

For & Against Line Debate - Statements

Debate statements for teachers to read out as students place themselves on a line from 'strongly agree' to 'strongly disagree'.

1. At 16 you should have the vote because you pay taxes.
2. Young people aren't experienced enough to make political decisions.
3. Votes at 16 would strengthen democracy.
4. Schools should teach more politics if the voting age is lowered.
5. 16-year-olds are more likely to care about issues like climate change and the future.
6. Politicians might not listen to young people, even if they could vote.
7. Voting should stay at 18 because that's when most people leave school.
8. Lowering the voting age would make young people feel more respected and included.
9. 16-year-olds would just vote the same way as their parents - this won't help to strengthen democracy.