

English class



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Lowering the Drinking Age Paragraph Contents Paragraph Whether the drinking age in the US should be lowered to 18 years or not has been a subject of intense discussion across the US. In this paragraph, I will show the seriousness of this debate by showing the level at which it has been discussed and the kind of literature which has made contributions to the debate. Books, scholarly articles and respected authority figures that have made their contribution to this topic are highlighted in this paragraph.

Paragraph 2: The ethical concerns that will be highlighted will touch on what the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 says, the effects that underage drinking has caused and what 18 year olds are constitutionally allowed to do. In general, it will be shown that 18 years olds are mature enough to make good judgment for themselves.

Paragraph 3: The National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 will be discussed in this paragraph. It will be shown that the interpretation of this Act does not actually prohibit the 18 years olds from alcohol drinking. Scholarly materials which take similar views will be highlighted.

Paragraph 4: In this paragraph it will be shown that underage drinking still takes place and is harmful. Using statistics from various authority bodies, it will be shown that underage drinking is rampant and the current stand that only 21 year olds and above should be allowed to drink alcohol is not very reasonable. It will also be argued that it is because of this stand that underage drinking often leads to unfortunate situations such as binge drinking and consequential road accidents.

Paragraph 5: In this paragraph I will show the significance of other decisions that 18 year olds make. The decisions I will talk about include that of voting. I will argue that if 18 year olds are allowed to make important such as

choosing leaders, they should equally be allowed to make decisions on whether to drink alcohol or not. I will also talk about cigarette smoking in relation to alcohol. The argument here will be that smoking is more harmful than taking alcohol but yet 18 year olds can smoke but cannot take alcohol. Furthermore, it will also be shown that 18 years often face harder decisions than that of deciding whether to drink alcohol or not – for instance, 18 years olds often take part in military activities some of which may end their lives instantly, for instance, when they are in the battle field.

Paragraph 6: To make my argument comprehensive, I will use this paragraph to respond to critics of lowering the drinking age to 18 years. Some of the areas that this paragraph will cover include underage drinking accidents and the argument that lowering the age of drinking will entice younger people to engage in drinking. Logical arguments will be used in making these arguments in this paragraph. Scholarly views aired against these arguments will also be highlighted.

Paragraph 7: This paragraph will be used to restate my stand on this topic on whether drinking age should be lowered to 18 years. I believe that lowering the drinking age will be of benefit to every person. Giving more freedom to 18 year olds in relation to deciding on whether they should drink or not is more of their right than a privilege. They already are required to make serious decisions in matters related to their health (such as whether to smoke or not) and country such as electing public officials.

Resources to be used

Koroknay-Palicz, Alex. “ History of the National Drinking Age Act.” Youth Truth, 1. 5 (2000): 1-10. Print.