

# 2025 YDA Platform Committee Report

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## Adopted Special Rules 1-3

1. The committee will proceed to consider the items in the order submitted, upon any objection to any item, it will be taken out of order at the conclusion of all other items. Any item for which an amendment has been submitted will be taken up at the conclusion with objected items.
2. All items will be reported by title and summary only unless upon the objection of any member.
3. After each item has been reported, there shall be 4 minutes of debate, divided equally between on the item and any subsidiary amendments, with members speaking for one minute each proponents and opponents, after all time is expired a vote shall immediately occur on the item.

Adopted by UC on 7/17.



## Response #1

- ~~Kieran Francke~~
- ~~PA~~
- ~~Platform Plank~~
- ~~Government and Electoral Reform~~
- ~~No document uploaded~~



## Response #2

- Kieran Francke
- PA
- **Platform Plank**
- The Federal Budget
- Selling any federal lands to be able to cut any taxes
- “I don't want to see our nation's beauty and national parks go. There is something to learn from those federal lands. Trump wants to sell them to get away with his stupid trickle down bull crap.”

Objected to by South Dakota on UC request 7/16.

Sponsored by Virginia, seconded

Kansas moves an amendment in the nature of a substitute, so that the amendment will read

“We oppose the sale of federal lands as a means to fund tax cuts, especially those that are meant to benefit the wealthy. Public lands are meant for the people—not bargaining chips for tax policy.”

Seconded.

KY - Motion to amend to Kansas amendment. "We oppose the sale of federal lands as a means to fund tax cuts, ~~especially those that are meant to benefit the wealthy~~. Public lands are meant for the people—not bargaining chips for tax policy."

Seconded.

Nebraska - Motion to adjourn. Seconded.

Nebraska perfecting amendment fails by voice vote.

MA calls the question on the KS substitute amendment

AYES have it.

LA proposes amendment to strike "Federal land" and sub for "federally protected land"

Seconded

Debate? No.

Vote: LA amendment is made

Return to consideration of item 2.

I's have it. Response #2 is adopted.

### Response #3

- Kieran Francke
- PA
- **Platform Plank**
- International Affairs and National Security
- In Europe
- Strike Belarus from Line 3, We Support
- "Belarus is a puppet state of Russia and the people support it."
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Sponsored by Nebraska

Seconded

Motion to Amend by Nebraska: The struggle of the people of Eastern Europe, ~~particularly Ukraine, and Belarus~~, to free themselves of Russian domination, and the struggle of the Russian people themselves for freedom and democracy against the Putin regime.

Seconded.

Debate.

I's have it.

Vote on Response.

I's have it.

#### **Response #4**

- Shayne Bilbrey
- TN - Tennessee
- **Platform Plank**
- Environmental Justice
- We support fully funding the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as the work of their line offices is critical to our understanding of the effects of climate change. We fully oppose the Trump Administration's attempts at shuttering the Office of Atmospheric Research, the reductions at the National Ocean Service, the potential privatization of the National Weather Service, ending NOAA's and NASA's partnership in developing weather satellites that monitors Earth's climate, and the proposed privatization of the National Weather Service.
- "NOAA is critical to our leadership in climate change and its effects on both urban and rural America. NOAA's functions are being reduced due to Trump administration's view that climate change is some kind of hoax. Also the privatization of the National Weather Service will cause more people to die from natural disasters."

PA sponsors. Seconded.

Motion to Amend from NY: scriber's error.

Response 4 passed.

