



# **Empowerment through Political Awareness and Activism**

Hosted by La Raza Pre Law Student Association  
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# Agenda

2:20 pm - 3:20 pm



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Introduction

2

Importance

3

Into Action

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Inquiries

# La Raza Pre Law Student Association



## Mission:

To promote academic achievement and scholarship within each student's respective field of study and provide a pathway between students and law school

# Mission



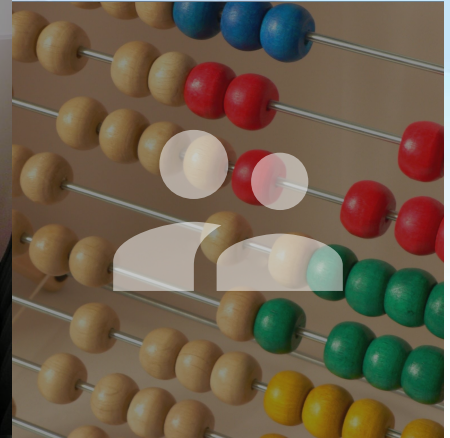
Intuition in our Own  
Perspectives



Importance of our  
Collaboration



Methods



Empowerment

# Community Agreements



1

Be Mindful

2

Be Active

3

Confidentiality

4

Add ons



# Intuition



# Contemporary Perspectives

Write, pass to your left...

