

STATE OF THE YOUTH ORGANIZING FIELD

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Funders' Collaborative on Youth Organizing

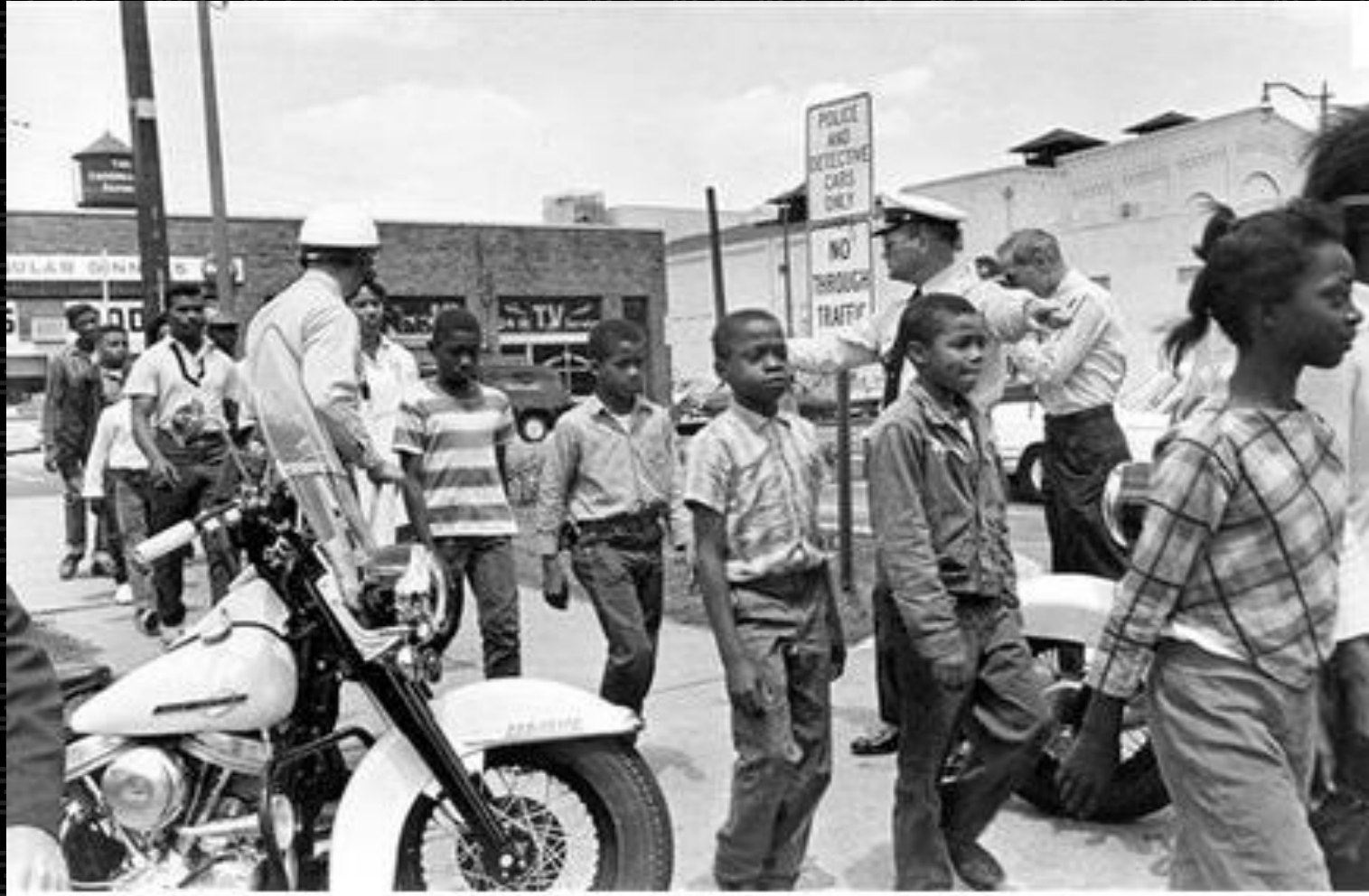


FCYO PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Regranting
Infrastructure
Development
Capacity Building
Funder Advocacy,
Advisory, and Learning
Research and
Communications**



YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS



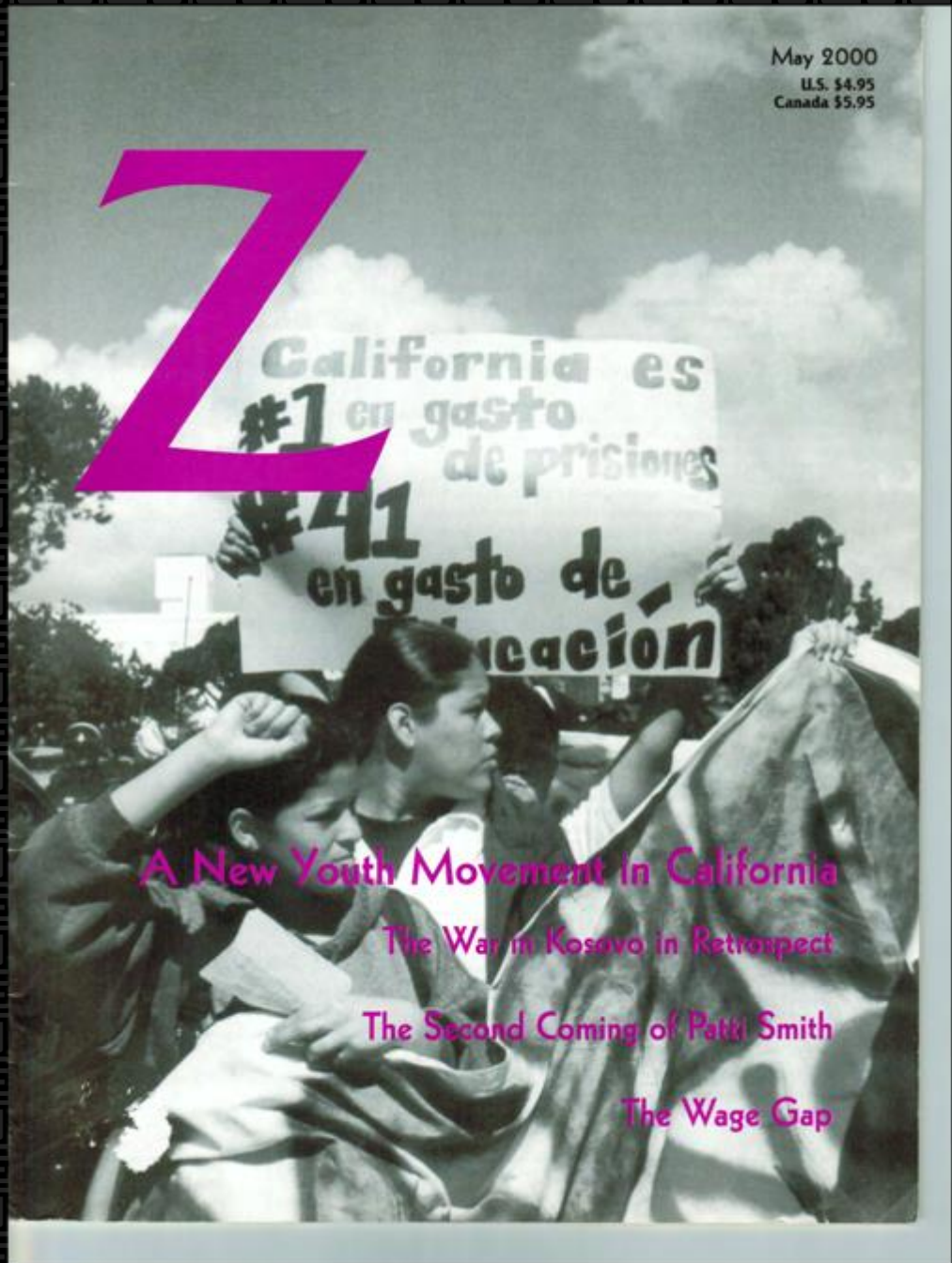
IN THE 1990S A NEW CROP
OF YOUTH ORGANIZING
GROUPS SPREAD ACROSS
THE COUNTRY INFLUENCED
BY:

1) POLICIES
CRIMINALIZING YOUNG
PEOPLE OF COLOR

2) POSITIVE YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT

3) COMMUNITY
ORGANIZING

May 2000
U.S. \$4.95
Canada \$5.95



A New Youth Movement in California

The War in Kosovo in Retrospect

The Second Coming of Patti Smith

The Wage Gap

YOUTH ORGANIZING...

- Engages Most Marginalized
- Offers Leadership Development and Holistic Supports
- Builds a Membership and Base
- Organizes Campaigns for Systemic Change
- Develops a Leadership Pipeline

YOUTH ORGANIZING LANDSCAPE MAP

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funders' collaborative
on youth organizing

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A map of the United States with numerous red location pins placed across various states, indicating the presence of youth organizing organizations. The pins are concentrated in the Northeast, Midwest, and South. The map is interactive, with a search bar and filters on the right side.

