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## Media Advisory

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## **Are Today's Young People Political Game-Changers?**

**Date:** Thursday, November 6, 2008

**Time:** 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

**Place:** Center for American Progress,  
1333 H St NW, 10th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Washington, DC—Young people voted in record numbers in 2004, 2006, and in the 2008 primaries. Some pundits have continued to doubt young people's seriousness about participating in policy debates and politics. But from grassroots organizing to GOTV campaigns to direct engagement in their communities, young people have demonstrated their commitment to educating themselves on the issues and working for positive change. In the wake of the 2008 general election results, the panel "Are Today's Young People Political Game-Changers?" sponsored by Campus Progress, will critically evaluate the role young people played in the elections. It will highlight the growing and substantive political engagement of this generation, explore the issues and values most important to young people, and showcase the determination of young people to hold their elected officials accountable post-election.

The panel will feature Kat Barr, Political Outreach Director at Rock the Vote; Reverend Lennox Yearwood Jr., President and CEO of the Hip Hop Caucus, David Madland, Director of the American Worker Project at the Center for American Progress Action Fund; and Amanda Carpenter, national political reporter for Townhall.com. The discussion will be moderated by Erica Williams, Policy and Advocacy manager at Campus Progress.

The event coincides with the release of a new report by David Madland, "The Progressive Future is Here" which will provide an analysis of exit and other polls that explain what motivated young people to vote in the election. Copies of the report will be available at the event.

A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. RSVP preferred but not required. To RSVP, please click [here](#). For additional information, please contact [speakers@campusprogress.org](mailto:speakers@campusprogress.org).

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