**Pink:** Hope

**Yellow:** Motivation

# Importance

Contemporary Climate





# Identity



# Community

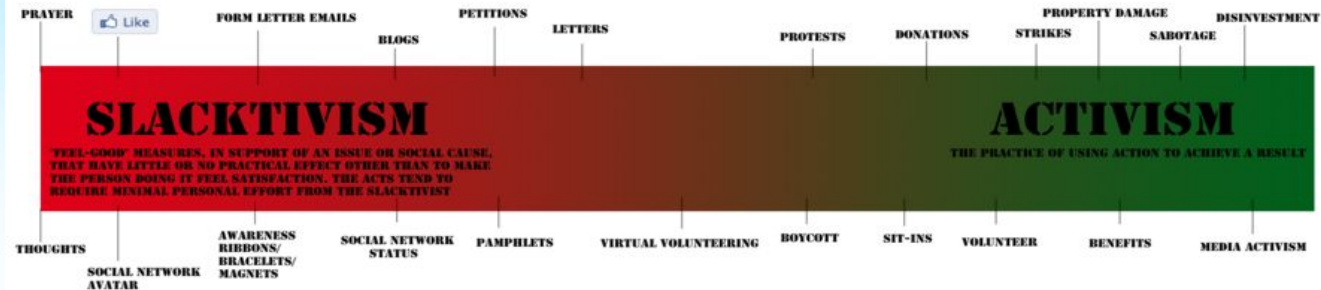


# World Map



# Into Action

## Methods and Strategies

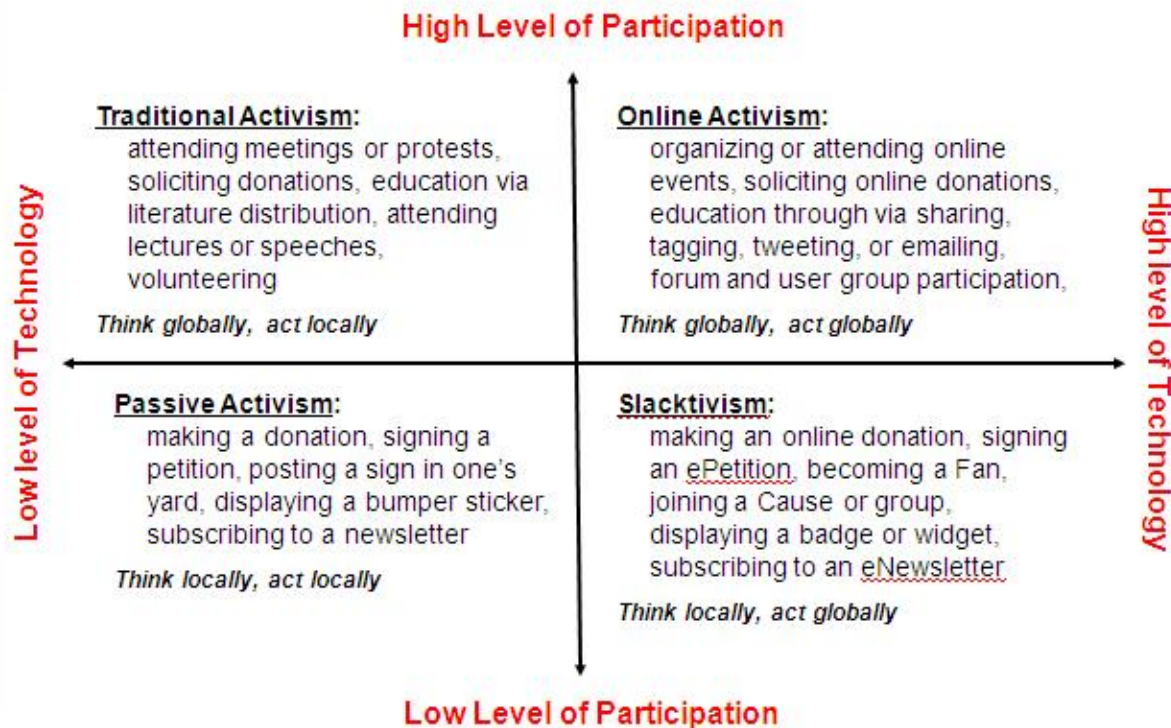


Remember: Action speaks louder than words, but just because something is less effective, does not mean it should not be done. Always ask yourself, "What else can I do?"

Never stop trying to make a difference.



## The Continuum of Activism





# Methods



## THE FUTURE OF SOCIAL ACTIVISM

### HOW YOUNG ADULTS ARE SUPPORTING CAUSES, AND WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

More young adults (ages 20-28) are now actively supporting the causes they care about. They're going beyond staying informed or talking about social issues with their friends; they're taking real action in ways that companies and organizations should take note of.



#### DEFINING SOCIAL ACTIVISM IN YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL ACTIVISTS DO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:



DONATE TIME



DONATE MONEY



PARTICIPATE IN RALLIES  
OR MEETINGS



PARTICIPATE IN  
FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES



BOYCOTT OR SUPPORT  
BUSINESSES



PARTICIPATE THROUGH  
MOBILE TEXTING



SUBSCRIBE TO ONLINE  
NEWS AND FEEDS



LEAD OR ORGANIZE  
GROUP EVENTS



EMAIL, WRITE, OR CALL  
THEIR REPRESENTATIVE

# Into the action



**Accountability**  
Local, State,  
Federal  
Representatives



**Action**



**Build & Deploy**



**Grow & Measure**  
Spread the word,  
increase the  
masses, develop  
yourselves!  
**AMPLIFY**

# Accountability

## Ourselves

- Credible news sources
  - Sacramento Bee
  - NY Times
  - Podcasts
- Leadership Development
  - Local Action Groups

## Others

- Elected Representatives
  - Local
  - State
  - Federal
- Local Boards
- Tools
  - Ballotpedia
  - Eye on Sacramento



# Accountability



1

Find Representatives

2

Research

3

Reach Out

4

Repeat

# Finding Representatives

Federal Representatives:

[www.house.gov/representatives/find/](http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/)

State Representatives:

[www.findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/](http://www.findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/)



# Case Study



## Find Representative

Davis, CA

Assemblymember Cecilia  
Aguiar-Curry, District 4



## Research

Ballotpedia  
Eye on Sacramento

## Contact

### Capitol Office:

State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0004  
Tel: [\(916\) 319-2004](tel:(916)319-2004)  
Fax: (916) 319-2104

### District Offices:

600 A Street, Ste. D  
Davis, CA 95616  
Tel: [\(530\) 757-1034](tel:(530)757-1034)  
Fax: (530) 757-1174



## Share

Conduct Methods

# Calling into Action



[Staff] Good afternoon, you have reached the office of [policymaker], how can I help you?

[Constituent] Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_, and I'm a constituent of [policymaker]. I am calling in support of/opposition to [issue/bill #]. Does [policymaker] have a position on this issue?