MAP

LIST

Organization Name

Location

Issue Areas

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Populations Served

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Support Services

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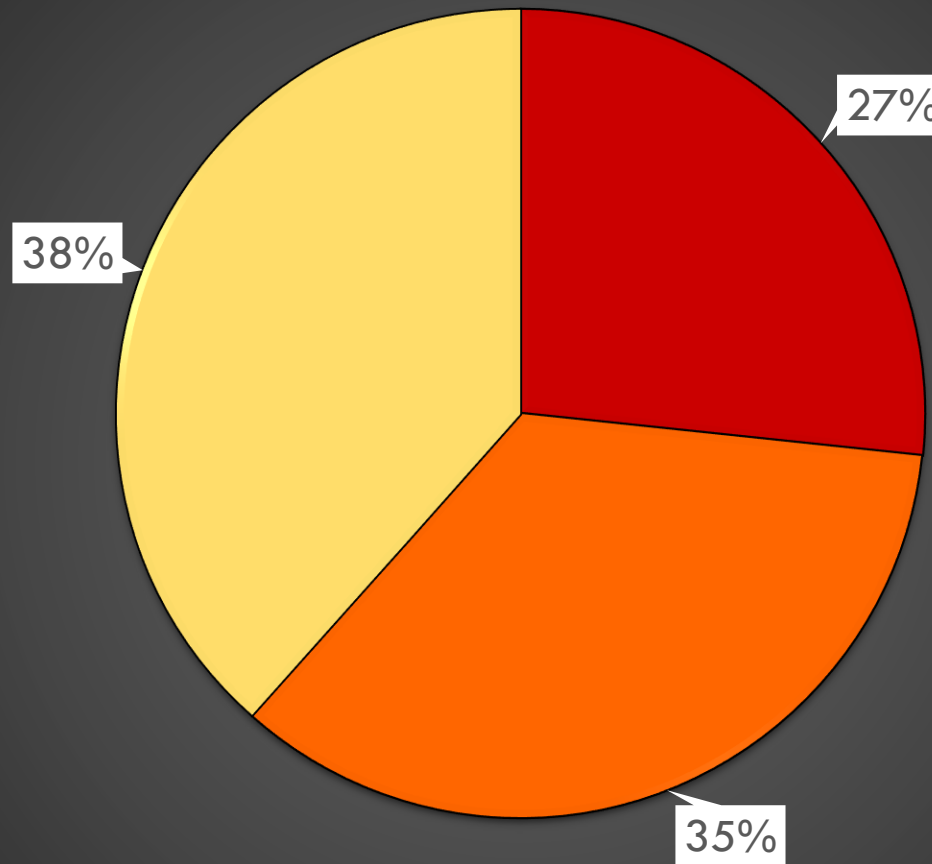
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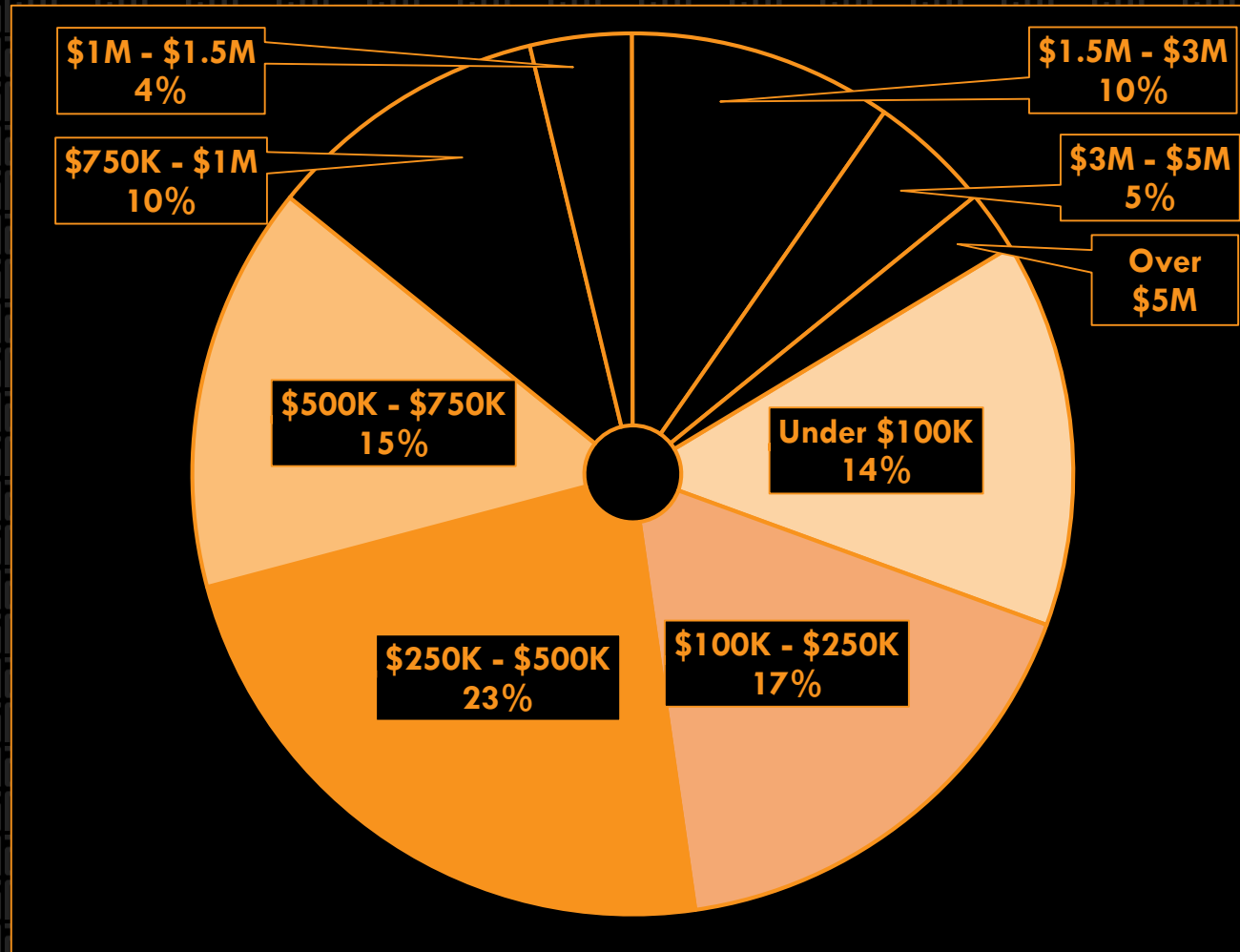
- 151 Organizations in 31 States with complete profiles
- 41 in CA
- 24 in NY
- 15 in the South

