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“You have to ask yourself, why are they trying to give kids the rights of adults? I think it’s right in line with their efforts to sexualize our kids in schools. Next, will they will lower the age of consent and maybe the draft? In my opinion, this is just the beginning of an effort to take our kids away from the guidance and protection of their parents. When in 2019, 84% of registered voters opposed lower the voting age to 16, what has changed? Why we should not do this? As much as I hate to admit it, 16-year-olds do not have the emotional or cognitive maturity to allow them to navigate the world of voting. In changing the voting age, we’d be catering to the minority of younger teenagers who have the life experience and intellectual means to vote, and that’s not what good policy is about. Society has deemed that 18 is the age we become an adult. It’s the age we can start to serve in the defense forces, get married, drink alcohol, and do literally anything without parental consent. It’s the age where we are deemed mature enough to take on the world on our own. Why should the right to vote require any less maturity?”