

NextGen America: Statement on young voters New York Times poll

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“The New York Times poll confirms what we’ve known for a long time: young people are uniquely positioned to deliver increased civic participation in the midterms, on track with the historic voter turnout we saw in 2018 that helped Democrats win back the House and elect progressive youth-backed candidates like Congresswomen Rashida Tlaib, Katie Porter, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

“Young voters are pissed off about the inaction from elected officials to solve the problems their generation is inheriting. From the climate crisis, a woman’s right to choose recently obliterated, to a broken economy, young people are shaken by the deep injustices that are defining their futures.

“On the road to the midterms, our organization is registering 200,000 young voters across key states. We are angry, but we are not going to take this lying down. At NextGen America, we’re seeing that voter registration is up substantially in states like Michigan, Nevada, and Arizona.

“Young people are recognizing the moment they’re in and rising to the occasion to ensure elected officials listen to them and take action. We know that winning this fight does not just come down to one party or one politician. It requires building a movement of young people that uses its collective power to achieve progressive policy. At NextGen, we know that voting is not the only thing we can do to build a country that works for us, but it is the most basic and essential thing we will do.”