

Raising the Age of Consent

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The age of consent is a serious issue all over the world. In first-world countries like Germany, Ireland, Canada, England, America and Australia, there is a national age number to declare an individual to be independent and legally competent to consent to sexual acts. After passing through the time from which an individual is allowed to get engaged in sexual activities, he is not restricted by the parents, government and other authorities. There are many mental health professionals, as well as sociologists have discussed this issue in deep that sexual desire should be fulfilled and should not be forced to stay without it. Every society has its own ways of discussing this point. In many areas of the world, the age of consent is 14, and in some areas, it is raised to 21. The age of consent in the United States is 16 to 18. It varies from state to state. The main aim of the discussion is to provide an argument that should the age of consent be raised or not. (Sutherland, 2002)

In the United States, the cases of sexual assault on the young population have increased, and it is now a serious problem whether the age of consent should be increased or not. According to a number of international as well as national surveys, the age of consent doesn't matter in the scenario of sexual assault. The target is not the children or the teenagers but also the adults. I would highly recommend improving law enforcement as they are performed in the United Kingdom as I have observed the way the authorities have adopted to overcome the safety issue of underage individuals in society. I would oppose with respect to sexual assault that the rise of the age of consent would not be helpful to keep children away from situations which result in sexual abuse and volunteer involvement in sexual activity. (Garfinkle, 2003; Sutherland, 2002)

A concept of hiding a positive top from a specific age group which is supposed to be encouraged from illegal sources in any way, would let me say that the age of consent should not be increased in any case. The teenagers have developed their sexual desires and their bodies towards sexual activity, which forces them to disobey the rules of the land about the age of consent. In a survey conducted by the *CDC* is that most of the population under the age of consent disobeys the rules intentionally with respect to sexual activity and sexual desires. The teenagers should be given exposure to this topic and should be allowed so that they would be able to decide about themselves on their own.

Teenagers should be able to make their own life decisions after proper schooling and learning life management skills. These skills come after a certain period of time, almost at the end of the teenage period. The government should understand the concept in this way and should increase both the boys as well as the girl's age of consent. This will help the teenage group to focus on their studies, social activities and other matters of life. The distraction of sex, pleasure and romance will not waste their time and emotions, which are not even properly tutored and dressed.

A large number of people in the United States who have faced the issues of early-age pregnancies have developed a concept that the rise of age consent should be implemented all over the world as

kids and pregnancies at a very young age a serious problems for the entire future life. I would suggest that at least the age of consent of the girls should be raised so that they would be able to make their careers and get groomed without any kind of involvement of sex. (Forhan et al., 2009)

The young teens of the age of 16 to 18 are not physically as well or mentally prepared for the most serious matter of life, which is sex and relationships. This age group is highly emotional and is unable to make proper and correct decisions in their life. Their choices are not always correct, and the percentage of making wrong decisions because of lack of experience is possible. I would recommend the rise of the age of consent. The children are not mentally prepared to become responsible for pregnancy precautions against pregnancies and diseases like STDs. (Forhan et al., 2009)

In a nutshell, I would suggest and finalize that the age of consent should be increased to at least 19 to 21. The government laws have a significant role in making adults responsible for their teenage children. Bearing a child is a long, sensitive, painful and stressful process. The girls should avoid it before they are not properly groomed. An adult of 20 to 25 is able to take care of the unborn child herself. Men should focus on their careers because after the age of 22 to 24, they would not be able to find enough time and money to complete their education and the demands of the market. That's why it is suggested that the age of consent of male as well as female individuals should be raised so that they would be able to handle their lives rather than engage in serious mental and physical tragedies.

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