

## Get Involved By Getting Political!

*Political Engagement* refers to ways to get politically involved. As youths, “we can determine who represents us in government at the local, state, and national levels.”<sup>1</sup> We have the power to change the makeup of government and get people in and out of office by:

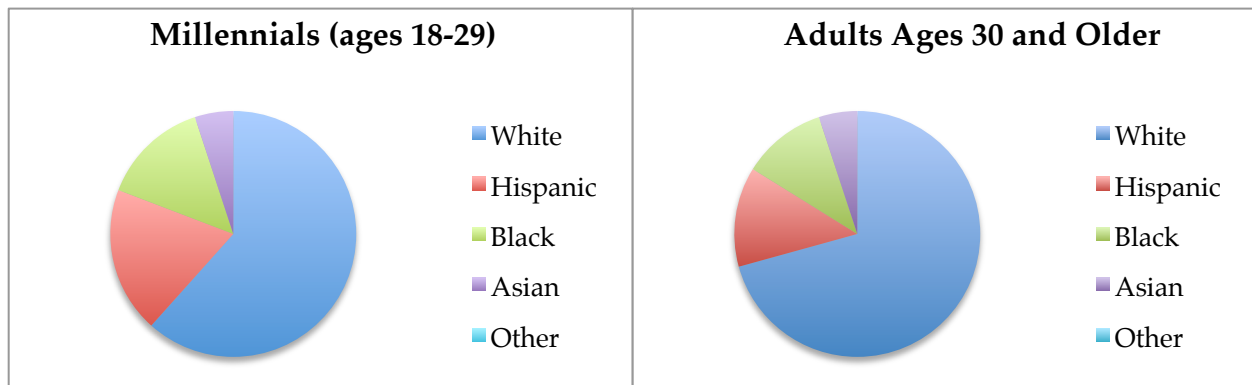
- ✚ Regular voting in all elections
- ✚ Registering others to vote
- ✚ Campaign contributions such as contributing money, canvassing or knocking on doors
- ✚ Discussions with family and friends
- ✚ Persuading other people why they should vote



### Why Our Involvement Matters!

Our generation, the Millennial Generation, refers to those born after 1980<sup>2</sup>. We are:

- ✚ On course to become the most educated generation in American history
  - “Among 18 to 24 year olds a record share – 39.6% - was enrolled in college as of 2008”
- ✚ More ethnically and racially diverse than older adults
- ✚ Confident, self-expressive, upbeat and open to change



<sup>1</sup> Zukin, Cliff. *A New Engagement?: Political Participation, Civic Life, and the Changing American Citizen*. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2006. Print.

<sup>2</sup> Demographic Information from Pew Research Center: *Millennials: Confident. Connected. Open to Change*. PEW Research Center. N.p., 24 Feb. 2010. Web. <http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2010/02/24/millennials-confident-connected-open-to-change/>.