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1. General Theme: Youth's Role in Government: Not Tokenism, but Full Involvement.

American youth is tired of hearing what should be done-- they want and deserve to have their own say.

American youth is rightly demanding full participation in the political process. Young Americans have both the right and the obligation to share in the decisions that will affect their lives.

American youth must be brought into the decision-making process of our society. We can begin to give them much more than the vote. We can give them access to the power levers of American society. We can and must enlist them in the task of moving ahead on our urgent agenda of domestic problems.

We must institute specific reforms to bring young Americans into the government:

2. Office of Youth Affairs.

As President I would create an Office of Youth Affairs at a high level in the Executive Office of the President. The Chairman of the Office will have Cabinet-level rank.

This Office will have the prime responsibility of bringing young people into all government agencies. Young Americans are directly affected by government decisions. They must have a role in the making of those decisions.

Every federal department, every agency must have Youth Advisors. We are now making decisions for tomorrow and for future generations. Tomorrow's generation of leaders must contribute to policy-making today.

3. White House Conference on People's Participation in Government.

As President I would call a series of White House Conferences on People's Participation in Government. These Conferences will take place all over the country so that all Americans--youth, the elderly, businessmen, workers, and other groups--can meet in their home towns with government officials.

We must find new ways to bring the American people into the decision-making process at all levels of government--local, state, and federal.

I call for a New Partnership between the American people and their government. Americans--where they live and work--must participate in the process of policy planning and implementation.

4. Interns for Political Leadership Act.

I have sponsored and introduced the Interns for Political Leadership Act, which was approved by the Senate last fall.

Young Americans must be directly involved in government. My bill will provide for at least 1000 Internships each year so that ~~xxx~~ students can work with their elected representatives from city councils to the Congress.

These Internships will be positions of major responsibility.

Students will be able to participate in government as part
their
of/~~their~~ academic training. Already, many colleges and
universities have wide-ranging Intern Programs. My bill
will provide funds and opportunities for students to join with
elected officials in making decisions that affect them and all
Americans.

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