

# CONNECTICUT DEMOCRACY CENTER



## DEBATE TOURNAMENT

### **Middle School Debate Spring 2025 - Resolution & Source Materials**

The resolution for this year's middle school tournament is:

**RESOLVED: Connecticut should lower the voting age to 16 for municipal elections.**

This is an open-universe problem. You may support your argument with any sources you wish. You are not limited to the sources we provide, nor do you need to use them. Pay careful attention to your sources. The reliability of someone's source is a fair issue to raise in a debate round, whether the source is on the list below or not.

[Voting Age Status Report](#)

[National Library of Medicine Report on Voting at 16 and the Quality of Choice](#)

[Should children vote?](#)

[Explanation of the 26th Amendment lowering the voting age to 18](#)

[OLR report on minors voting](#)

[Newark, NJ allows 16–17-year-olds to vote in local elections](#)

[Congresswoman Meng introduces legislation to lower voter age at the federal level](#)

[ACLU CT](#)

[Vote 16-Generation Citizen](#)

[CT Committee Bill No. 5883, 2021](#)

[Student article about lowering the voting age](#)