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## **2008 Election Media Resources Available: Experts, Talking Heads, Analysis on Youth Vote & Civic Engagement**

**Latest Research/Data to Include Estimates on Primary States Turnout,  
Historical Trends, Gender/ Ethnic Breakdowns on Youth Voters and More**

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**Washington**— With the 2008 primaries kicking off, the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement (CIRCLE) is an authoritative source on the youth vote. Its experts are available to offer analysis and opinions on primary results, election trends, the impact on the 2008 presidential race and other youth-related issues.

CIRCLE will also be compiling and releasing real-time data and the latest research on the youth vote including key primary state turnout numbers, historical trends, profiles of youth voters broken down by state, gender differences among youth voters, 2008 general election turnout estimates and much more. All materials and other research and data about young people, politics and civic engagement can be found at [www.civicyouth.org](http://www.civicyouth.org).

Among the CIRCLE experts available for interviews and analysis are:

- Peter Levine, CIRCLE Director, trustee and member of numerous youth civic organizations, professor, and author of six books including *The Future of Democracy: Developing the Next Generation of American Citizens*
- Karlo Barrios Marcelo, CIRCLE Research Associate Director
- Abigail Kiesa, CIRCLE Youth Coordinator and author of *Millennials Talk Politics: A Study of College Student Political Engagement*
- Emily Hoban Kirby, CIRCLE Senior Research Associate

This election cycle there are more than 41 million potential young voters, 13 percent of all voters. The last elections – 2004 and 2006 – the youth vote turnout rate hit record highs. In the last presidential election CIRCLE was credited with getting the youth voter numbers right after erroneous estimates were widely reported immediately following the election.

CIRCLE (The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement) promotes research on the civic and political engagement of young Americans. Since 2001, CIRCLE has conducted, collected, and funded research on the civic and political participation of young Americans. CIRCLE is based in the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy and is funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts, Carnegie Corporation of New York and other foundations.