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As the pressure mounts to raise the driving age of adolescents in Idaho, more and more people are objecting and standing up for what they believe in. There are numerous reasons why people think that teens should not be allowed to drive at a younger age. However, there is a more reasonable logic to why younger drivers should be allowed on our roads.

In today's society, adults have a tendency to expect a lot out of older age students and kids. They try to make the teens and adolescents become more mature and take responsibility for their actions. For example, teachers in most high schools, and even middle schools, will not tolerate a student that does not do their work. Most teachers expect near perfection out of their pupils and won't settle for anything less. As a student, I have noticed that teens have risen to this challenge and are trying their best to fulfill the wishes of adults. As a result of this effort students are becoming more reliable and can be trusted to complete more difficult tasks such as

driving. Through the persistence of adults, young teens now have the ability to drive safely on our roads.

Although Idaho is growing rapidly, its roads are definitely not becoming more hazardous for people to drive on. In most cases, the roads in Idaho are not more than two or three lanes wide. With such small roads it is nearly impossible to exhibit any dangerous behavior behind the wheel of a car. If they have the right to drive, young teens will not be able to cause very much, if any, destruction. Idaho is also an extremely family-friendly environment. Wreckless drivers are often not found because of the nature of the citizens in Idaho. Teens would be driving among other safe drivers if their right to drive was kept. Idaho's roads are not dangerous, and teens would be able to drive safely on them at a younger age.

In our modern day world, teens are becoming more trustworthy and responsible for the actions that they take. Adults can rely on them now, more then ever, to do the right things and be cautious in their behavior. With this newfound trust in teenagers, along with Idaho's exceptionally safe roads, adults should keep the age of new drivers at 16.

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I believe that the appropriate age that we should get our drivers license is at age 17.

My reasoning for this is because at ~~to~~ age 16 most teens are still ~~w~~ reckless, not all, but a good majority are still reckless and ~~ch~~ crazy.

A way we can make it safer to put teens behind a ~~stee~~ steering wheel is take a kid 6 to 8 years old put them in the drivers seat and see what they do. Most of the time they'll grab the steering wheel and imagine themselves driving as fast as the car~~s~~ will go. If this happens then they'll mostlikly turn out as a reckless teen with a need for speed.

A way we can ~~pre~~ prevent this

Is to start teaching them at that age that speed isn't everything when it comes to driving a car
If you teach them what the cosiquenses are if they dive that way it will show most that it might not be worth it to drive fast or the way they want to.

My final ~~tip~~ tip or reason whatevere you want to call it is this, while you're teaching them speed isn't every thing teach them safty rules and how to fix the car ~~Th~~ Trust me it comes in handy.

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Junior Driver

To many people, the idea of having a pimply sixteen year old kid driving his moms Hummer at high velocities down a busy road is a very bad idea. Well, if ANY kid is driving a Hummer at high velocities down a busy road it'd be a Bad IDEA wouldn't it?! However, your typical sixteen year old only owns a harmless 89' Ford that couldn't top fifty ~~unless~~ without grinding its gears, ~~and that is~~ and most sixteen year olds know that their two thousand pound instrument is not a toy. Most sixteen year olds, in Idaho, should be allowed to drive. I think that the driving age in Idaho should be sixteen because of my past experience with these drivers, the need for these kids to get around, and the need for more driving experience before you head out on your own into this great big world of ours.

I have driven with many teengers, and have concluded that it is not so much the age of the driver that matters, but more importantly the persons personality and responsibility. In fact the person who I have driven the most with is my sixteen-year-old sister, and her driving is even better than my parents! Except in one case (an eighteen year old kid was driving through red lights, and well over the speed limit) I have

felt completely safe with these junior drivers.

Sixteen year old kids have a lot of things to do, and sometimes ~~to~~ you are too far away from your job, sports practices, to walk and your parents are at work, so they can't take you. Some kids can't rely on their parents to pay for a college education, so the need ~~that~~ drivers licence to get a job, and get working. But that's okay, who cares about the poor kids that can't afford to go to college anyway? Come on people, I need someone to do my laundry, that's why I want to raise the driving age to eighteen.

