

## Re: My thoughts on statutory rape

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In talk.atheism Mxsmanic <mxsmanic@hotmail.com> wrote:

> *A Human Being writes:*

>> *Why just till the age of 16 or 18 (or whatever the age of consent is)?*

>> *Why not beyond that as well?*

> *Mainly because older people can vote, and usually won't vote in favor of  
> restrictions on their own liberties.*

But yet you claim that people do EXACTLY that when they vote to restrict their liberty on what age groups they can have sex with. Clue-time: people restrict their own liberties all the time.

Additionally, with increasing

> *experience, people become less and less willing to let others run their*

> *lives for them. Children are thus willing to do as they are told, but*

> *adolescents often are not, and adults are rarely very submissive.*

> *Elderly people are the most independent of all.*

>> *Name the few rights they have, and those they don't have but should  
>> have.*

> *Can't think of any rights offhand, but they should have all the same  
> rights as adults.*

So a 4yo should be able to marry, drink, vote, drive a car, etc?

>> *Do you think children in their first decade of life are mentally*

>> *mature enough to understand everything and make all decisions*

>> *themselves?*

> *They manage to cross the street without getting killed, so yes, they are*

> *capable of making some pretty big and risky decisions.*

Crossing a street is far less difficult than driving down it. It's a lot less difficult than knowing what may happen if you have sex. We have various age limits for many things. We usually wouldn't let a 4yo cross the street alone but we do allow a 10yo. We don't let a 10yo drive but we allow a 16yo,

etc.

Conversely, many

> *adults are incapable of making similar decisions. It depends a lot on*  
> *the individual.*

>> *Why is a 24 year old considered capable of voting as opposed to a 14*  
>> *year old?*

> *I don't know. Twenty-four-year-olds aren't always considered capable of*  
> *voting,*

Since when? ALL states have a voting age of 18.

although they can be conscripted much earlier (but they can't  
> *rent a car until later).*

That's a limit imposed by the car-rental agency and is purely due to  
statistical data that shows "the younger they are, the more likely they are  
to crash, speed, etc." But it has nothing to do with the law.

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> *Transpose hotmail and mxsmanic in my e-mail address to reach me directly.*

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Creation Science: an oxymoron actually created by morons...  
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Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you  
do criticize them, you're a mile away, and you have their shoes.