How do we understand contemporary struggles over voting rights in the context of American history? Why was the youth vote seen as the “next step in the march of democracy” in the early 1970s? What do youth have to offer American politics today? Join us as Rebecca de Schweinitz explores how her research on the movement to lower the voting age to eighteen can help us think about past and present challenges to American democracy.

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