

Youth Lobbying for Nuclear Disarmament

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Our answer is the world's hope; it is to rely on youth. The cruelties and obstacles of this swiftly changing planet will not yield to obsolete dogmas and outworn slogans. It cannot be moved by those who cling to a present which is already dying, who prefer the illusion of security to the excitement of danger. *It demands the qualities of youth: not a time of life but a state of mind, a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease.*

- Robert F. Kennedy, South Africa, June 6, 1966

LOBBYING

- "Lobbying is advocacy of a point of view, either by groups or individuals. A special interest is nothing more than an identified group expressing a point of view... While most people think of lobbyists only as paid professionals, there are also many independent, volunteer lobbyists — all of whom are protected by the same First Amendment."

—American League of Lobbyists

- *First Amendment:*
"Congress shall make no law....abridging the freedom of speech....or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."



U.S. Government

- **SENATE**
 - 100 Senators
 - 2 per State
 - Ratifies Treaties
 - 67 Votes needed to Ratify
 - 6 Year Terms
- **HOUSE of Representatives**
 - Proportionate Representation
 - Smaller Constituencies
 - Budgets Originate in House
 - 2 Year Terms
- **Department of STATE**
 - Executive Branch
 - Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation (ISN)
 - Actively Engaging Youth
 - Responsible for Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, Treaty Development



YOUTH Politics and Lobbying

Strengths

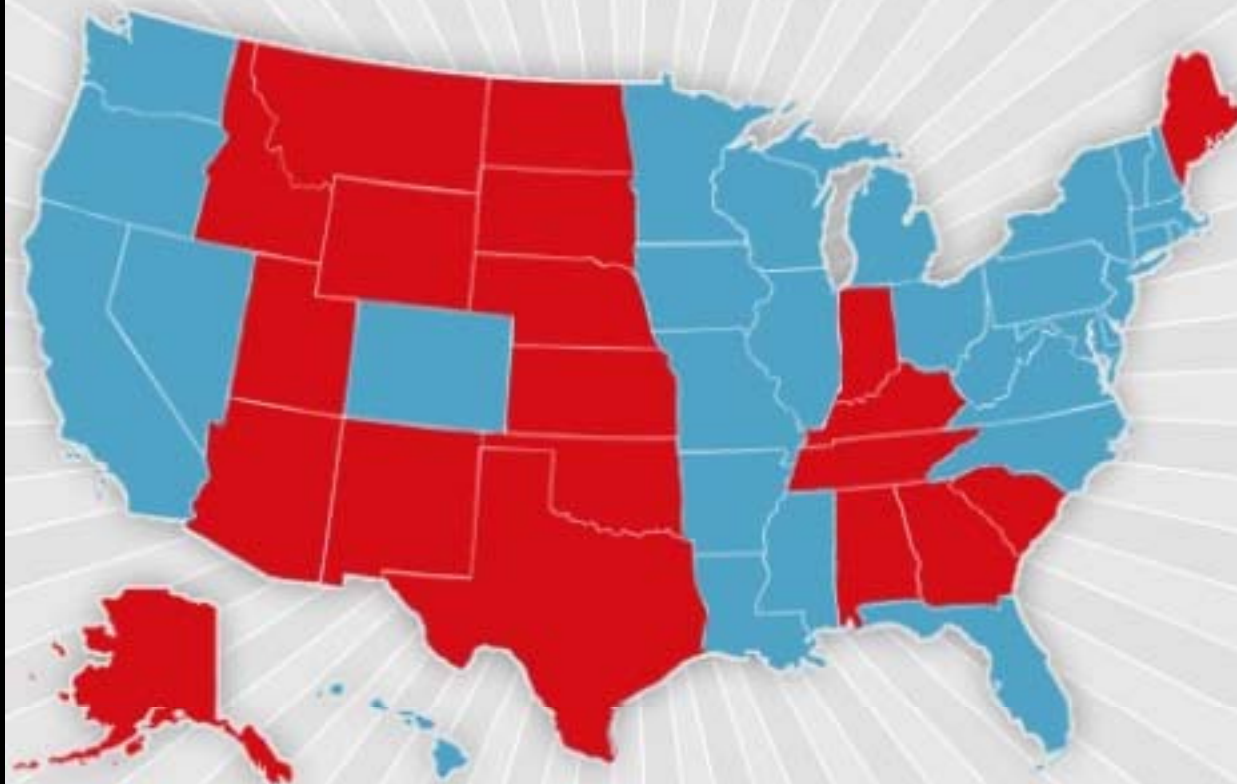
- Rhetorical, e.g. RFK Quotation
- Future, Long-Term Political Impact
- Mass Mobilization
 - Traditional Social Movements
 - Social Media/Web 2.0
- Community
 - School

