

The 2022 midterm elections saw a significant increase in participation among young voters. In other words this means that there would be a midterm election that was in november 2022 that was between the ages of 18 to 29, of which there was an estimated 27% Of that age in a poll of the midterm elections. “The November 2022 midterms have come and gone, but there are still some potential lasting implications that could influence the next election season. One is that young people, aged 18 to 29, had one of the highest voter turnouts in a midterm election in recent history, according to our early analysis. Specifically, an estimated 27% of eligible voters in that age group turned out to the polls in 2022, according to research by my team at CIRCLE – a research group at Tufts University focused on youth civic engagement. This marks only the second time in the last 30 years that more than 1 in 4 voters under 30 voted in a midterm cycle. In 2018, approximately 31% of young people voted”(Kiesa,December 9, 2022, page 1) According to the research by the team at CIRCLE, time was the one time where teens would vote and before they would from the under age 30.

Most issues about were mostly about gender equality, inflation, climate change, violence, human rights, school shooting, Racism, college loans, abortion, red tide, and covid-19“the midterms add new credibility to claims that young voters have become an electorate force that both political parties must take very seriously, particularly as they ramp up for the 2024 presidential election. According to Mark Gearan, Director of Harvard University’s Institute of Politics, “In the past two election cycles, America’s youngest voters have proven themselves to be a formidable voting bloc with a deep commitment to civic engagement. Our new poll shows a pragmatic idealism as they consider the state of our democracy and the concerning challenges they face in their

lives. Elected officials from both parties would benefit from listening to young Americans and as we head into the midterm elections.”(Forbes, page. 1.). In other words there has been a large amount of teens that have been voting this year. And these were in the past two election cycles.

They even noticed that there were a high number of students that were in both genders male and female, especially now that women are speaking out loud. “Especially important to this youth vote is the contribution of young women. Prior to last week’s election, there was much speculation about how the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade would affect women’s voting patterns. The new exit polls show that 47% of female voters felt angry about that decision, and 83% of those women voted for a Democratic candidate. Furthermore, as Figure 2 shows, the D-R vote margin for 18- to 29-year-old women was 46—higher than the margin of 35 in the 2020 presidential election. The D-R vote margin for women ages 30 to 44 was also greater than it was in 2020. “ (Midterm exit polls show that young voters drove Democratic resistance to the ‘red wave’, November 18, page. 1.) Teen girls have also been going to the midterm election so their voices can be heard and not just the boys.

And it's not just boys or girls there have been teens with different races that have been taking part in the midterm election. “Asian American voting preferences are even more mixed, favoring Republicans in some 1990s elections before trending toward Democratic support in the 2000s (except in the 2014 midterms, when they registered a negative D-R margin). The 2022 exit polls show a continuation of these differences, with white voters favoring Republicans, though only slightly more than in the 2020 presidential election and less so than in the 2014 midterms. Black voters show

continued high D-R vote margins, while Latino or Hispanic and Asian American voters showing more modest margins (though each vary across different states and nationalities).”(Midterm exit polls show that young voters drove Democratic resistance to the ‘red wave’, November 18, page. 1.) Teens with different races have also been speaking out so they can show how they can do so others can do too.

After the whole situation between *Roe vs Wade* there have been many role models for the teens. “There were several states with competitive races where the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn *Roe* may have played a role in motivating voters both to turn out and to vote for candidates who share their opinion on abortion access. For example, in Pennsylvania, the Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe* was the most important factor in the vote of about one in ten Republican voters, and 21% of these Republican voters cast ballots for the Senate Democratic candidate. A small share overall, but it was an election where small margins mattered. A majority of key voting groups in the state, including younger voters, women voters 18-49, and voters who supported the Democratic candidates, also said the Court’s decision had a “major impact” on their decision to vote and who they supported.” There has been a large population of teens girls and boys and different teens with different races.

There have been many teens voting through the years but not as much as this one. “Instead, many young people approach politics based on the issues they care about. 2018, for example, the Parkland, Florida, school shooting, which killed 17 people, led more young people to vote for candidates they felt would do more to curb gun violence. A number of high-profile climate change protests in 2020 also appeared to boost youth voter turnout that year. In 2020, many young voters focused on racial

justice and the Black Lives Matter movement, following the May 2020 police killing of George Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man. That spurred considerable political engagement, like participating in public protests, that connected to a major increase in youth voter turnout between 2016 and 2020. In 2022, young people continued to push for change on issues they consider personal, like climate change, gun violence and racial justice. And after the Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v. Wade in June 2022, abortion rose to the top of young people's issues of concern. While nearly 3 in 4 young people said they favor legal abortion, both young people who are for and against abortion rights said this was a top issue for them. Our analysis of exit poll data found that young voters were the only age group to cite abortion as their top reason for voting. Other groups of voters over 30 said that inflation was their top priority. Implications for 2024 and beyond Millions more young people born after 1996 will reach voting age by 2024. Their political power will only grow in the years to come, while those over the age of 65 will make up a declining share of the population and the electorate."(record high numbers of young people voted during the midterms signaling a possible shift, December 12, page. 1). Other groups have been voting during the midterm elections signaling a possible shift.

The amount of teens that have been voting this midterm election have surprised many people from a possible shift. "Young people stood along in supporting, decisively, a Democratic statewide race candidate," said Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, the group's director. "The result is that [young people] kept the races really close and in some cases we think they will decide the outcome of the race." Ruby Belle Booth, CIRCLE's elections coordinator, said this year's election represents "a continuation of high civic

engagement" among young people in recent years. She said investments in organizations that mobilize young people year-round are key to improving voter turnout in this voting bloc. Booth said possibly a decrease in those kinds of investments this year could be why turnout this year was slightly lower than 2018. "We saw in registration numbers that 18- to 19-year-olds were not being engaged as much as they were in 2018," she said. "And that's a red flag that there isn't as much work happening to register new voters." (Lopez, November 10, page. 1.).

In conclusion teens have been voting in this year's midterm elections for their voices to be heard. " Elections are a valuable opportunity for young people across the country to make their voices heard, support action on issues they care about, and grow as active voters and leaders in our democracy."(2022 Election: Young Voters Have High Midterm Turnout, Influence Critical Races, n.d., page 1).

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