My ~~final~~ reason for leaving the driving age as it is today, is to give kids experience before they go out into the world by themselves. when a sixteen year old gets in an accident at home it's a lesson, that teaches him how to drive in that situation later on. But if we make the driving age eighteen, you will have kids that have never driven by themselves before, who can be charged as adults in the case of an accident.

Driving is dangerous, and there is no doubt about it. But sixteen-year-olds, have experienced enough in their lives, from my own perspective to understand the responsibilities that come with driving. Goldilox once said of baby bears chair, "but this one was just right," and I am sure she would feel the same way about driving in Idaho. Fourteen is too young, eighteen is too old, but sixteen, sixteen is perfect. And anyone one who disagrees probably doesn't understand their need to get around, their need for experience before they head out into the world, or ~~a sixt~~ experienced driving with a sixteen year old while sitting on the passenger side of the vehicle.

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Driving License

In Idaho, you need to be 16 to drive. that means 1 more year and I can drive! But, I may not be mature enough. In a lot of places, you need to be 18 years of age to drive, That gives 16-year olds another 2 years to build up maturity. The only problem is, ~~its still~~ 18-year olds are still yonge, and 16-year olds want to drive.

Another problem is drunk driving. Younge adults are urged to drink, then they drive. This causes accedents and a lot of the time death. Another reason why 16-year olds shouldn't drive.

The states of USA all want to rase the driving age to 18. Well, most do. But younge adults want to drive, and keep it at 16. Now, from my understanding, they should lower the age to 17. That way 16-year olds get 1 more year of maturity, and don't have to wate 2

hole years. Everyone's happy now, right?

When 18 or 16 year olds get their first driver license, after a few months they should be tested on their driving skills, untill the age of 25 or so. This will decrease the accidents and death ratio, and also show their mature enough. If they succeed, they get to keep their license. But, if they fail, its taken away untill the next test.

Thats what we should do, and that is my opinion on the drivig age.

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In America it is a very essential part of life to have a drivers license, but in order to receive one you must be mature enough. Officials feel that the driving age should be 18 because they don't feel that younger drivers are mature enough or can handle the responsibility. I beleive that there is no specific age a person is mature or responsible enough to get their drivers license because we all mature at a different age, but it seems that 16 is a fair enough age. Here are a few reasons why.

First of all, I think 16 is a fair age because we teens have a lot to do, and we need to be able to do them. For example, say you are 16 and you are the star of the foot ball team, and your coach wants you to come and give advice to boys in Junior high that want to get on the team nex year. Now here is the problem: You have no ride to get there, and you don't have a license do to the law saying you can't drive until you 18. Looks like you're going to have to let the coach down huh? It is very important teens to be able to get around

Secondly, I know not all teens are responsible

at the age of 16, or mature enough to have a license, but don't you think their drivers ed teacher will realize they aren't ready? I believe that if the 16 year old isn't truely ready, the teacher will give it to him or her when they're ready.

The last reason I'd like to point out is 16 year olds deserve some trust, and in return they will show that they have earned it. It's no fun if you get your license by someone who doesn't trust you enough to handle it, and that just makes 16 year old teens feel bad. When you let them know they are trusted, it will motivate them to do their best at driving.

In conclusion I have shown you why 16 is a fair age to receive a drivers license. It's important for them to be able to get where they need to go, if they aren't mature enough their drivers ed teacher won't give them a license, and if you let them know you trust them they will be motivated to drive their best.

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I think it is a smart way. Because it can avoid more accidents. They will sometime goofing around in there and cause an accident from not watching the road. It'll be more better to change law and drive at 18. Also most teenagers wants to race or speed on road with friends. So its a good idea if changes the rule that only people can start driving till your 18. I also agree that almost all adults will vote for 18 and older to drive.