#### **Response #5**

- Cameron Landin
- GA
- **Resolution**
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uXzKA7LtqowaE93ldShjpBA\\_9q-HFrzokx-btJhv5fc/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uXzKA7LtqowaE93ldShjpBA_9q-HFrzokx-btJhv5fc/edit?usp=drivesdk)
- "As is outlined in the resolution, there is a serious problem of youth underrepresentation in the Democratic Party. This should not just be in our elected officials, although that is incredibly important, but also within the party infrastructure. We must create permanent, long lasting institutions that ensure young democrats have voting power at the local, state, and national level within the Democratic Party. This should be done primarily through tangible means, such as having a permanent spot on executive committees. Other means of representation should be promoted as well, although it may be more difficult and requires the willing participation of membership, such as in having members be post seat holders for

their county committee or state committee members in their state party. A strong emphasis should be put on willingness here, there are many states where there are simply not county committees so this representation would not be practical. Similarly, state and local chapters must be willing to work together with the national organization on this project but cannot and should not be forced. Autonomy is key here, as YDA should respect the autonomy of state and local chapters to conduct their business so too should this increased representation not result in an end to autonomy for local and state chapters. And if there are local and state chapters that currently do not have sufficient autonomy from their local or state party this should be promoted as well. This hard power of representation is a key part of the transformation of the Democratic Party which we should all aspire towards, especially in this time of crisis.”

Sponsored by GA.

No debate.

Response #5 passed.



## Response #6

- Theodore Tolliver
- PA
- Family
- **Platform Plank**
- **Stike Family 8**
- We support: A free pre-K, full-day Kindergarten, and Head Start program for every child.
- “Because it is integral to the overall development of a child to be able to go to preschool, many families simply can’t afford that so having universal free preschool is a necessity for the future of our youth.”

PA sponsors.

AZ amendment to strike “preschool and early childhood” and insert “early childhood, pre-k, and kindergarten.”

Seconded.

Amendment passes.

NC motion to amend to add “universal”. Seconded. Proposed amendment changed to make proposal: A free pre-K, full-day Kindergarten, and Head Start program for every child.

Response 6 passes.



## Response #7

- Theodore Tolliver
- PA
- **Platform Plank**
- Education
- CURRENT: "Free school lunches for all students who attend public K-12 schools."
- To amend policy 52 to say "Universal free school breakfast and lunches for all students who attend public K-12 schools."
- "Because it is important to have free breakfast to ensure students are properly fed throughout their day."

Illinois Motion to suspend rules authorize secretary to remove duplicates. Motion has passed

Nebraska motion to suspend rules to make amendments from the floor to amend platform.

*Such a motion is out of order.*

NEW UNRELATED

South Dakota moves that the entire platform is open to amendments. Seconded.

Debate.

Motion to recess Nebraska.

Committee back in session.

Debate re the platform.

A vote on opening the platform to amendment.

No's have it.

Motion for roll call. Fails.

BACK TO ITEM 7.

I's have it #7 passes.



## Response #8

- Mac Schauman
- NC
- **Platform Plank and Resolution**
- Government and Electoral Reform
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/11\\_21CclAHQ2kiJEIzCgcBXd0l-aFm37P/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107836629176421009226&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11_21CclAHQ2kiJEIzCgcBXd0l-aFm37P/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107836629176421009226&rtpof=true&sd=true)
  - We Support: Amending the Constitution to remove language creating age requirements for public officeholders.
  - We Oppose: Efforts to disqualify candidates from public office on the basis of their age.
- "I believe this platform plank should be adopted by YDA because it reflects our values as an organization and addresses an issue impacting young people across the country."

Sponsored by FL. seconded.

Roll call was completed.

Plank is not adopted.

Resolution is sponsored by NC. Seconded.

Resolution from response 8 fails.



## Response #9

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Platform Plank and Resolution**
- Government and Electoral Reform
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DXuaUYyzP0OZ08YeWeT44SFVL5qnsQio/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=105596147972849764812&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- “I believe this resolution should be adopted by YDA because the natural-born-citizen clause is an outdated and exclusionary provision that undermines the values of equity and inclusion. Young Democrats should lead the call for a democracy where all Americans - regardless of their place of birth - have the right to fully participate in our political system, including the opportunity to run for President. Adopting this resolution affirms our commitment to immigrant justice, democratic fairness, and the belief that leadership should be based on merit and service, not birthplace.”

Sponsored by NC. Seconded.

Response 9 plank fails.

Response 9 resolution not moved.



## Response #10

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Resolution**
- [A Resolution Calling for an end to Youth Curfew Laws - Mac Schauman.docx](#)
- “This resolution was officially adopted at the 2024 YDNC Convention.”