YOUTH ORGANIZING MODELS

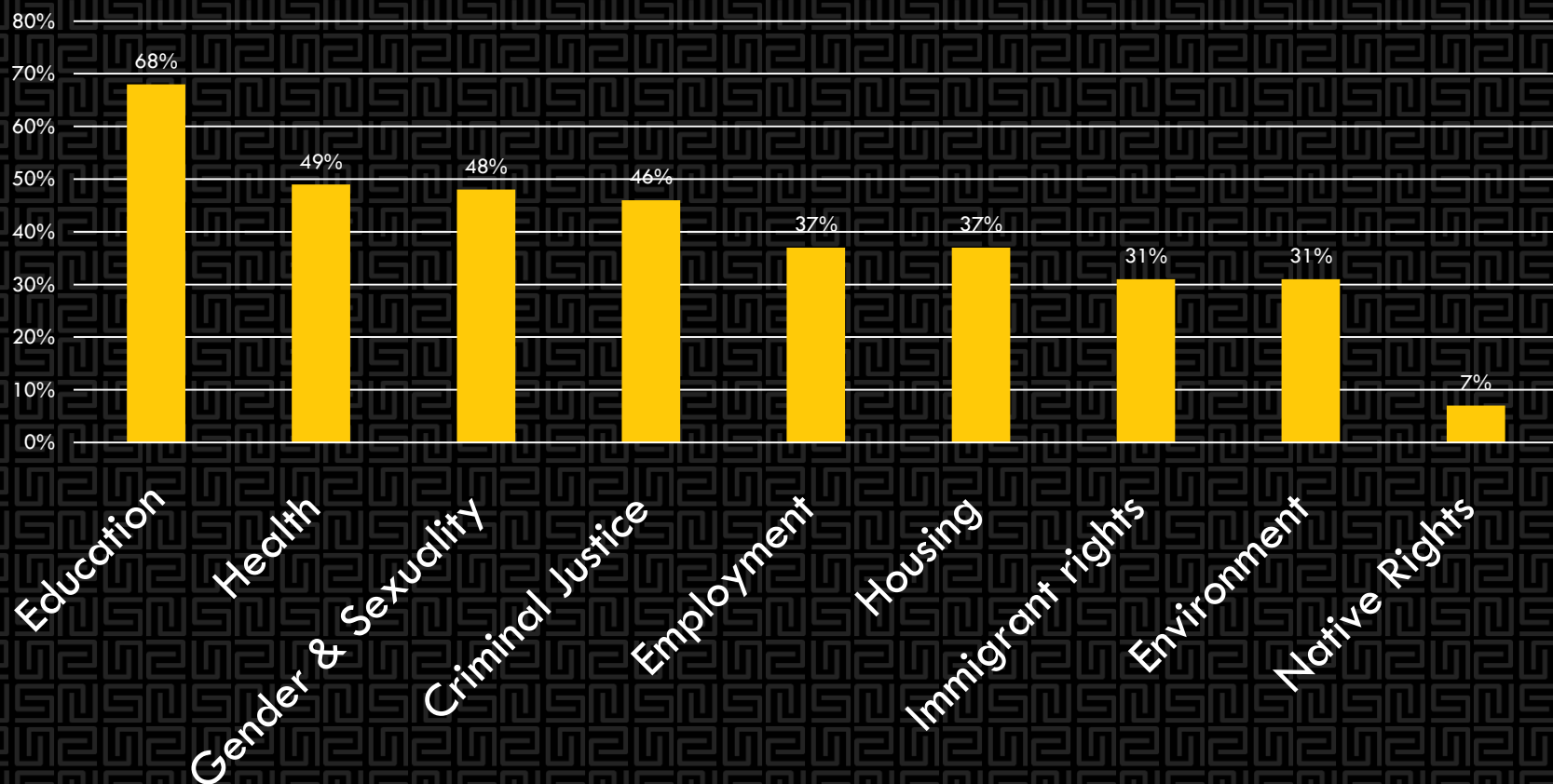


■ Youth-led ■ Intergenerational ■ Youth-led within Adult Organization

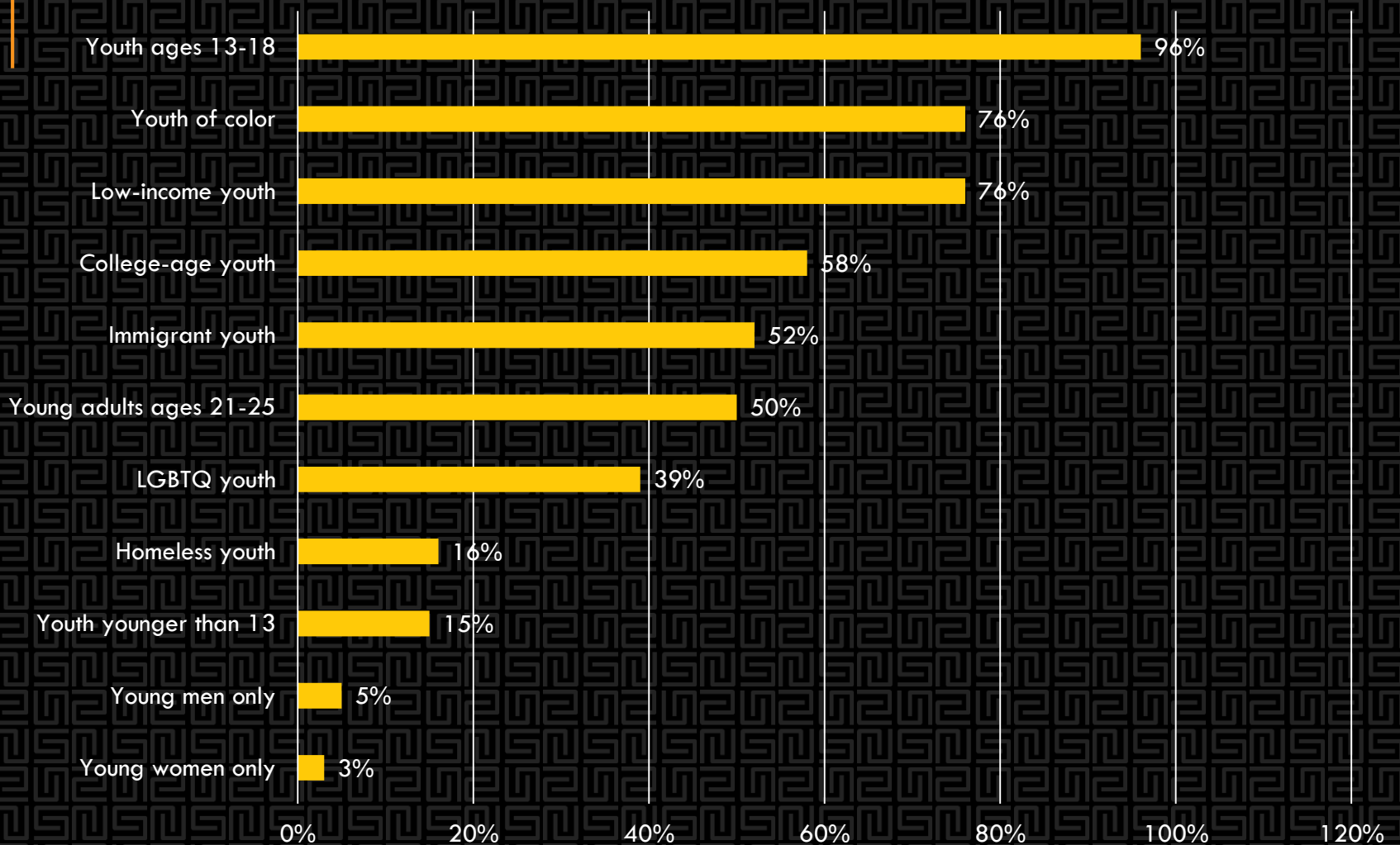
BUDGET DISTRIBUTION



YOUTH ORGANIZING ISSUE FOCUS



THE YOUTH

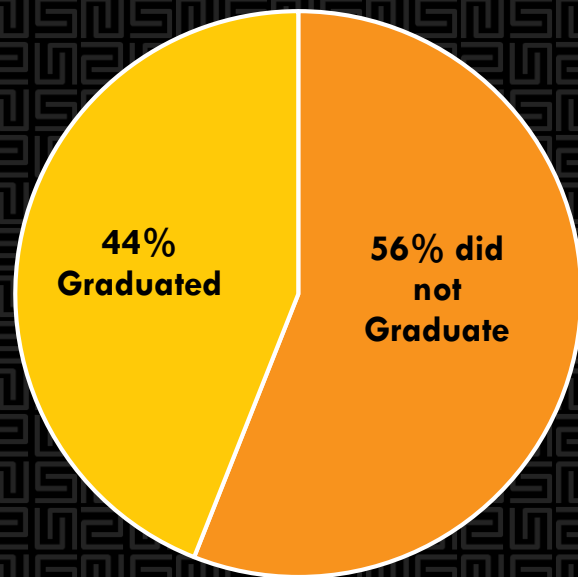


INCREASED SCALE OF VICTORIES



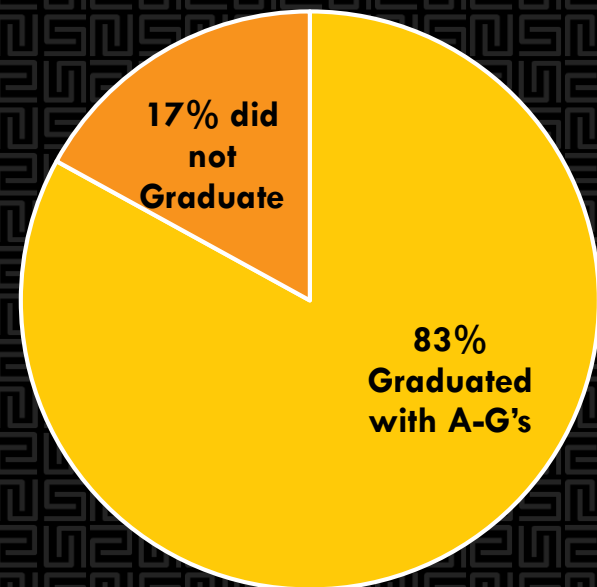
COLLEGE PREP FOR ALL IN EAST LA

CLASS of 2005



■ Did Not Graduate At All or On Time ■ Graduated

CLASS of 2016



■ Graduated with A-G ■ Did Not

Source: Inner City Struggle

VOTER ENGAGEMENT

Don't underestimate our power to change the system



Our Vote Matters

VOTE
Nov. 8

