

#37 - Teensagers declaration of independence

We as teenagers, people, human beings, students of Spring Valley, and Residents of this village. We have freedoms, rights, and the uttermost ability to live the life we wish to live. In the world we live in today we are monitored, ruled, and looked down upon. In the world we live in we are frowned upon yet the past generations could not handle the life we live in today with trackers on phones, cameras in every room we enter, curfews, age restrictions, and work loads. Yet our generation look at as the laziest and most unmotivated generation, but maybe we are more than a stereotype and maybe we deserve rights and we deserve freedoms within the life we live.

You turn sixteen, get your license but you can't drive with more than one person? You can't drive past midnight? My job often asks me to suttle customers to there house, but I'm now breaking law. Maybe my friends ask me for a ride to the game but oh, can't do that. I many times work late at my job but now I'm at a risk driving home, and what for? If I am given a license then I cannot comprehend why I can't just drive, restriction free, like everyone else.

Car payments, gas, phone bills, insurance, taxes, food and the list goes on with me expecting me pay monthly, weekly and daily that can only be covered by income working at least 10 hours a day. Such as when my work in the summer is double my income as during a school week. How is this ever manageable when instead of having the ability to work you are forced upon you will to sit in school, ponder life, and ask yourself what you are actually learning, and why? I feel there is no reason at all, with the amount learned in a school place in comparison to what is learned outside is almost uncomparable to me and I feel that going through schooling is much less a learning factor and much more just a diploma.

Why anywhere in life you are able to speak freely, go where you wish, and plainly do what you want, but in a schoolplace it is expected of you to raise hands, use sign out sheets, and use notes to go anywhere and do anything within a school. Why we may ask? No reason beside simply to have the feeling of authority over students. Teachers force these rules upon us like guards in prison. These rules are not needed, at a workplace, in government building, or flat out in a fast food restaurants, but why in a school place. This fun is fundamentally pointless and I feel that we need rights in any place in which a student goes or does.

I plead often with the many attempts to change the consequences for being late for school. My alarm doesn't go off? Detention. My car fails to start? Detention. I get stuck in the snow or I am just flat out running 10 minutes late? Detention. With not only me but so many others desperately attempting to distinguish this rule what else is there to be said that we need a break from the agony and punishment from just showing up to school in the morning.

With the many struggles involved with being forced in a school what is there to come from it. With teens not having an ability to leave classes, to freely use devices, and to do what we wish with our time. What is the least we could ask for? A decent lunch. With food from frozen, artificially made, and served on unstantary trays, what less could we ask for than a cleaner sources of food, healthier alternatives, and a more sanitary presentation with food this can do nothing but make our learning experiences better while making public school a healthier place to surround yourself.

With millennials being judged for many things within there life I feel that one of which that shouldn't be frowned upon would be of which religion you choose to associate yourself with. I feel that throughout many of my encounters with people and mostly within family, saying that you don't associate with any religion seems as if it's the end of the world with many people. With the state of millennials making religion a state of few and far between I feel that it is very important for adults to respect our decisions and respect what we make as a choice.

Why within life as we known it adults, whether men or women have the rights and ability to vote, but teens, student, and youngs adults have this rights taken from us. For what reason is this age set? What makes the age matter when choosing who gets to make decisions upon who is running our country. Shouldn't this matter to teens? Yes of course there are many teens uneducated about our government system but that also stands for adults as well and I feel there is no reason that the right to a vote should be taken from us for simply our age.

Throughout a course of fixing our school lunch system, I feel that the problem of a lack of food for us and the quality of what is served can be very simply solved by opening up opportunities for an open campus. I feel it is very beneficial to students to get a break to students and to give them the ability to have an ability to travel where they wish and what what they want within the course of a lunch period. I have an understanding that this can also be problematic but they are also easily solved. An open campus opportunity can help student greatly as well as help make school feel as if it is less of a cell or more of a place that welcomes you.

We, as teenagers, student, young adults, and legal citizens of the United States declare our rights as students, and feel that a change is for the better and changes must be made. We need acceptable lunches. We need less school hours. We need open campus. We need a right to vote. We need to be able to choose our beliefs. We need changes to be made. A change needs to be has whether within a school or not. We as a new generation are brought up with new responsibilities as well as freedoms and we must open new paths for the better. We pledge for eachother, everything we own, and the entirety of our lives.

