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I am shocked to hear such discriminatory and ageist comments from the opposition. Do they truly believe that young people are incapable of logical thinking and making informed decisions? If so, then why do we allow them to drive on our roads, work jobs, and pay taxes? It's clear that you are just trying to disenfranchise a group of people who have a different political opinion than you. The argument about insurance rates for younger drivers is flawed. Insurance companies charge more for young drivers because of their lack of experience, not their mental capacity. In fact, studies have shown that 16 and 17 year olds have the same level of decision-making skills as adults. The truth is, the opposition is just afraid that if we lower the voting age, more young people will have a say in our democracy and challenge the status quo. But isn't that what democracy is all about? Giving everyone a voice, regardless of their age or background. It's time to stop patronizing our youth and start trusting them to make their own decisions.