YVOTE
OUR POWER.
OUR GENERATION.

#TAKEBACKTHEVOTE
www.YVoteCA.org



California spends \$10 billion a year on our state prison system.

How do you want your tax dollars spent?

Source: The California Endowment.

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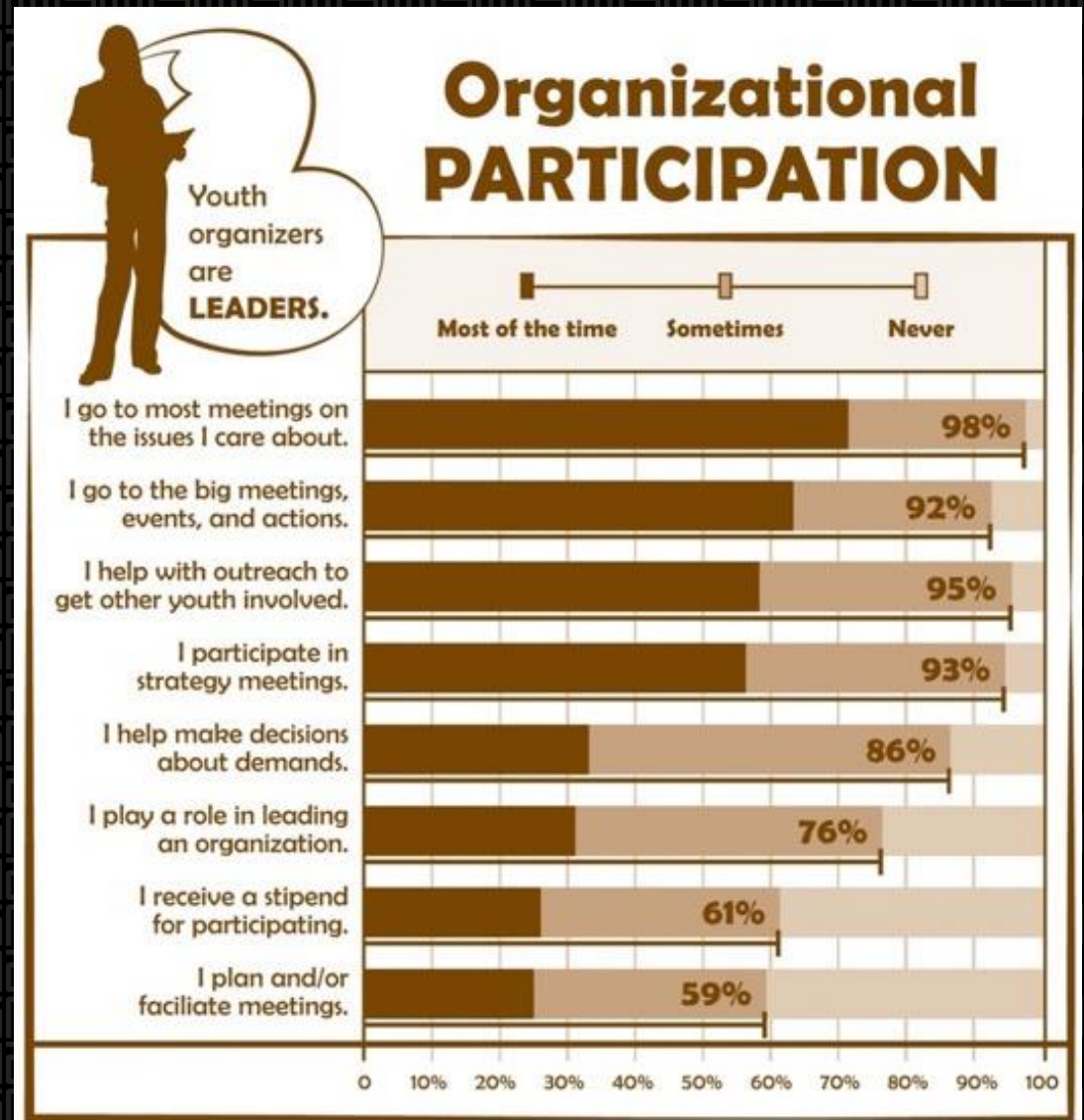
#TAKEBACKTHEVOTE
@YvoteCA

HOLISTIC SUPPORTS



Individual Level Impacts

NEW LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES



Individual Level Impacts

CONFIDENCE & SENSE OF AGENCY



Individual Level Impacts

COLLECTIVE AGENCY

AGENCY in the COMMUNITY

I can make
a difference,
and together
we can make
an **IMPACT**.



