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Exclusive Analysis on Role of Young Voters in New Hampshire Primary

Youth in New Hampshire Vote in Record Numbers; Tremendous Youth Support for Sanders Continues

Medford/Somerville, MA – Youth turnout in yesterday’s New Hampshire primary is estimated to be 42% percent, according to youth vote experts from the [Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning & Engagement \(CIRCLE\)](#) – the preeminent, non-partisan research center on youth engagement at Tufts University’s Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service.

Young Democratic primary voters (ages 18-29) showed overwhelming support for Senator Bernie Sanders over Secretary Hillary Clinton: 83% to 16%. Republican primary winner Donald Trump also had strong support from young Republican primary voters with 37%, followed by 16% who voted for Senator Ted Cruz. For CIRCLE’s full New Hampshire primary analysis please [see here](#).

“Young voters braved the winter weather and came out in large numbers in yesterday’s New Hampshire primaries, shattering the myth that they are unreliable voters who will only vote when it is convenient for them,” says Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, director of CIRCLE. **“Young people saw the pivotal role that they can play in this election, and the direction of this country, and they responded by making their voices heard, loud and clear.”**

While these summary data provide important indicators of youth impact on the primary, there are many perspectives and narratives about young people and elections which must be understood. CIRCLE has [gathered some reflections](#) on youth engagement in this year’s primary.

Throughout this election season, [CIRCLE’s 2016 Election Center](#) will offer new data products and analyses providing a comprehensive picture of the youth vote, both nationally and in targeted states and congressional districts across the country. The upcoming Nevada caucuses may lend insight into a key state where youth have the

potential for impact in 2016, as rated in CIRCLE's [Youth Electoral Significance Index](#).

CIRCLE youth vote experts also are available for interviews and/or analysis. Media outlets should contact: Kristofer Eisenla at kristofer@lunaeisenlamedia.com or 202-670-5747

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CIRCLE (www.civicyouth.org) is a nonpartisan, independent, academic research center that studies young people in politics and presents detailed data on young voters in all 50 states. CIRCLE is part of the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University.

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