Sponsored by NC. seconded.

Resolution fails.



## Response #11

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Resolution**
- [A Resolution Calling for Basic Reallocation in the Democratic Presidential Primary - Mac Schauman.docx](#)
- “YDA should adopt this resolution because it promotes a more inclusive and representative primary process. Under the current system, votes for candidates who don't meet the delegate threshold are effectively discarded, silencing many voters’ preferences. By supporting ranked-choice reallocation, we ensure that every Democratic vote counts and that the national delegate count better reflects the will of the people—especially young and progressive voters who often support non-establishment candidates.”

Sponsored by NC. seconded.

Response passes.

### **Response #12**

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Resolution**
- [A Resolution Calling for Pretrial Justice and the End of Cash Bail - Mac Schauman.docx](#)
- Why do you believe this resolution should be included adopted by YDA? This resolution was officially adopted at the 2025 YDNC Convention.

Sponsored by NC. seconded.

Nebraska amendment to the title: “Resolution calling for pretrial justice”.

Amendment passes.

Nebraska motion to extend debate. Seconded. Motion fails.

Response 12 not adopted.

### **Response #13**

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Resolution**
- [Resolution in Support of Overturning the U.S. Supreme Court Decision Buckley v. Valeo \(1976\) - Mac Schauman.docx](#)
- “YDA should adopt this resolution because overturning Buckley v. Valeo is essential to restoring fairness and transparency in our elections. Treating money as speech gives the wealthy disproportionate power and undermines democracy - our generation deserves a political system where every voice matters, not just every dollar.”

Sponsored by NC. seconded.

Response 13 passes.

#### **Response #14**

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Resolution**
- [Resolution for the Young Democrats of America to Withhold Endorsements from Candidates who Accept Corporate PAC Contributions - Mac Schauman.docx](#)
- “YDA should adopt this resolution because it aligns with our values of transparency, equity, and grassroots power. Refusing to endorse candidates who accept corporate PAC money sends a clear message: our generation demands leaders who are accountable to people, not profits.”

Sponsored by NC. seconded.

Response 14 fails.

Motion to reconsider by Nebraska. Seconded. Will be recalled at the end.

#### **Response #15**

- Justin Cosby
- AL - Alabama
- **Resolution**
- [Copy of Why the Young Democrats of America's Philadelphia Convention Sets the Stage for a Historic Constitutional Commission - Justin Cosby.docx](#)
- “Because the fate of our future depends on it.”

Not sponsored.

#### **Response #16**

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Platform Plank and Resolution**
- International Affairs and National Security
- [\\*A Resolution Recognizing Afghanistan's Gender Apartheid - Mac Schauman.docx](#)
  - Recognizing the Taliban's treatment of women as the crime of gender apartheid and changing American asylum and refugee law to reflect that fact.
- “YDA should adopt this platform plank because recognizing the Taliban's treatment of women as gender apartheid is a necessary step toward global accountability and justice. As young leaders committed to human rights, we must call out systemic oppression wherever it occurs and advocate for inclusive asylum policies that reflect the realities of gender-based persecution.

NC sponsors the platform plank. Seconded.

Platform plank is adopted.



NC sponsors resolution. Seconded.

Resolution adopted.



## Response #17

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Platform Plank and Resolution**
- [A Resolution in Support of Aiding Laos in the Removal of - and Preventing the Future use of - Cluster Munitions - Mac Schauman.docx](#)
  - In East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific: We Support: Meaningfully resourcing the removal of unexploded ordnance from the country of Laos.
- “YDA should adopt this plank because the United States has a moral responsibility to address the lasting harm caused by our use of cluster munitions in Laos. Millions of unexploded bombs continue to endanger civilians—especially children—decades after the war. Supporting cleanup efforts and joining the international ban on cluster munitions affirms our commitment to justice, peace, and global human rights.”

Platform plank sponsored by NC. seconded.

Amendment from NY. seconded. “From countries including Laos”  
Passed.

Two platform planks pass.

Resolution sponsored by NC. seconded.