Strongly
Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

By working together, people in my community can influence decisions that affect the community.

84%

I have control over decisions that affect my life.

82%

I am satisfied with the amount of control I have over decisions that affect my life.

62%

I can influence decisions that affect my community.

74%

People in my community work together to influence decisions on the state or national level.

48%

My community has influence over decisions that affect my life.

52%

I am satisfied with the amount of influence I have over decisions that affect my community.

45%

0 20% 40% 60% 80% 100

Individual Level Impacts

EDUCATIONAL MOTIVATION

Educational Aspirations and Motivation

The highest level of
education I expect
to complete?

I expect to **SUCCEED.**



49%

Get a **DEGREE BEYOND COLLEGE**
(Masters, PhD, Law, Med)

25%

Graduate from a
**4-YEAR COLLEGE
OR UNIVERSITY**

6%

Graduate from a 2-yr
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

6%

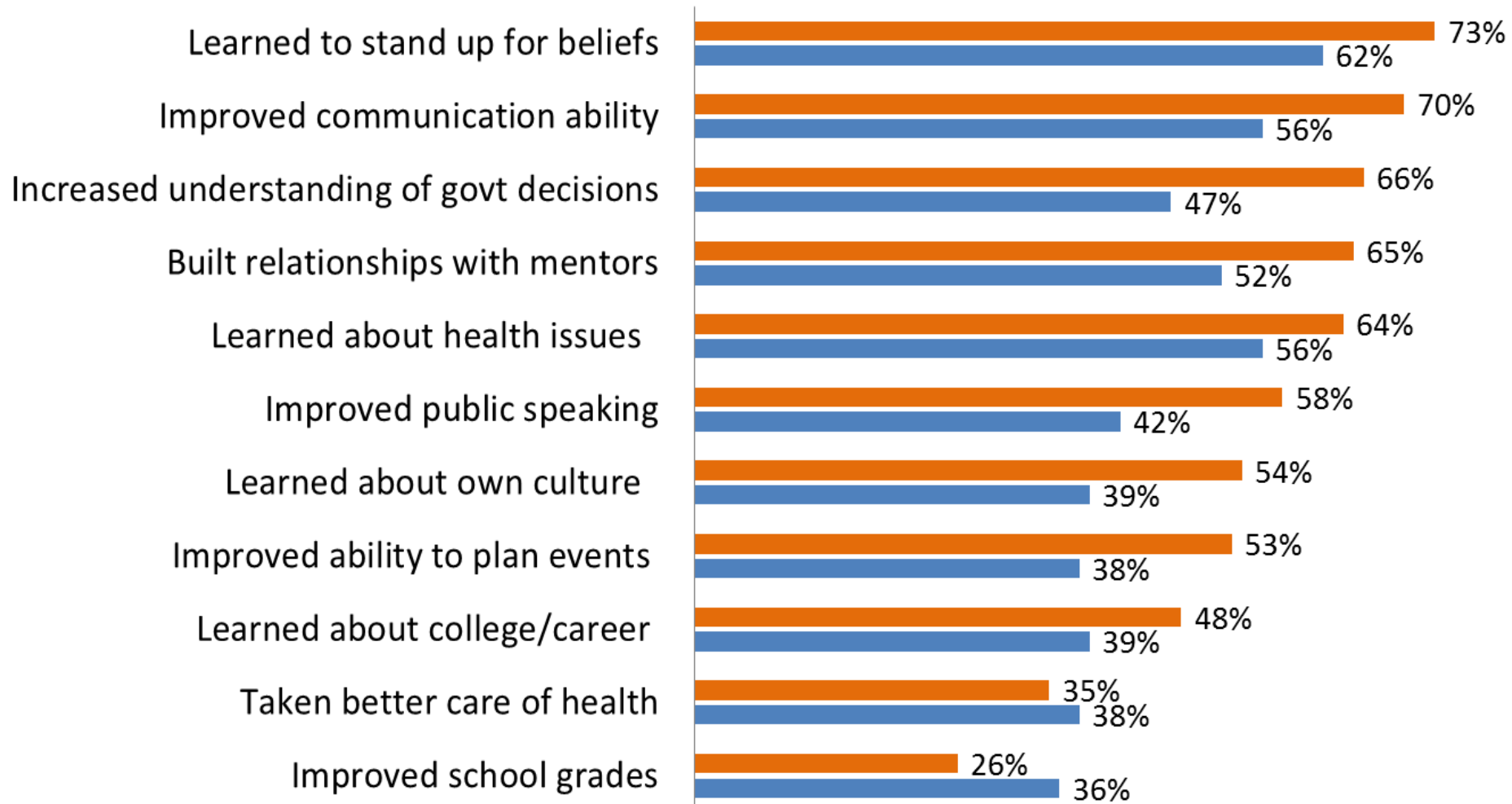
Attend
TRADE SCHOOL

8% Graduate **HIGH SCHOOL/GED**

6% Some **HIGH SCHOOL**

PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH BENEFITING “A LOT” FROM YOUTH ORGANIZING & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GROUPS BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE IN CALIFORNIA 2014

