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Young people must be encouraged to vote

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According to a Canadian Press story, a survey released Wednesday suggests the number of young people who will vote Oct. 14 could drop dramatically.

The story says "the poll, conducted by Innovative Research Group over a six-day period halfway through September, found that the number of young voters who said they were definitely going to vote is down seven per cent from the last election."

Less than 44 per cent of Canadians 18 to 24 years of age actually cast a ballot in the 2006 election.

If the prediction is true, it would be a sad situation.

Our young people have a lot to offer the political process. The issues that affect them directly are under the radar far too often.

On the other hand, we go through this lament every election.

We've made efforts in our schools and in the media, but this latest poll makes you wonder if it's worthwhile. Perhaps we can simply assume that as we get older our interest in politics grows, though many adults are also less than interested or informed.

We can make the assumption, but we shouldn't accept it.

Let's throw out the numbers and remember that every young person we instill with civic pride and curiosity will carry that with them in life.

Even those who appear uninterested now, may reach back and draw from what they learned in school.

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