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Unlocking the Ballot Box: Should the Voting Age Be Lowered to 16?

Short Answer Key

1. One potential benefit is that it would engage young people in the political process early on and instill a sense of civic duty.
2. Critics are concerned that 16-year-olds may lack the necessary knowledge and maturity to make informed decisions about complex political issues.
3. Research has shown that voting is a habit, and those who start voting at a younger age are more likely to continue participating in elections throughout their lives.
4. The internet and social media have made young people well-informed and socially aware, contributing to their engagement in issues like climate change, gun control, and racial justice.

