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**CIRCLE Releases In-Depth Analysis on Voting and Civic Engagement Among Youth of Color**

*In lead up to 2014 Midterm Election, New Fact Sheets Provide Insight into African-American, Latino and Asian-American Engagement Patterns*

**Medford/Somerville, MA –** The [Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning & Engagement (CIRCLE)](http://www.civicyouth.org/) – the preeminent, non-partisan research center on youth engagement based at Tufts University’s Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service - today released a series of new fact sheets focusing on the voting and civic engagement patterns among youth of color.

The new analysis comes ahead of November’s midterm election and provides a comprehensive overview of the ways in which African-American, Latino and Asian-American youth, ages 18-29, engage in our country’s political and democratic process. Among other key points, this new set of fact sheets illustrate: **the rates of voter registration, voter turnout, and reasons for not voting and registering among these groups of young people.**

*You can view the fact sheets on the electoral engagement of young African-Americans,* [*here*](http://www.civicyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/CIRCLE_FS2014_EngagementByEthnicity-AfricanAmerican.pdf)*; young Asian Americans,* [*here*](http://www.civicyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/CIRCLE_FS2014_EngagementByEthnicity-AsianAmerican.pdf)*; and Latino youth,* [*here*](http://www.civicyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/CIRCLE_FS2014_EngagementByEthnicity-Latinos.pdf)*.*

**With racial and ethnic diversity among youth (ages 18-29) growing every year, it is increasingly important to understand how young people of different backgrounds participate in the nation’s political and public life. Furthermore, young voters are an increasingly powerful part of the electorate**, **making up an essential portion of President Obama’s 2012 reelection coalition.**

Examples of the key findings included in this new fact sheet series, include:

* In the last midterm election (2010), young African Americans turned out to vote at a higher rate than youth of any other racial or ethnic group.
* In general, Asian American youth were less likely than young people in other racial and ethnic groups to engage in formal electoral politics, but were active through political discussion and through donating to charitable causes.
* The voter registration rate for young Latinos (38.7%) in the last midterm election was far lower than that of their Black and White counterparts (both at 51.9%) and had decreased from 2006, when it was 42.7%.
* In 2012, when asked why they didn’t vote, 22.9% of registered young people across all racial and ethnic groups responded that they were too busy or had conflicting work schedules—in 2010, 33.5% said the same. Additionally, 17.4% reported feeling that their vote did not make a difference, and 12.1% said they were out of town.

Throughout this election season, CIRCLE’s online [“2014 Election Center”](http://www.civicyouth.org/2014election/) will house analysis and findings most relevant to the midterm elections. CIRCLE is well known for producing unbiased analysis on youth voting in every election cycle. In addition to providing publicly released products, CIRCLE’s team of experts are also available to help put current data on youth voters and politics into a broader context based on their own research and knowledge of scholarly literature on the subject area.

**\*\* Throughout the 2014 midterm election season, please contact Kristofer Eisenla at** [**kristofer@lunaeisenlamedia.com**](mailto:kristofer@lunaeisenlamedia.com) **or 202-670-5747, to speak to one of CIRCLE’s youth vote experts or for further information/data on the youth vote in America \*\***

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*Tufts University (*[*http://www.tufts.edu/*](http://www.tufts.edu/)*), 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.*