Weaknesses

- No \$
- Uninformed
- Apathetic
- Reflexively Liberal

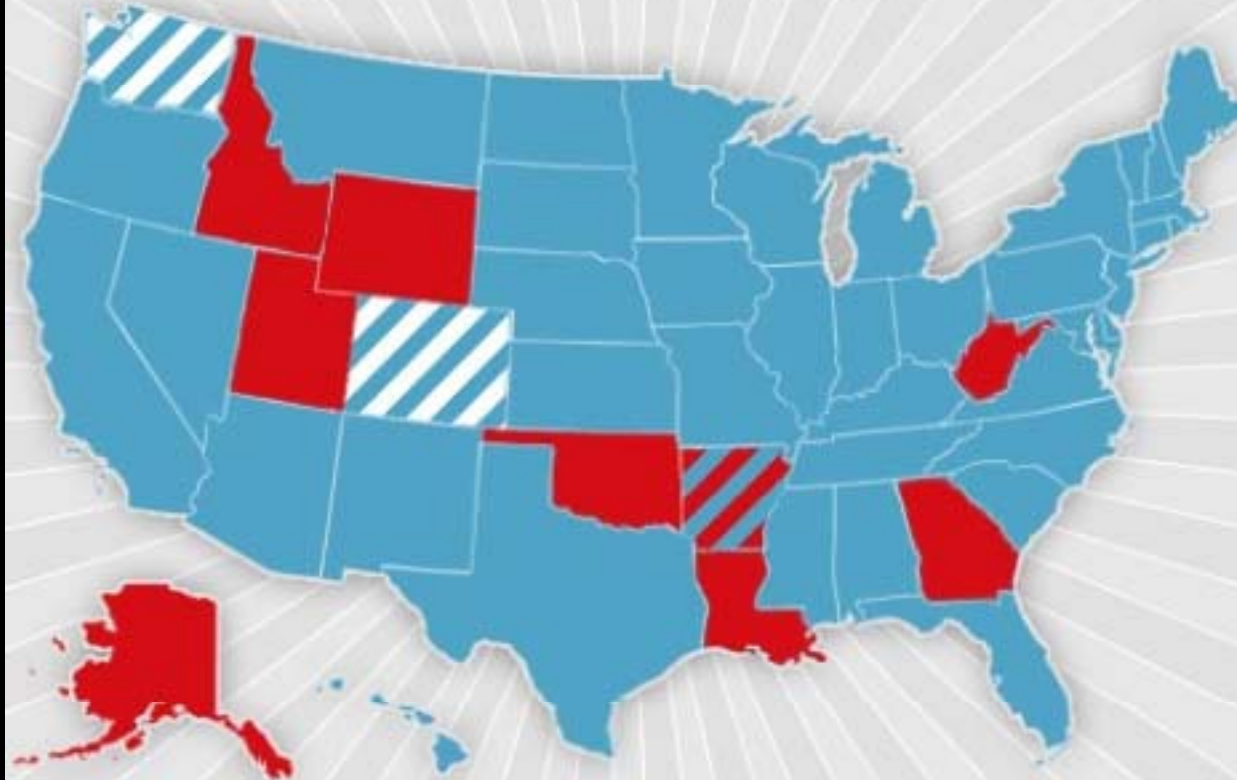


**THIS IS WHAT THE 2004 ELECTORAL MAP WOULD LOOK LIKE
IF THE ELECTION WERE DECIDED BY 18-29 YEAR OLDS**

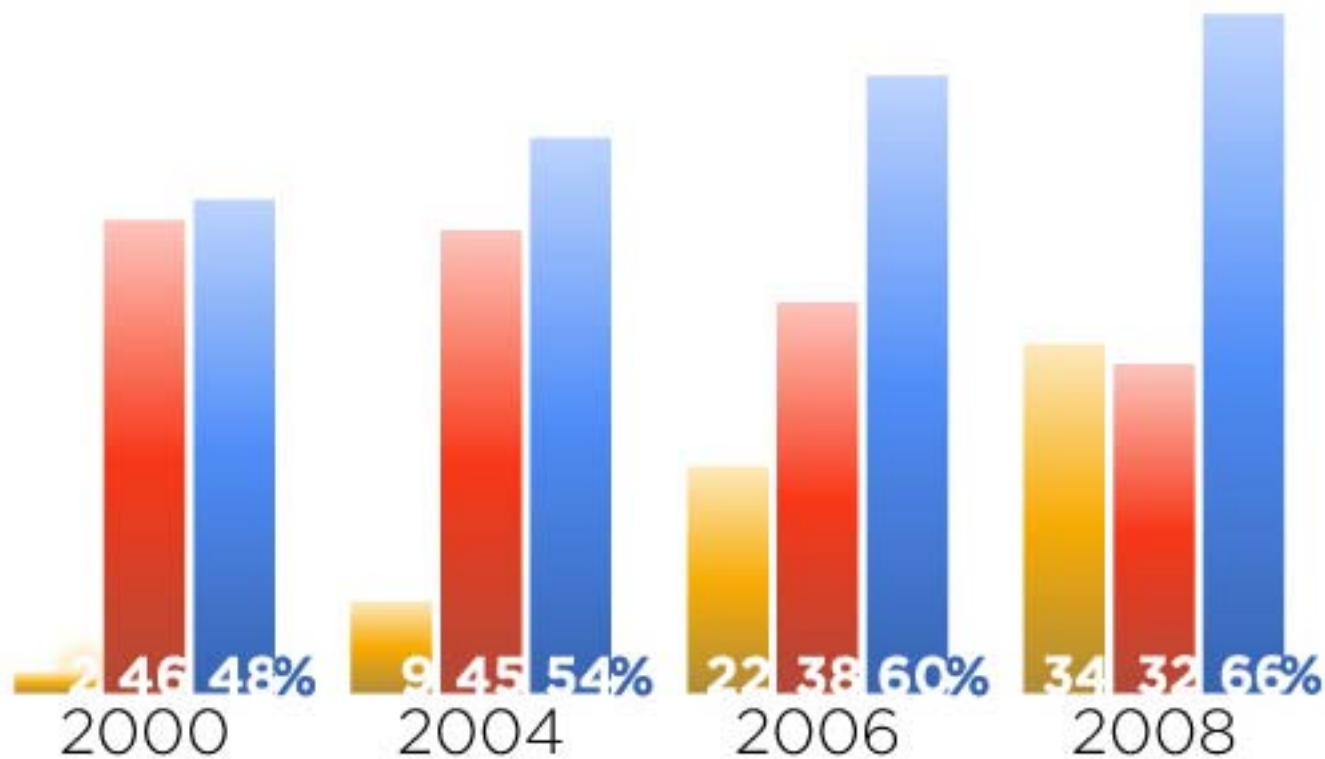


KERRY 375
BUSH 163

THIS IS WHAT THE 2008 ELECTORAL MAP WOULD LOOK LIKE IF THE ELECTION WERE DECIDED BY 18-29 YEAR OLDS



	OBAMA	455		TIED	6
	MCCAIN	57		NO DATA	20



DEM ADVANTAGE
 REPUBLICAN
 DEMOCRATIC

Data provided by
 CIRCLE,
 FUTUREMAJORITY.COM

ANATOMY OF A LOBBYING Group

- 1) Leader/Point Person (2)
- 2) Scribe (1)
- 3) Logistics (1)
- 4) Chorus (x)



ANATOMY OF A LOBBYING SESSION

- 1) Meeting Request/
Initial Contact
- 2) Scheduling
- 3) Introduction
- 4) Statement
- 5) Questions
- 6) Discussion
- 7) "Ask"
- 8) Leave-Behind
- 9) Follow-up



Tips for Communication

- **BE Polite**
- **BE Brief**
- **KNOW your subject matter**
- **Don't OVERREACH**
- **BE Specific**

Making the Argument for Disarmament

- **Health**

"We physicians protest the outrage of holding the entire world hostage. We protest the moral obscenity that each of us is being continually targeted for extinction. We protest the ongoing increase in overkill...We protest the diversion of scarce resources from aching human needs...We physicians demand deeds which will lead to the abolition of all nuclear weaponry."

-Dr. Bernard Lown, December 10, 1985

- **Environmental**

[W]e have to solve the problem of the existence of all these weapons before we have the luxury of worrying about global warming.

