

SPECIFIC AUDIENCES · YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Voter Policy Worksheet

Policy affects your life more than you realize — and you have more power than you think

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If you're between 18 and 30, Mississippi policy has shaped almost every major challenge in your life — and you have the power to change it. This worksheet makes the connection concrete.

POLICY ISSUES THAT ARE LITERALLY ABOUT YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW

■ Student loan policy — federal and state

Mississippi has no state student loan forgiveness program. Could it?

■ Minimum wage and worker protections

Mississippi has no state minimum wage — it defaults to the federal floor

■ Housing affordability

Zoning, development policy, and housing assistance are all legislative decisions

■ Healthcare access and Medicaid

Mississippi has not expanded Medicaid — affecting hundreds of thousands of working adults

■ Criminal justice and expungement

A record can follow you for life — policy determines when and how that changes

■ Voting access

Photo ID requirements, registration deadlines, early voting — all legislative decisions

YOUR PERSONAL CONNECTION

Which of these issues affects my life most directly right now?

What would change in my daily life if this policy was different?

YOUR POWER

Do you know who your state representative and senator are? (Find them now if not.)

How many people your age do you know who also care about this issue?

One action you will take in the next 30 days

Legislators pay attention to engaged young constituents. They represent your future as much as anyone else's. Show up.

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