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### THE INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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# SCHOLARLY PRECINCTS

## FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH: STRATEGIES AND TACTICS FOR MOBILIZING AMERICA'S YOUNG VOTERS

Daniel M. Shea and John C. Green, eds  
(Roman and Littlefield, 2007)

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Occasionally a book is described as inspiring. Rarely does a book cause a change in direction mid-semester and totally alter the classroom dynamic in a course. That is what *Fountain of Youth* did in my introductory American Government course last fall.

Shea and Green have collected an engaging set of chapters into a well organized volume. Students find that they can relate to the chapters because the topics and findings ring true to their personal experiences. The organization of the book allows chapters to be assigned to coincide with topics in a freshmen government course. The section on parties can be assigned during a unit on parties; the section on engagement can be assigned along with a unit on participation; and the section on turnout can be assigned while discussing campaigns and elections.

Students were attracted by the sympathetic thesis that youth are not lazy or disengaged, rather they are highly engaged in non-political community activity. The evidence for the thesis is strong and well researched, even though it stands in stark contrast to the conventional wisdom in both the academic and political worlds. Students appreciate that the authors understand them.

In the first chapter Shea and Green explode the myth that youth are lazy. Then they discuss some reasons why this myth persists. Next, they present some arguments for why youth refrain from political participation. The authors suggest that this trend is a serious problem for American democracy and place much of the blame at the feet of political parties and other campaign institutions.

A large caveat appears in the analysis of the 2004 election. In the most recent presidential election youth voting increased significantly. A problem for social science is that one data point does not necessarily reverse a trend. So, the authors are left to explain a large and recent anomaly in a trend line that overall supports their case. They suggest that the competitiveness of the 2004 campaign produced high levels of voter turnout, even among youth.

In Chapter 2, Green and Shea report on a national survey of county party chairmen. These two party scholars remind the reader that a central function for political parties is voter turnout. Parties are diminished when they fail to perform a basic function. The evidence in this chapter is clear that parties are successful when they try to reach the youth vote, however, they rarely try. These data do indicate a positive correlation between Cotter's measure of organization strength and county party effort to turn out youth voters.

Chapter 3 offers several anecdotes from successful party efforts. It ends with ten "lessons learned." These insights, developed from the case studies, are good advice for any organization hoping to mobilize people. In class, I highlighted the fact that these recommendations could help youth be successful in their current non-political community activities. The students grasped that this book and these ideas had value beyond the next exam.

In Chapter 4, Cherie Strachan offers a strong review of the literature on declining voter turnout. She observes that the imperatives of the immediate campaign do not encourage long term party building activities. She concludes that it is in the interest of parties to take civic education more seriously. Some models for youth engagement are reviewed.

In Chapter 5, William Galston presents a powerful case that a lack of civic knowledge in American society is a serious problem. Then he grapples with the question can civic knowledge be taught? He concludes that it can be taught and offers some specific recommendations for building a strong civic education program.

In Chapter 6, Melissa Comber considers civic education programs in more detail. She examines the scope and content of civic education in the various states and questions whether base education, where available, translates into civic skills. However, she recognizes that civic skills can be acquired from various sources including family and jobs. Research is thin on the effect of these various sources and she recommends further study. The essay begins by suggesting that

youthful engagement in non-political community activities is not sufficient to produce the desired social change. Thus, students need to learn the value of engaging the political system.

Chapter 7 offers solutions for mobilizing the Hip-Hop generation. Rockey Moore and Rockey Moore present a call to arms for those seeking social justice. Then they offer nine specific recommendations for improving the quality of civic education and engaging youth. This chapter stimulated a valuable discussion among the students. Most of my students were middle-class and white. This chapter described the poor state of education in inner-city schools. Class discussion gave the minority students a chance to describe their high school experience. Many students left class that day with a new perspective on life.

In Chapter 8, Hoover and Orr argue that MTV's Rock the Vote falls short of the goal. Rock the Vote certainly attracts a lot of attention among young people; and it registers a large number of voters. However, registering to vote and voting are not the same. Youth vote statistics are not highly affected by the Rock the Vote effort. A systematic turnout effort is required as a follow up to voter registration.

In Chapter 9, Smith and Frishberg describe in some detail the Public Interest Research Group's New Voters Project. This project began in 1996 and includes a highly systematic effort to turn voters out to the polls. The chapter concludes with six specific tactics that work.

In Chapter 10, Shea and Green discuss a myriad of youth voter turnout projects. These projects are produced by entertainers, philanthropists, colleges, churches, progressives, and parties. The authors conclude that all of this activity must have a positive effect, however the greatest effect will be realized when political parties resume their traditional role in voter mobilization.

Finally, in Chapter 11, White presents America's multi-racial future. He convincingly demonstrates that America is inevitably changing and the change is permanent. The issues that will face the next generation are unique to their time and will require an engaged citizenry. In class this chapter proved to be another epiphany. The students recognized its truth—the facts comported with their experience. Surfacing these issues gave them a lot to ponder on their way home for the holidays.

This book completely transformed my classroom. While reading Smith and Frishberg's description of the New Voter Project, I realized "We could do this on campus." So, three weeks before the 2006 election the students agreed to participate in an on campus, systematic voter turnout project. They made two contacts with each student living on campus who was registered to vote. The first contact was to determine who was registered. The second was to encourage voting. (The voter registration deadline had passed before the project began.)

The project transformed the course from lecture, rare note taking, and an occasional test to a group project with meetings, accountability, leadership and discussion. The students' interest in the class increased and the quality of their work improved.

Beyond the project the book had additional effects. Students could relate to several of the chapters. The chapters described them as they are. They recognized themselves in the data and appreciated the fact that the authors understood them. A couple of the chapters helped to broaden their horizons and gave them food for discussion and thought.

As an edited volume, the book also offered an opportunity to introduce critical thinking skills into the freshman course. Two key questions were raised at the beginning of each chapter. The first was "Who are these guys and why should we believe them?" The standard answer became, "Because Shea and Green trust them." That is a fair answer for any individual piece in an edited volume, but the better answer lay in the About the Contributors section at the end of the book. Students became accustomed to looking up each author to find their specific qualifications. We could not help but poke fun at Mark Rockey Moore's science-fiction writing as a reason why we should believe him. However, it was useful to note that this beautifully written piece is a reflection of his talent.

The second critical question was what is the author's thesis? Because the book contains eleven chapters we got to discuss that question eleven times. The good news is that, unlike many works, each chapter had a clearly defined thesis. Often it followed a statement like William Galston's, "I contend . . ." Freshmen could readily find the thesis in most chapters.

In addition to its obvious value in the classroom, the book has brief but strong literature reviews and numerous lists of specific recommendations for action. Students looking for basic literature on voter turnout and civic learning can find it in these chapters. Activists who are looking for best practices can find them in this book. Professors who are looking for an engaging text on a topic that is likely to get the students' attention can find it in *Fountain of Youth*.

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