-Alan Robock, January 22, 2009

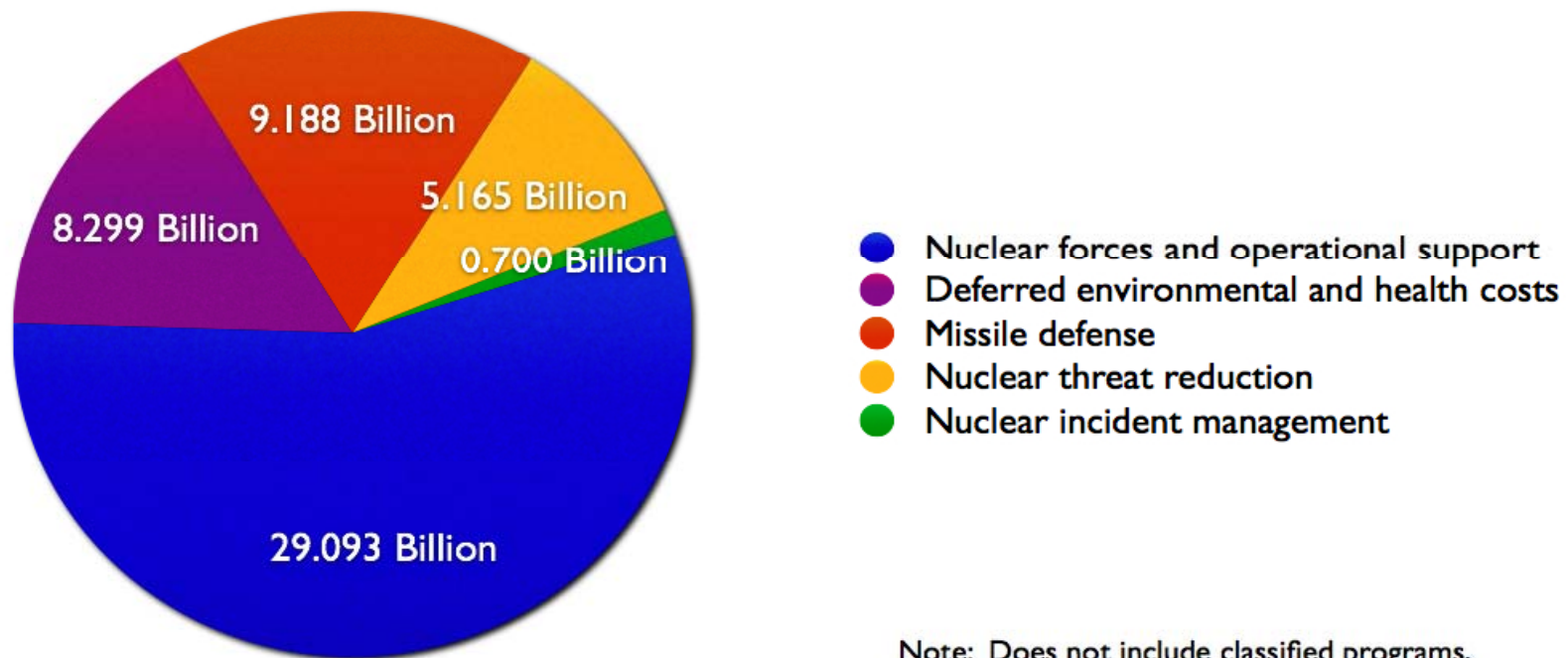
- **Economic**

"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

-Martin Luther King, Jr., April 4, 1967

U.S. Nuclear Weapons-Related Appropriations for FY 2008 by Category

Total - \$52.4 Billion



Note: Does not include classified programs, air defense, antisubmarine warfare, or nuclear weapons-related intelligence programs.

