

The Declaration of Teen Independence

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When in the course of teen occurrences, it becomes very necessary for a group of young citizens to collectively distinguish and put an end the extramental amount of over exaggeration and strict insensitive rules tied to generations of power over teens. Teenagers need to see and grasp the reality of the unfair rights, rules, restrictions and treatment of teens from Parents, Teachers and Political People that has slowly made itself very noticeable over time.

Important figures in teenagers lives affect them sometimes more than they think and tend to abuse their power. I'm directly addressing teachers but I will not forget about parents and other authorities. High school students have lives too. Most romodels in our lives tell us we can only live once, so live the best life you can. Teens try, but a lot of teens work, play sports or have extra curricular activities after school. Sometimes homework is a necessity, but most of the time we, the teens in schools all around the world think we don't need it. For instance, I wake up at 6:30 every school day. I arrive at school and start my classes by 8:05. School ends at 3:20, with in these hours I go to 8 different classes. Out of those eight classes, seven of them give homework, and 1 for sure out of those seven give homework everyday. I know for a fact in my experience that I can't get all my homework done in study hall, this means I have to finish at home. Is this a big deal? Yes, this is a big deal because I work and my parents are divorced. I work tell at least 7 every night. I get home when I'm at my dads around 7:30 depending on work. Once I get home I have to eat dinner, plan out my lunch, clothes, and sleep for the next day. On top of that I now have to finish homework. With all of this in one day I get tired, I also only get seven hours of sleep each night. When I do this five days a week and that's not counting the days I drive a half and hour home and a half and hour to school, it kills me. Live your life the way you want they say, have fun they say. How? How am I supposed to have time for friends, family and hobbies if I do all that each day after school? What I'm trying to say is maybe teachers should talk to their students and listen to what they have to say. The students that work , have sports or extra activity should get no homework or homework they can finish within the school day.

Freedom, isn't that what our country is about or based upon? Yes, our country is all about freedom, freedom of speech or having the freedom to do what you want when you

want. A teens freedom on a normal school day is lunch time. Lunch time is where you get a break from all the hard classes and homework. A place to relax, socialize and be yourself. Within lunch you can do a couple things. You can go get lunch, go in the gym or go in the library. In our generation no one really goes in the library, teens usually go in the gym or sit after their done eating in the lunchroom. Lunch lines are slow and unorganized. School lunch also has gross choices. The same dreary choices sometimes every week. I think that the school should allow students who can drive to leave anywhere during the lunch period to go eat off campus. This would improve the attitudes of students and make the lunch room quieter. Now along with this idea comes punishments for it. The first time you're late getting back to class you get a tardy. Second if you're late to class you are not allowed to go outside of campus for two weeks. Third you don't get to leave campus or the school for lunch the rest of the year. This idea would allow the students their freedom which would improve their moods and energy levels

For a very long time our class schedules and class times have been up to teachers and staff. I believe they should hear the teens opinions. I think we should have a block schedule so we only have four classes a day. This would cut down on homework and help teachers teach more in a longer period of time. In this schedule we would have two classes then lunch, after that we would have our last two classes. One of the questions that comes with this is the fact that normally we have 7 different classes and one study hall. What they mean is why would we have study hall for more than an hour? We wouldn't, we could either be in study hall or doing athletics.

Spring is a lovely season. Thing that come with spring are rain, colorful scenery, sunshine, and warmer weather. Warm weather means warmer temperatures outside the school and inside. Inside the school it gets to the point in the spring where it's so hot that students are sweating in shorts and cut-offs in our classrooms. This is not ok, and i'm so sick of it! I'm tired of being sweaty and gross in class. We the teens of SpringValley believe that we deserve and earned the right to have air conditioning in EVERY single room. There are no exceptions.

Our classes are exceptional but we need more choices that cover more job descriptions. Our school should have sets of classes that are recommended for a specific type of job. If our school added more classes that would teach information that students will need and use in life. Our school should also add classes back, like the home-ec class. I feel like classes like these will help students be better prepared for life outside of highschool. Even if that means going to college or right into the workforce.

Teens should have the right to vote. Teens have intricate and personal opinions and ideas that don't necessarily get heard. Allowing teens to vote would be connecting to all groups of people. Teens are the next generation of adults going into the world. Shouldn't the next generation be heard? No matter if you're old, young, tall, or short everyone from high school and older should be able to vote for the presidential election and elections for their state.

Desks are tools that teens use throughout their day in class. Desks hold our belongings and allow us to be fast and efficient when getting certain supplies out. Some desks are also connected to chairs. These chairs in my opinion are very uncomfortable. Teens need different desks, wider, up to date and comfy desks. If it's a desk alone it should be either a different shape or a wider square desk. This would help students and teens by making it easier and less germey than putting our supplies on the floor. Lots of things including our desks at school are not up to date. The desks are broken, old, and abused. This is why we need more up to date desks that suit our needs. Also desks that are connected to chairs should have new desks and new and up to date chairs. If students get new desks they will do better in school and maybe have the drive to try.

Teens have a opinion in our world. No matter if their opinions aren't heard teens are affected by everything that happens in the world. Every teen has their own ideas, ideas that should be heard and addressed if possible.