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The topic of involving more of the younger generation in the efforts of the Republican Party is an important one because, as they say, our children are our future. But before we can talk about how to get more young people involved, we must acknowledge the fact that we need to reimagine our Department of Education. First, we need to vote out the radical liberals that are pushing for socialism and imposing liberal nonsense on our children. Second, we need real patriots representing our traditional education and empowering the parents to stay involved and informed of their children's education. Additionally, we need to eliminate socialism teachings, including pushing Sexual Education and LGBTQ curriculum on our especially young children.

Eliminating Common Core and bringing back traditional learning, teaching children how to write and be truly good at it instead of tapping buttons on a screen, informing about the American Government system, teaching the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and most importantly, showing our kids what it truly means to be a real American who can think for themselves are all vital strategies to inspire and instill a sense of citizenship to the younger generation. High School students should be able to study, understand, and recite the Constitution. Children are being taught that communist ideology is the answer and that they are not capable of thinking for themselves. Once they learn that fact is false and realize that doing your own research and forming your own ideas and opinions is a human right, they can develop moral values such as knowing right from wrong.



They need to be made aware that liberalism has no other intention but to brainwash, spread misinformation and rewrite history. With that being said, these things will help open their eyes to what is really happening in our government. Not only should patriotism be encouraged in schools, but it should also be reinforced at home. Parents should inform them from a very young age and teach them about American values. One idea may include watching Conservative media such as One America News, NewsMax, and Fox News. They need to be taught how to discern a good patriot from a traitor.

Another idea to help them become interested would be to start a High School Patriot Club for those who would like to participate in political activities. Perhaps volunteering with their own local Conservative organization such as the Election Integrity Project, Sacramento Republican Women Federated, NRA, etc. This is because they could always use the help with tasks and it puts the ideas and inspiration that was instilled by their parents into the real world. More red blooded Americans need to come together to fight and make a difference. One way to draw in more teenagers would be to create a fun environment so that it does not seem so boring. Some ideas may include setting up an ice cream social, a bowling night, a pool party, etc. This is so young Conservatives can bond and develop close friendships as well as becoming more comfortable with being involved. Even going to an organization and



asking if they need help with mailers and flyers. Maybe even offer to hold signs to support a Candidate or a bill. These things would help better include and interest high school students and younger to be a part of the Republican Party's efforts in politics.

When it pertains to college students, most college students are the majority of first time voters. Colleges should also start Patriot clubs as well. It would also be a great idea to create a class on how to properly vet Candidates. Keep the ball rolling and then they can take more active roles in different organizations of their choice that they feel is important to them. Again, create fun events to help young people bond and work together. Have a coffee social event to invite the young Conservatives to come and learn what it's about. Sign up for Poll Watch training together and educate others about the importance of honest voting and fight against voter fraud. Recruit students to be poll workers. Sign up for firearm training together and educate others about the

importance of honest voting and fight against voter fraud. Recruit students to be poll workers. Sign up for firearm training together and educate others about the importance of our Second Amendment rights. Set up a mock election with real people as representatives. Also volunteering their time with other organizations doing precincts, petition booths, helping with organizing big political events such as Meet and Greet Night, and possibly even going to work for Republicans at the State Capitol. These things would help better include and interest college students and older to be a part of the Republican Party's efforts in politics. Social media is another factor that has a massive impact on this generation's worldviews, morals, perspectives, and beliefs. Because it is so widely used, it would be a great way to reach, include and get through to the younger generations. Making a Facebook page

or an Instagram account to support local candidates or advertise rallies would be a good way to attract young adults. Create a unique hashtag that will help spread information and be accessible to them. More importantly, social media is a great tool to utilize in order to attract more first-time voters, encourage them as well as help them understand their civic duty to vote. Not only does social media hold incredible power to do these great things, but the people running it do too. These things would help reach younger adults and encourage them to become more involved in politics.

In conclusion, there are many ways to attract the younger generation to the Republican Party. As stated in the beginning of this essay, our children are our future. They have the power to do amazing things for this country if only we would instill and reinforce the values and ideology we hold so dear. They will be the ones supporting future generations and passing on the political legacy their parents gave to them. Many of the younger generations would vote for the same things any other voter would, but politicians' campaign strategies are not formulated to appeal to them. When we interpret these things in a way that is better understandable and accessible to them, the more moved they are to become involved. They may be younger, but they have a voice that deserves to be heard. And soon, we will all hear the rumbling of The Red Wave loud and clear!

