

YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE



A Critical Time

America's democracy is facing a crisis. The steady erosion of public trust in government has contributed to the development of disengaged, distrustful communities that, in turn, fuel a larger culture of political distrust, discontent, and apathy.

Restorative public action is necessary, but that does not mean it must be invented from scratch. Instead, we must renew our commitment to civic foundations, beginning with a renewed commitment to civics education in public schools and active civic engagement in local, state, and national organizations.

Answering the Call

In 1998, UVA Professor and Center for Politics Director Larry J. Sabato founded the Youth Leadership Initiative to combat a growing sense of apathy and cynicism toward politics and government. Professor Sabato believed that by creating quality civics education programs, students would be energized to become lifelong participants in American democracy.

Youth Leadership Initiative

Through an extensive network of nearly 100,000 K-12 teachers in all 50 states; Washington, D.C.; U.S. territories; and American Department of Defense schools around the world, the Center for Politics offers the Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI). This broad-based civics education program represents the largest public outreach effort of any college or university in the world.

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www.youthleadership.net



The Youth Leadership Initiative reaches millions of American school children with annual activities that include the largest online mock election in the nation; an annual electronic youth congress; Democracy Corps initiatives that offer experiential community learning opportunities; and hundreds of YLI lesson plans that teach the fundamentals of American democracy.

Giving Opportunities

Gifts to the YLI ensure that these important civics education resources remain free and accessible to all. If you'd like to join the effort to strengthen American democracy, we invite you to make a tax-deductible gift today.

MOCK ELECTION AND YOUTH CONGRESS

Delivered by state-of-the-art website

\$50,000 annual contribution or
\$1 million endowment

YLI ENDOWMENT

Teaching resources and student events

\$150,000 annual contribution or
\$3 million endowment

The Center for Politics annually offers the following youth-focused events:

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE

\$50,000 annual contribution or
\$1 million endowment

VIRGINIA POLITICAL HISTORY PROJECT

\$15,000 annual contribution or
\$300,000 endowment

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