Expert Opinion

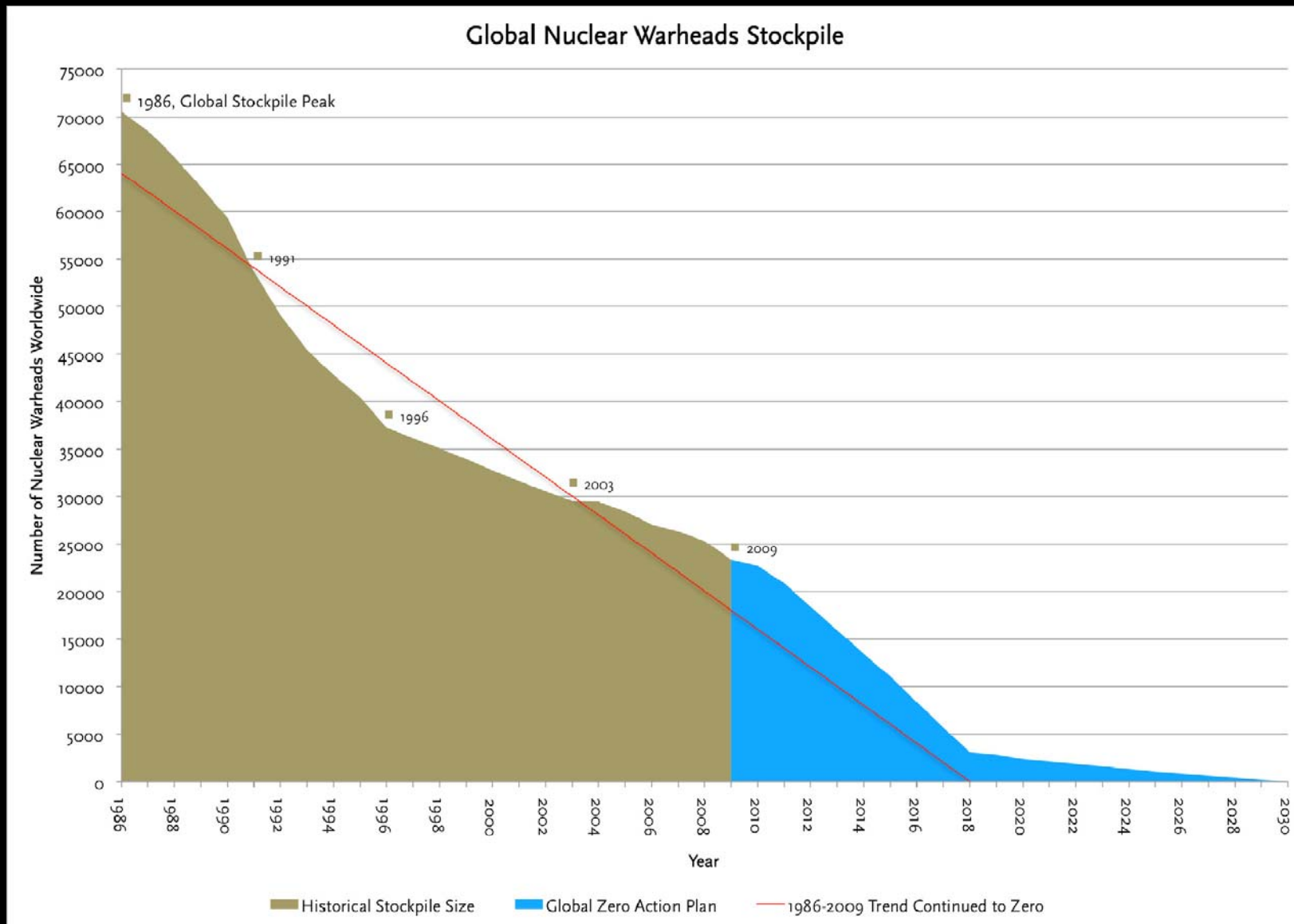
- In 1986, **Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev and U.S. President Ronald Reagan** agreed that "a nuclear war could never be won and must never be fought." Reagan considered nuclear weapons "totally irrational, totally inhumane, good for nothing but killing, possibly destructive of life on earth and civilization."
- The last commander of the U.S. Strategic Air Command, **General George Lee Butler**, said he "could see for the first time the prospect of restoring a world free of the apocalyptic threat of nuclear weapons.... [A] world free of the threat of nuclear weapons is necessarily a world devoid of nuclear weapons."
- In 1999, **Chinese President Jiang Zemin** stated, "[T]here is no reason why nuclear weapons... should not be comprehensively banned and thoroughly destroyed. What it takes to reach this objective is no more than a strong political will."

Public Opinion

- U.S.A.: 77%
- Russia: 69%
- China: 83%
- Britain: 81%
- France: 86%

* Poll conducted by the Program on International Policy Attitudes (PIPA) at the University of Maryland.

TREND TOWARD DISARMAMENT



STEPS TOWARD DISARMAMENT

- 1) 2010-2013
 - A. U.S.—Russian Arsenals Reduced to 1000-1500 each.
 - B. Preparations for Multilateral Negotiations.

- 2) 2013-2018
 - A. U.S.—Russian Arsenals Reduced to 500.
 - B. Other Nuclear Weapons States freeze arsenals until 2018, reduce until 2021.
 - C. Establish comprehensive monitoring and verification system.
 - D. Secure civilian nuclear energy programs to prevent weapons-grade uranium enrichment.

- 3) 2019-2023
 - A. Negotiate global disarmament accord, signed by all countries with nuclear capabilities.
 - i. Phased, verified, proportionate reduction of all nuclear arsenals by 2030.

- 4) 2024-2030
 - A. Complete Global Disarmament.
 - B. Continue Monitoring, Verification, and Enforcement.

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- Materials from Common Cause helped tremendously in talking about citizen lobbying. www.commoncause.org.
- Global Zero research and graphics were used extensively in discussing the process of global disarmament. www.globalzero.org.
- Future Majority (<http://www.futuremajority.com/>) was used for research about youth politics.