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Sujet: Should 16-year-olds be given the right to vote?

The right to vote, whatever the country, was a long battle that lasted many years. Indeed, for a long time it was reserved to the privileged few. Today we have come a long way. However, in a rapidly-changing world where decisions made today may impact future generations, shouldn't young people be able to vote from the age of 16 instead of 18?

On the one hand, some people argue that 16 is far too young to vote. They maintain that in order to know who to vote for you need to be mature enough to understand what is going on in the world and to analyse political messages. Though such arguments are perfectly logical in many respects, they do not take into account the fact that young people today are educated and, what's more, have much easier access to information than in the past.

On the other hand, a growing number of people believe that young people should be allowed to weigh in on urgent questions that will impact their future. After all, we are the ones who will live with the consequences of any bad decisions. Furthermore, young people can be very active and bring a fresh approach to issues, as we have seen with Greta Thunberg, for instance.

For all of these reasons, I am convinced that allowing young people of 16 to vote would enhance rather than damage democracy.