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CIRCLE Youth Voter Election 2008 Resources & Data Available

First Numbers on 2008 Youth Voter Turnout Expected Early Wed. Nov. 5

**Historical Data on National & State-by-State Youth Voters since 1972
Interactive Voting Map and More**

**Youth Voter Experts Available for Interviews
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Medford/Somerville, Mass –With the presidential election only two weeks away, election resources – including early estimates on youth voter turnout for the 2008 presidential election and expert analysis of historical national and state youth voter data – will be available from the nation’s premier research organization on the civic and political engagement of Americans between the ages of 15 and 29, Tufts University’s Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE).

Early Estimates of 2008 Youth Voter Turnout: An estimate of the national youth voter turnout is expected by early Wednesday, November 5. Email dave@tricomassociates.com to be on the list to receive estimates of:

- Total number of youth voters (age 18-29)
- National youth voter turnout rate
- Percentage of youth voters of total voters

The following research can provide context and background for pre- and post-election stories:

Historical National and State Youth Voter Fact Sheets: CIRCLE has compiled data on the presidential and midterm cycles nationwide – and by state – since 1972 to give a sense of the turnout the nation might expect on November 4. Copies of state and national fact sheets can be found at www.civicyouth.org.

2008 Interactive Voting Map: This interactive 50-state map allows users to graphically view the trends in youth and older-adult voting in presidential elections since 1972. It includes the proportion of registered voters, how many voted in 2000 and 2004 and the margins for Bush versus Gore in 2000 and Bush versus Kerry in 2004. See www.civicyouth.org/Map_new.htm

2008 Voter State Laws Fact Sheet: A comprehensive look at current voter laws in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. Fact sheet can be found at civicyouth.org/PopUps/FS_08_State_Laws.pdf

2008 Civic Health Index - Beyond the Vote: This report is the most up-to-date and detailed look at how young Americans are participating in the 2008 election and in their communities and their attitudes towards government and current issues. This report examines the civic engagement of young Americans and adults across core measures, including attitudes towards government, levels of political knowledge, partisanship and views of 2008 election and politics. The survey conducted, by CIRCLE for the National Conference on Citizenship, is available online at <http://www.ncoc.net/pdf/civichealth2008-web.pdf>

CIRCLE (The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement) conducts and promotes research on the civic and political engagement of Americans between the ages of 15 and 25. A part of the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University, CIRCLE has received funding from The Pew Charitable Trusts, Carnegie Corporation of New York and several other foundations. The curriculum report, “Narrowing at the Base,” was funded by the Ford Foundation.

The Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, a national leader in civic engagement, prepares students from all fields of Tufts University to become engaged public citizens and community leaders.

Tufts University, located on three Massachusetts campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville, and Grafton, and in Talloires, France, is recognized as one of the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the University's schools is widely encouraged.