■ **Youth Organizing** ■ **Youth Development**

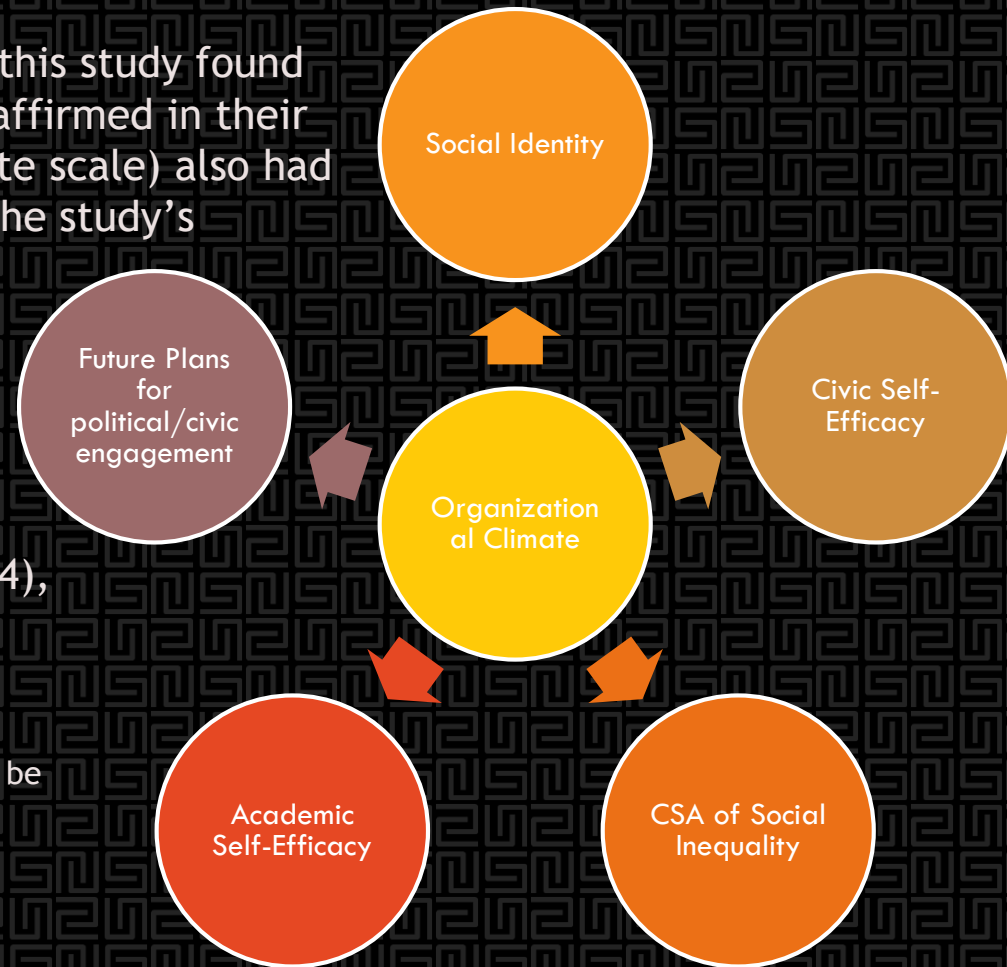


ORGANIZATIONAL CLIMATE OF YOUTH ORGANIZING

In a series of multiple regression analyses, this study found that young people who felt supported and affirmed in their organization (as measured by the Org Climate scale) also had significantly higher scores on nearly all of the study's outcomes of interest:

Racial and Social Identity ($B = .59$),
Critical Thinking & Analysis ($B = .54$),
Academic Self-Efficacy ($B = .47$),
Hope ($B = .45$),
Future Civic-Political Engagement ($B = .44$),
Civic Self-Efficacy ($B = .44$),
Leadership ($B = .26$).

[Note: In descending order of effect. Beta coefficients can be removed, depending on audience]



YOUTH ORGANIZING SUPPORTS SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Powerful Youth, Powerful Communities



Youth organizing provides youth with opportunities to engage in “emotional work” that facilitates the development for key outcomes:

- Emotional Endurance
- Transforming Emotions into Constructive Action
- Essential Social Skills
- Tapping the Power of Positive Emotions

Why this matters for youth development: Handling difficult emotions, experiencing positive ones and developing social skills are an essential part of growing into adulthood and an important outcome for this study. Youth organizing goes a step further and provides the skills necessary for young people to maintain composure and stay focused on constructive action.