Amendment from Nebraska, strike from the title “Laos” and inserted “South East Asia”

Resolution passes.



## Response #18

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Resolution**
- [A Resolution in Support of Palestinian Civilians and Human Rights Groups - Mac Schauman.docx](#)
- “This resolution was officially adopted at the 2024 YDNC Convention.”

Sponsored by NC. seconded.

California amendment strike “along with the longer-term illegal occupation of Palestine by Israel”.  
Seconded.

NY motion to table. Seconded.

Resolution tabled.

Pending business is California amendment

NE motioned to pull from table. Seconded.

Back to California amendment.

Amendment to insert “israeli settlements” by NE. seconded. Passed.

Question on the resolution. Passes.



## Response #20

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Platform Plank and Resolution**
- [Resolution in Support of Freedom of Speech, Expression, and Thought - Mac Schauman.docx](#)
- "This resolution was officially adopted at the 2025 YDNC Convention."

Florida sponsors the resolution. Seconded.

Motion to table by IL.

Roll call was motioned and passed.

Response 20 is tabled.

TX motion to pull from table. Seconded.

Motion to amend.

Motion to call the question. Resolution adopted.



## Response #21

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Resolution**
- [Resolution to Dissolve all Harmful Partnerships and Relationships of Local Police and Sheriff Departments with the Department of Homeland Security and Sub-Agencies and Auxiliaries - Mac Schauman.docx](#)
- "YDA should adopt this resolution because harmful collaborations between local law enforcement and DHS agencies threaten the safety and civil rights of marginalized communities. We must stand with those impacted by unconstitutional surveillance and enforcement, and demand local governments prioritize accountability, equity, and community trust over fear-based policing."

Sponsored by NC. seconded.

Response 21 passes.



## Response #22

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Platform Plank**
- [International Affairs and National Security Plank Changes](#)
- International Affairs and National Security
  - In the Middle East, South, and Central Asia
- "We propose this language to reflect current events and align with present-day actions."

NY objected to consideration. Moved to the end of the agenda.

NC sponsors. Seconded.

Motion to strike "post 9/11 project" moved by MA. passes. \*several other amendments, many passed, many failed, all made in the document\*

Roll call on adding "ongoing genocide in Gaza"

I's are 10. No's are 8. 6 members present.

I's have it.



### Response #23

- Sam Hudis
- NY - New York
- **Platform Plank**
- International Affairs and National Security
  - Subtopic (International Affairs)
  - In the Middle East, South, and Central Asia
- Remove "We support" #4 "Continued sanctions on the Assad regime in Syria."
- "The Assad regime has fallen and no longer exists. So it no longer makes sense to speak of sanctioning it."

Sponsored by NY. seconded.

Passed.



### Response #24

- Sam Hudis
- NY - New York
- **Platform Plank**
- International Affairs and National Security
  - Subtopic (International Affairs)
  - In the Middle East, South, and Central Asia
- Remove "We oppose" #7 "The continuing brutality of the Assad regime in Syria, and its allies."
- "The Assad regime has fallen and no longer exists."

Seconded by NY. seconded.

Adopted by UC.



### Response #25

- Sam Hudis
- NY - New York
- **Resolution**
- International Affairs and National Security
- Subtopic (International Affairs)
  - In the Western Hemisphere
- Add to "We Oppose": "Unjustified use of threats and coercion as tools of trade policy or other foreign policy"

- “In response to Trump administration threats against the sovereignty of Canada, Mexico, Panama, and Greenland.”

Sponsored by NY. seconded.

Amendment by NY to add word "unjustified" before "bullying"

SD amendment to add "that undermine other nation's sovereignty or autonomy" at the end.

Amendment passes.

NB motion to amend. To strike "unjustified bullying"

Amendment withdrawn.

Amendment appears here: Add to "We Oppose": "Unjustified use of threats and coercion as tools of trade policy or other foreign policy"

NY amendment. Seconded. Passed.

Response passed.



