

America's Relationship to Young Adults

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Statistics

- Center of Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University
 - 19.9% of 18- to 29-year-old citizens cast ballots
 - 40 years ago the average was 26.6%

- 22 states between 2010 and 2014 have laws that create voting to be a less convenient
 - restrictive lists of acceptable ID's
 - less voting hours

Washington Post Statistics

- Why?
 - Washington Post states millennials dropped out America's political system because of the lack of expected change.
 - "In polls, millennials say they trust almost no authority figure to do the right thing most or all of the time: not Congress, not the president, not the Supreme Court, not the media, not Wall Street and definitely not federal, state or local government."
 - "economic recovery" is not as evident.
 - Political campaigns do not do as much to reach out to millennials in specific.

Instead...

- Social Media
 - Rainbow shaded backgrounds
 - Posts
 - Likes
 - Hashtags
 - Polls
 - Online Petitions

Activism

The American youth is frustrated. Here is a few reasons why:

- American families that have a head of household that is under the age of 30 have a poverty rate of 37%
- One survey found that 70% of college graduates wish that they had spent more time preparing for the “real world” while they were still in college.
- Since 2003 the Federal Reserve states the total amount of student loan debt has risen by 275%

Activism

- Social activism is mostly seen among young adults. Usually really educated people.
- 7/10 young adults are considered social activists
- Interestingly enough $\frac{3}{5}$ young activists are female
- Common causes: quality of education, cancer and other health concerns, obesity, energy conservation, constitutional rights

Young Activists

Thione Niang: Creates communities of future political and business leaders. Founded Give One Project. West Africa, France, Canada

Camilo Jimenez: Promotes environmentally conscious life, stimulates local economy. Founded ECOPUNTOS. Colombia.

Sejal - Hathi: Empowers young women. Founded Girls Helping Girls. Global.

Video

<http://livelearnevolve.com/message-humanity-charlie-chaplin-dictator/>