

## YouthInGov Appropriations

In July 2022, language, submitted by [Future Forum Congressional Caucus](#), to create an Office of Young Americans and conduct a Young Americans Inclusion Assessment was included in [H. Rept. 117-393 page 41](#). In December 2022, President Biden signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 which included this report language.

### FY23 House Report Language - H. Rept. 117-393 page 41

- *Office of Young Americans.*—The Committee supports creating an independent office within the Executive Office of the President dedicated to issues that substantially impact young Americans. Such an office would provide youth-centered perspectives and advice to the President, develop strategic national policies to address issues affecting youth in the United States, and manage government-wide efforts to ensure the needs of the nation’s youth are met and resources are provided to continue the advancement of future generations of leaders, which is critical to the economic health and national security of the United States. The Committee will work with OMB and any other relevant offices of the Executive branch to ensure that such an office is authorized and funded in a timely manner.
- *Young Americans Inclusion Assessment.*—Millennials became the largest generation in America in 2020, representing 22 percent of the population, but only 8.1 percent of the Federal workforce is under the age of 30. To improve representation in our democracy and to benefit the next generation of leaders, the Committee directs OMB to conduct an assessment on young Americans’ inclusion across the Federal government. Within 270 days of enactment of this Act, OMB shall report on methods for assessing whether agency policies, actions, and personnel are inclusive of young American stakeholders and provide recommendations on how to increase young Americans’ inclusion and meaningful engagement in each Federal agency.

### FY24 Appropriations Ask:

- \$1,00,000 to create an Office of Young Americans within the Executive Office of the President, staffed by a Director who will sit on the Domestic Policy Council.
  - At least two staffers & 1 paid intern, operations & travel, and programming budget
- \$150,000 to dedicate a Presidential Personnel Office staffer to hiring & placing young Americans (salary, benefits, etc).
- \$100,000
  - Conduct a Young Americans Inclusion Assessment
  - Create an interagency working group consisting of representatives of federal agencies that have jurisdiction over issues that substantially impact young

Americans.

- Assemble an Advisory Council of young Americans to promote inclusion and direct engagement so that policies may better reflect and benefit young Americans, and ensure that those policies and guidance are consistent and reflect the needs of young Americans across the country. The council would be composed of representatives of non-governmental organizations that aim to support and empower young Americans.

## Key Points:

- As the generation that led movements over the last several years and fundamentally changed the political landscape, we have more than earned our seat at the table.
- Together Gen-Z and millennials<sup>1</sup> makeup over 40% of the overall population<sup>2</sup> but are woefully underrepresented in the federal government: as of May 2021, only 8.1% of the federal workforce is under the age of 30.
- This is an important moment in our country's history: young Americans are more politically active and engaged than ever before.<sup>3</sup>

## Committee of Jurisdiction:

- House Appropriations Committee
  - Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee
- U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
  - Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee

## About YouthInGov

- YouthInGov is a coalition of youth-led and serving organizations who have coalesced over the last year and a half around the need for the creation of substantial infrastructure for the inclusion of Young Americans (40 and under) in official administration positions.
- Organizations in the coalition span ideology and issue areas including gun violence prevention, racial justice, gun violence prevention, student debt and college affordability, and environmental justice. The coalition consists of over 100 youth-led and youth-serving/oriented organizations.
- For more information: [www.youthingov.org](http://www.youthingov.org)

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<sup>1</sup> As of 2020, millennials are the largest generation, representing 22% of the population.

<sup>2</sup> Statista: *Population distribution in the United States in 2020, by generation.*  
[www.statista.com/statistics/296974/us-population-share-by-generation](https://www.statista.com/statistics/296974/us-population-share-by-generation)

<sup>3</sup> CIRCLÉ: *The 2020 Election Is Over, But Young People Believe in Continued Engagement* (January 12, 2021);  
<https://circle.tufts.edu/latest-research/2020-election-over-young-people-believe-continued-engagement>