## Response #26

- Adam Chaikof
- VA - Virginia
- **Resolution**
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/11VVTX4uISXnB8L9Km5BCmXc\\_KMBW\\_3rA/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112400834355690080512&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11VVTX4uISXnB8L9Km5BCmXc_KMBW_3rA/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112400834355690080512&rtpof=true&sd=true)
- Virginia and Colorado Young Democrats are angry with both Spanberger and Polis' refusal to support repealing their states' anti-union laws and we want to show the country that YDA stands with labor.

Moved by Nebraska. Seconded.

Debate.

Motion to amend to strike Spanberger's name wherever it appears: title + whereas clause 4, 10, and Virginia from 11, and phrase "and congresswoman Abigail Spanberger."

Amendment passes.

Question on 26 as amended: passed



## Response #27

- Mac Schauman
- NC - North Carolina
- **Resolution and Platform Plank**
- Electoral Reform
  - This plank should be included in the YDA platform because it affirms the fundamental democratic principle that voting is a right—not a privilege. Disenfranchising incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals disproportionately impacts communities of color, undermines our representative democracy, and perpetuates systemic inequities. By supporting prisoner enfranchisement, YDA stands in solidarity with global democracies and reaffirms its

commitment to racial justice, human dignity, and equal access to the ballot box for all Americans.

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QzzEqPlwl2MLEtQk01Cn7DHlKpRuUU5J/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105596147972849764812&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Sponsored by NC. seconded.

NB objection and motion to table till end of meeting.

Motion to take from the table by NC. seconded.

Motion to amend by NE. seconded.

Response RESOLUTION piece passes.

MA moves platform plank. Seconded. Passed.



### Response #28

- Shayne Bilbrey
- TN - Tennessee
- **Platform Plank and Resolution**
- International Affairs
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qPxmQsTiXlftAPODxRyoSH7i25wNE5l1dAf5t22sQH/edit?usp=sharing>

TN sponsors. Seconded.

Response is adopted.



### Response #29

- Shayne Bilbrey
- TN - Tennessee
- **Resolution**
- International Affairs
- NOAA and its mission are important to the lives and property of every American. The work that NOAA does is critical to our understanding of climate change.
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hcw9nvlUIdUkog0WERdZmFjyf6Au-vEUvdSLgH6xPSs/edit?usp=sharing>

Objected to by Florida on UC request 7/16.

Moved by Illinois, seconded by Nebraska. Adopted by unanimous consent.



### Response #30

- Aurelio Agelviz Rodriguez
- PR - Puerto Rico
- **Resolution**
- International Affairs

- The residents of Puerto Rico, U.S. citizens by birth, have endured over a century of territorial status without full voting representation in the U.S. Congress and without the right to vote for the President of the United States.
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QQFT9LyZunWY\\_WyqPeldkUBbRFDYKqWZ/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112400834355690080512&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QQFT9LyZunWY_WyqPeldkUBbRFDYKqWZ/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112400834355690080512&rtpof=true&sd=true)
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/10C6wFvST8EvjMwlHze6GsLb\\_3wVZoB-ziTKGft4vorM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/10C6wFvST8EvjMwlHze6GsLb_3wVZoB-ziTKGft4vorM/edit?usp=sharing) (DC )

For the PR response:

PR sponsors. Seconded.  
Adopted

For DC response:

DC sponsors. Seconded.  
Adopted.



### Response #31

- Harry Bittker
- NY - New York
- **Platform Plank**
- Government and Electoral Reform, International Affairs
- No links but proposing: → We support: Increasing the number of members of the House of Representatives

NY sponsors. Seconded.  
Adopted.



### Response #32

- Tasneem Al-Michael
- TX -- Texas
- **Resolution**
- We have a responsibility to support the Democratic nominee in New York as is done with other Democratic nominee candidates. A double-standard is in play as party leaders have said incendiary things towards the candidate. The candidate had unprecedented support and turnout from young people 18-35, has presented a model of excellence, and has a historic impact including being a young Democrat.
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gOvHGSSjGy7kFaCGHBVEyCmANtUWvKCB/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112400834355690080512&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Texas sponsored. Seconded.  
NE motion to suspend rules to extend debate. Seconded. Passed.  
PA motion to call question. Passed.

