

AGE OF SUFFRAGE IN THE UNITED STATES<sup>1</sup>

A SUMMARY OF PUBLIC OPINION SURVEYS  
ALL BASED ON RANDOM NATIONAL SAMPLES

	Yes, For, Favor	No, Against, Oppose	No answer, Don't know, No opinion
<i>Do you favor reducing the age at which American citizens can vote from twenty-one to eighteen? (GALLUP)</i>			
1939: May 18	17%	79%	4%
By age:			
21-29 years	17	83	
30-49 years	17	83	
50 years and over	18	82	
<i>At the present time, American citizens cannot vote until they become twenty-one years of age. Would you favor changing the law to allow men and women eighteen, nineteen, and twenty years old to vote? (GALLUP)</i>			
1943: January 15	39	52	9
By age:			
21-29 years	41	53	9*
30-49 years	38	52	10
50 years and over	37	52	11
1943: April 9	42	52	6
<i>Congress may be called upon to consider a constitutional amendment to allow persons eighteen, nineteen, and twenty years old to vote in elections. Would you like to have your Congressman vote for or against this proposal? (GALLUP)</i>			
1943: August 17	52	42	6

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