ADDITIONAL OUTCOMES

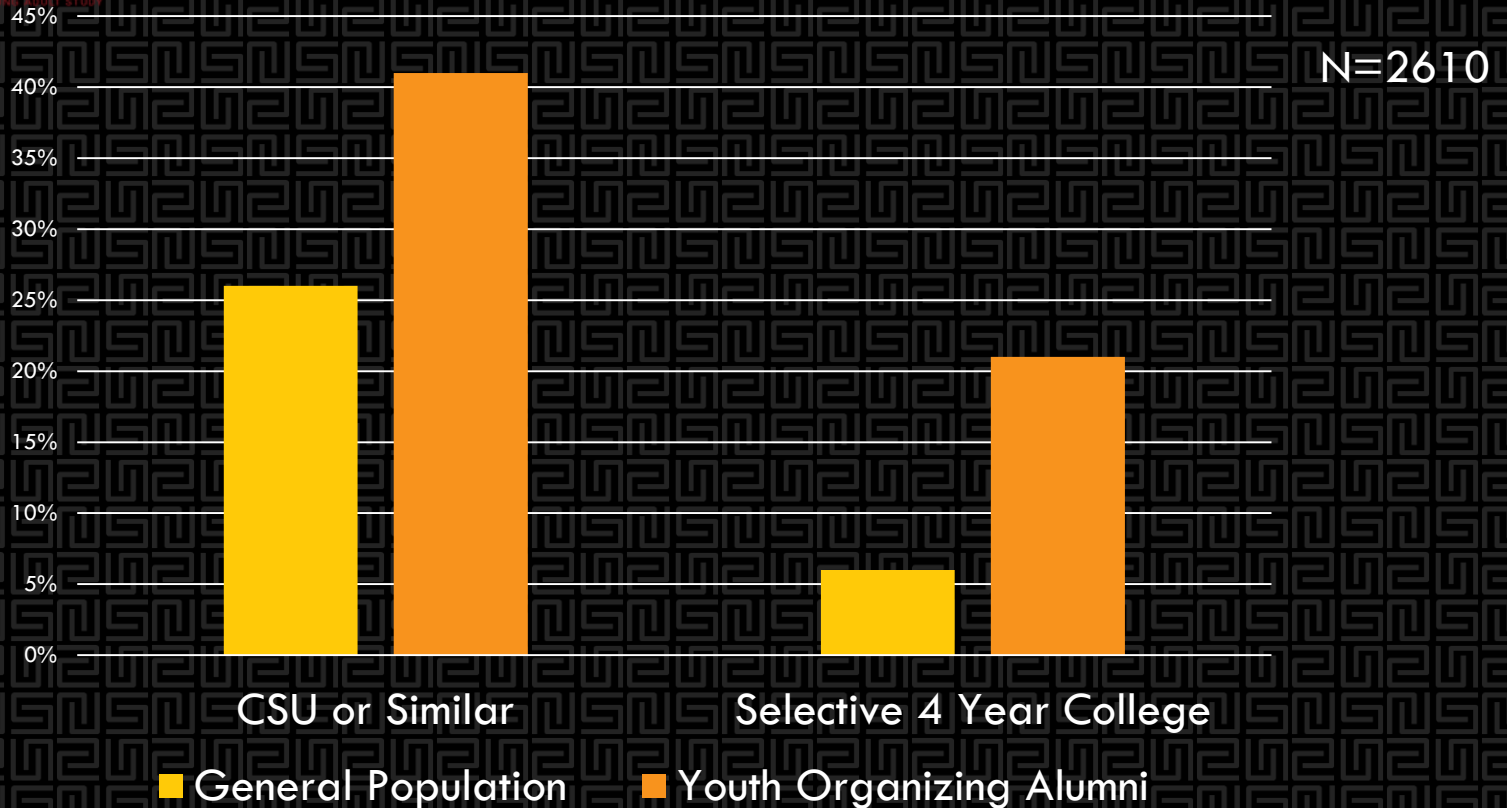


Powerful Youth, Powerful Communities

Theme	Related Outcome	YO	YD
Critical Thinking and Analysis	Understanding root causes of inequality	✓	
	Analysis of how to change policies and institutions	✓	
	Intellectual development	✓	✓
Community Leadership and Action	Working in teams – facilitation and decision-making	✓	✓
	Agency and confidence in civic and sociopolitical activities	✓	
	Public speaking	✓	✓
	School Improvement: Changes to in-school policing and disciplinary policies; school reform	✓	
Social & Emotional Learning	Transforming emotions into constructive action	✓	
	Social skills, affirming relationships and belonging	✓	✓
	School Engagement	✓	✓
Health, safety & wellness	Physical and Mental Well-being	✓	✓
Employment and Jobs training	Jobs readiness	✓	✓
	Advancing policies that create youth employment	✓	

YOUTH ORGANIZING IS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASED LIKELIHOOD OF ATTENDING A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE

Based on logistic regression results controlling for high school GPA, socioeconomic background and gender



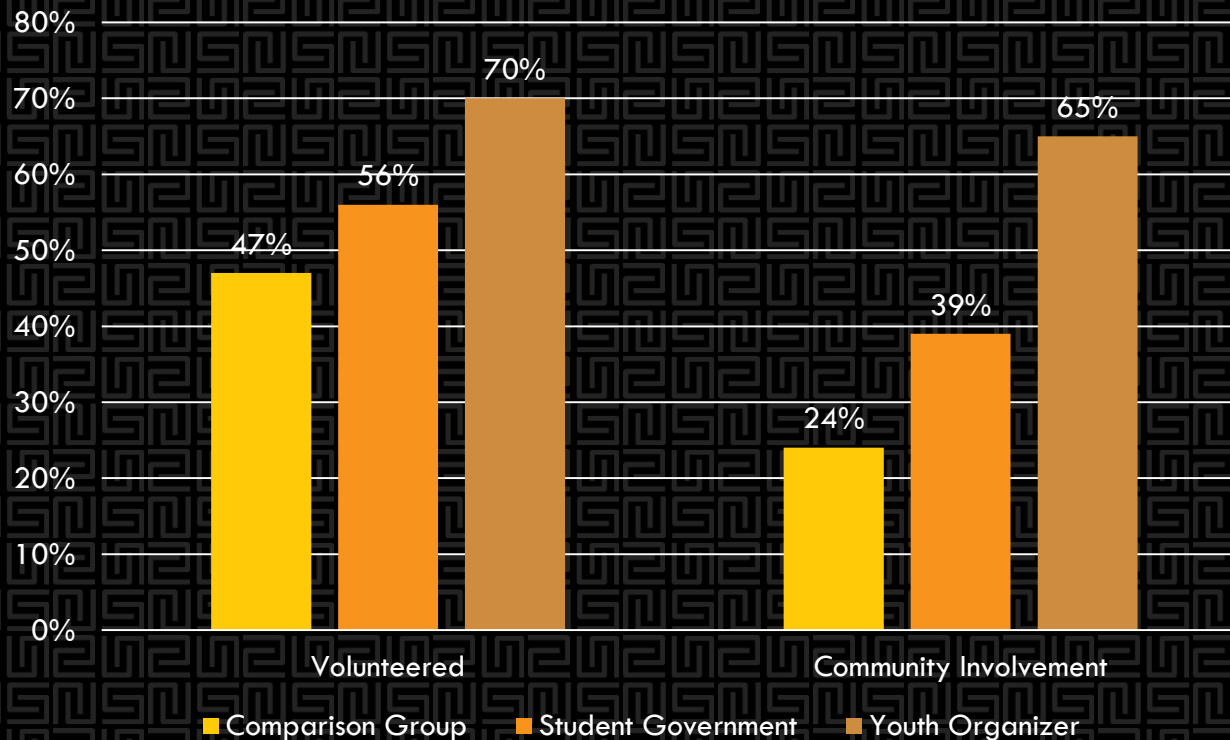
YOUTH ORGANIZING GENERATES HIGH LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

Analyses control for socioeconomic background, college enrollment, gender and age



Civic Participation in Youth Adulthood

N=2610



MULTIPLE LEVELS OF IMPACT

**A 2 for 1
Investment**



A KEY MOMENT FOR ACTION



AUGUST FUNDER BRIEFING



YOUTH IN ACTION

Growing Youth-Led Social Change
in California

August 1-2, 2017
The California Endowment
Los Angeles, CA