THE YOUTH VOTE: OVERCOMING BARRIERS

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FOUNDED BY STUDENTS

OUR MISSION: TO STAND UP AGAINST POWERFUL SPECIAL INTERESTS

TOGETHER STUDENTS CAN FIND SOLUTIONS TO MODERN PROBLEMS

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS







GOT MCDONALDS AND SUBWAY TO STOP SELLING MEAT RAISED ON ANTIBIOTICS

PASSED PLASTIC BAG BANS IN 138 CA CITIES AND COUNTIES IN THE LAST 8 YEARS REGISTERED OVER 40,000 STUDENTS TO VOTE IN CA SINCE 2012 THROUGH THE NEW VOTERS PROJECT

THE NEW VOTERS PROJECT





AUDIENCE QUESTIONS:

WHO REGISTERED TO VOTE WHEN THEY TURNED 18?

WHO VOTED IN THE FIRST ELECTION THEY WERE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN?

WHY TARGET THE YOUTH VOTE?

- 18-26 YEAR OLDS ARE THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSE DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP
- HUGE STAKE IN POLICY DECISIONS
- OFTEN FIRST TIME VOTING
- VOTING EARLY ENCOURAGES LIFELONG CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
- YOUNG PEOPLE CARE ABOUT POLITICS TOO!

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92% OF MILLENNIALS HAVE GIVEN AT LEAST SOME THOUGHT TO THE ELECTION

95% OF MILLENNIAL VOTERS FOLLOWED THE SECOND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

ROCK THE VOTE NATIONAL POLL WITH USA TODAY FOCUSED ON MILLENNIAL VOTERS

WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS?



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REGISTERING FOR THE FIRST TIME

RE-REGISTERING AT A CURRENT ADDRESS

FEELING EDUCATED ABOUT THE ISSUES ON THE BALLOT

FEELING LIKE YOUR VOTE MATTERS

HOW DO WE BRIDGE THE GAP?

- RUN NVP TO REGISTER OVER 10,000 NEW VOTERS IN CA IN 2016 AND GET 50,000 GET OUT THE VOTE CONTACTS IN CA
 - **GET YOUNG PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT THE ISSUES**
 - PUSHING BACK AGAINST LEGISLATION LIKE CITIZENS UNITED
- SHOWING UP TO THE POLLS SO CAMPAIGNS UNDERSTAND THAT WE CARE!

IS IT DEMOCRACY IF PART OF THE VOTING POPULATION ISN'T INFORMED ON VOTING?

IT'S OUR FUTURE. IT'S OUR VOTE. IT'S OUR TURN.