Response not adopted.



### Response #33

- Terry Altherr
- MA - Massachusetts

- **Resolution**
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nYvDNZZSdlYqYW3ZOIsv4YMfXfXr-lw9gPROv2yR2Y0/edit?usp=sharing>

Sponsored by Texas. Seconded.  
Adopted.



### Response #34

- Tasneem Al-Michael
- TX -- Texas
- **Resolution**
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Iyjl5tQ2PbfekBB6k2Winfus3t7Og679/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=105596147972849764812&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Texas sponsored. Seconded.  
NE motion to amend. "Christian nationalism" instead of "evangelical nationalism" + de-hyphenize "anti-seminism".

Friendly amendments accepted.

Question on adoption. Response adopted.



### Response #35

- ~~Sam Hudis~~
- ~~NY -- New York~~
- ~~**Platform Plank**~~
- ~~Homeland Security, International Affairs~~
- ~~<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Iyjl5tQ2PbfekBB6k2Winfus3t7Og679/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=105596147972849764812&rtpof=true&sd=true>~~

Potential Sam Hudis+1 repeat...?



### Response #36

- Sam Hudis
- NY - New York
- **Platform Plank**
- Civil and Human Rights, International Affairs
- → Add "We Oppose": "Terrorism both foreign and domestic, and all acts of violent hate. We condemn all such acts and those who commit or support them." → Add new "We Support": "The civil rights and higher education rights legislation which prohibits exclusion or discrimination from higher education on the basis of race, color, or national origin."

NY sponsored. Seconded.  
Both planks agreed to.



### Response #37

- Olivia Garcia-Godos Martinez
- CA - California
- **Resolution**

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sGrCesBNGq0k3D9YedSYbq8TfVVnfpNqRjX88cycZ3A/edit?usp=sharing>

California sponsors. Seconded.  
Response passes.



### Response #38

- Soren Pedersen
- NC - North Carolina
- **Resolution**
- The Public Employee Living Wage Pledge was adopted by the Young Democrats of North Carolina (YDNC) Executive Committee at the end of 2023.
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10VrisvM98zXIA7fTspXzDr-ETmxJshRk/edit?usp=sharing&oid=112400834355690080512&rtpof=true&sd=true>

NC sponsors. Seconded.  
Adopted.



### Response #39

- Sam Hudis
- NY - New York
- **Resolution**
- "YDA should support civil rights and equal access to education, and oppose discrimination and hate."
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/15t-xBAcSEYdnnG491uRrGD9isysmKqtt/edit?usp=sharing&oid=112400834355690080512&rtpof=true&sd=true>

NY objected on Saturday afternoon meeting.  
Different recollections from different executive members of the committee re whether this was sponsored.

NY sponsored.

Question on whether to pass resolution. 11 for. 10 against.



### Response #40

- Matthew Rakestraw
- GA - Georgia
- **Resolution**
- Small and family-owned farms keep communities like mine viable and keep jobs for future generations. Large agribusiness corporations are threatening rural America through corporate consolidation and we must oppose that and advocate for fairer market conditions for farmers.
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PnzP17XqK1IytI1OgtIQ7dzt4mHLeFsFMkk4dzuRdSg/edit?usp=sharing>

Adopted by UC. 7/16



### **Response #41**

- ~~Matthew Rakestraw~~
- ~~GA - Georgia~~
- ~~**Platform Plank and Resolution**~~
- ~~For increased federal and state investment in the development of independent, community-based food and agricultural infrastructure — including regional meat processing facilities, local grain mills, cold storage, cooperatively owned supply chains, and transportation networks —~~
- ~~<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PnzP17XqK11ytH1OgtIQ7dzt4mHLefsFMkk4dzuRdSg/edit?usp=sharing>~~

