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.”\(^1\) 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\(^2\). 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

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