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Kids today get a bad rap. They're not engaged; they're obsessed with their phones; they're self-centered, spoiled and cynical. They don't care. But last Nov. 12, 23 million young people ages 18-29 showed up to take part in the democratic process.

Attempts to disenfranchise young voters by outlawing university-issued student IDs at the polls didn't work. States with new voter suppression laws, like Tennessee's photo ID requirement, actually

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Wednesday at the Martin Professional Development Center, 2400 Fairfax Ave. in Nashville. The conference is free, but students must pre-register at <http://bit.ly/SRC2013>.

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