[Staff] [explains position]

[Constituent] [Pick one of three options:]

- **[if you AGREE]** Thank you. I appreciate your office's leadership on this issue and I hope [policymaker] continues to carry this position.
- **[if you DISAGREE]** I am sorry to hear that. [Respectfully and succinctly explain your position on the issue – in no more than one sentence] I hope that [policymaker] will consider my opinion as one of his/her constituents.
- **[if policymaker has NO POSITION]**

[Issue/bill #] is important to the constituents of our district for several reasons. [Include no more than three one-sentence reasons to support or oppose the issue or policy.] I hope that [policymaker] will consider my opinion as one of [his/her] constituents and will decide to support/oppose].

[Staff] Thank you, I will take a record of your comment and pass it along to the [policymaker].

# Get Involved



1

Local Action Groups

2

Lobby Organizations

3

Events

4

Repeat

# Get Involved



**SUPPORT DACA**

Student Phone Bank  
Make a Phone Call to your Elected Officials this Friday

2 locations, Feb. 16, 11:30 to 1:30:

- El Centro - 2nd Floor of the MU
- AB540 & Undocumented Student Center

**FREE PIZZA**  
UC DAVIS  
STUDENT AFFAIRS

UC DAVIS  
GOVERNMENT & LAW CENTER

Thank You!

NASW  
National Association of Social Workers  
California Chapter

**Legislative  
Lobby Days**

March 11 & 12, 2018  
Sacramento, CA

[www.naswca.org](http://www.naswca.org)



# Spread the Word

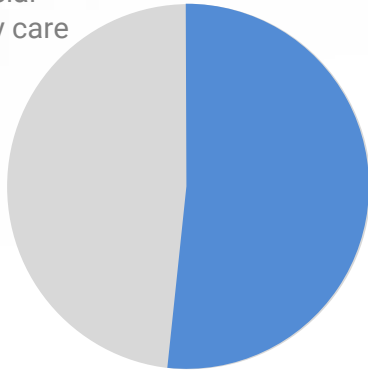




# Impacts of our Generation: September 2016

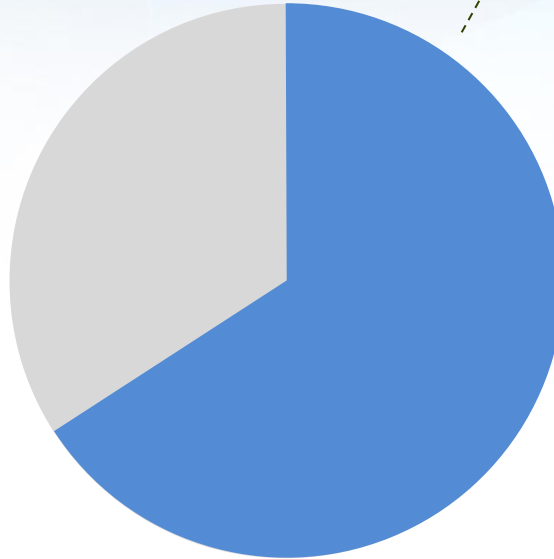
**52%**

Donated to a cause affiliated with a social issue they care about



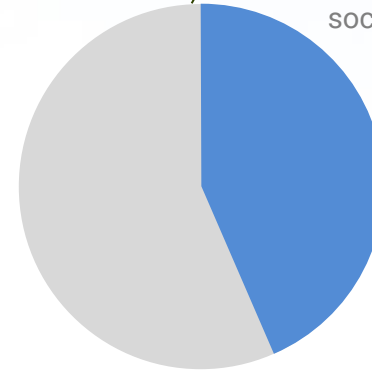
**64%**

Signed petitions for issues they care about.



**46%**

Volunteered for a cause affiliated with a social issue they care about



# Inquiries

Looking ahead

# Thank You

From La Raza Pre Law Student Association at UC Davis

**Website:** [ucdlarazaprelaw.org](http://ucdlarazaprelaw.org)

**IG:**  
[larazaprelaw](https://www.instagram.com/larazaprelaw)

**Facebook:**  
[La Raza Pre Law](https://www.facebook.com/LaRazaPreLaw)

**Meetings:**  
Tuesdays  
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Olson 106



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