know who they want to vote for, without any influences.

Last but not least, when you register to vote you are added to the Jury Duty list. In many court cases, the people involved do not necessarily want an eighteen year old deciding their verdict. Eighteen year olds, like most teens, have

different opinions than most adults.

Even though deleting this amendment would fix certain problems, it would also cause one. If this amendment was gone, we would need to add another one that raised the voting age. In my opinion, it would be smart to raise the voting age above "teen." Giving these responsibilities to those who are able to handle them would make the city, state and country a better place.