### **Response #42**

- Harry Bittker
- NY - New York
- **Platform Plank**
- → "We Support:
  - The principles set forth in Executive Order 14110 of 2023, known as the "Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence."
  - Legislation to ensure compliance with the voluntary commitments AI, technology, and data companies made to the Biden Administration.
  - The principles set forth in the "California Report on Frontier AI policy," including, but not limited to, frontier model safety plan transparency and auditing, robust pre-deployment testing, and whistleblower protections.
  - Retraining for private and public sector employees whose jobs may be at risk of replacement by AI
  - Engagement with public and private sector unions to shape AI policy
  - Protections around algorithmic discrimination and bias
  - Efforts to create and implement content provenance metadata attachment and watermarking frameworks to encourage and ensure digital trust online
  - Efforts to safeguard copyrighted material from duplication by LLMs, and to exclude copyrighted material from being used in the training of new or existing LLMs;
- We Oppose:
  - Federal efforts to preempt state legislation on AI "

Objected to by South Dakota on UC request 7/16.

Sponsored by NY. seconded.

LA amendment "adding AI, technology, and data" before companies. No objection. Adopted.

NE motion to amend. Seconded.

VA motion to amend. Seconded.

Response as amended is adopted.

### **Response #43**

- Robert Healy
- MD - Maryland

- **Resolution**
- Representative Jamie Raskin (MD-08) has been an advocate of bringing Youth into the fold in Democratic politics. His Organizing program, Democracy summer has expanded nationally to get high school and college students involved in congressional campaigns. By partnering with Democracy Summer, YDA can expand this engagement and show that the democratic party exists not just in the form of campaigns but also as a year round community. Ultimately, this can empower young people to affect change in the party more broadly.
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EtdoVz7lj\\_lZfgMP1iYZzq5nQQ\\_ku3zg/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112400834355690080512&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EtdoVz7lj_lZfgMP1iYZzq5nQQ_ku3zg/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112400834355690080512&rtpof=true&sd=true)

MD sponsors. Seconded.

VA motion to amend, to strike “and all chartered units” and “and all chartered units will” and “and all chartered units”. Amendment passes.

FL motion to amend to strike out “all” before campaigns.

Adopted.



#### Response #44

- Quentin Ocamo
- MN - Minnesota
- **Resolution**
- The Young Democrats of America should adopt this resolution because the Elaine Massacre represents one of the most brutal—and historically ignored—instances of racial violence in American history. In 1919, Black sharecroppers in Elaine, Arkansas, organized for basic economic justice and were met with deadly force from white mobs, law enforcement, and federal troops. The massacre, which resulted in the deaths of an estimated 100 to 237 African Americans, was not only a tragedy—it was a deliberate act of political and economic suppression. As the nation’s largest youth-led partisan political organization, YDA has a moral and strategic obligation to confront this history directly, especially as we continue to advocate for racial justice, voting rights, labor protections, and rural equity. This resolution aligns squarely with YDA’s ongoing commitments to reparations, civil rights, and lifting up underrepresented communities. Acknowledging the Elaine Massacre and its legacy is about more than remembrance—it is about understanding how power has been built and denied in this country, and who has paid the price. The massacre was a direct response to Black workers organizing for dignity; its aftermath included mass arrests, land theft, and the silencing of a movement. These consequences still echo today in policies and systems that continue to marginalize Black rural communities, especially in places like the Arkansas Delta. Adopting this resolution affirms that YDA stands with those fighting for truth, repair, and justice. It commits our organization to learning from the past, amplifying the voices of descendants and local organizers, and ensuring that the future we are building is rooted in accountability. If YDA truly believes in multiracial democracy, rural inclusion, and the redistribution of power, then honoring the victims of Elaine—and joining the call for justice—is not optional. It is necessary.
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1djj7La7TlzpFEqjmFgKjkyh0tw4mTLs/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112400834355690080512&rtpof=true&sd=true>

AK sponsors. Seconded.

Adopted

NON SUBMISSION MOTIONS

MA motion to adjourn. Seconded.  
Question about adjourning. Division.  
Does not pass.

MA motion to recess. Seconded.

Motion to call question.

Q on motion to recess until 10 pm. Division.  
Motion to recess until 10 am or 8 am is agreed to.

#### FINAL MEETING

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion fails.

(Items 18, 20, 27 are upon the table)