

YOUTH ISSUES

How the Bush Agenda Effects Youth

What is at Stake?

* YOUNG WOMEN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE.

The Bush Administration is seeking to deny young women basic reproductive health services without permission or notification from parents. Twenty states already deny young women the right to an abortion without parental consent. If re-elected, Bush will have the ability to appoint Supreme Court Justices that will reverse the Roe v. Wade decision that made abortion legal. More info: www.choiceusa.org

* AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.

The Bush administration filed a brief supporting the legal challenge to affirmative action in admissions at the University of Michigan last year. Bush has also repeatedly refused to meet with the NAACP and the Congressional Black Caucus. More info: www.civilrights.org

* PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Bush is proposing 23 million dollars for drug testing in public schools while many schools in the country don't have enough funds for text books, classes are overcrowded, and there are teacher shortages. His "No Child Left Behind" Law punishes schools for "failure" without providing funds for achievement. The law also makes public school students vulnerable to military recruitment.

More info: www.rethinkingschools.org



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* HIGHER EDUCATION.

The country's campuses are in fiscal crisis. Bush's massive tax cut for the wealthy added up to broke public universities and community colleges. The federal government has cut funding to public universities forcing many universities to nearly double their tuitions. The Bush Administration has also made it more difficult for students to obtain federal grants at a time when over half of college students are forced to work one or more jobs. More info: www.usstudents.org

* WAR AND PEACE.

Bush's agenda is also advancing the military domination of the world. The U.S. is flexing its military might all over the world with overt and covert interventions in Venezuela, Haiti, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Cuba, just to name a few. Military recruiters are sent out to inner city schools to recruit young people to fight Bush's wars.

More info: www.nyspc.net

* CRIMINALIZING YOUTH.

Bush also seeks to continue the criminalization of youth. He favors creating a national "gang registry," which will justify more police brutality and harassment for youth of color and could stigmatize youth organizing as "gang-related" activity. Bush has also been outspoken about harsher sentences to "rehabilitate" youth.

More info: www.criticalresistance.org