Political Science 2030
Civic Engagement, Youth, and Media

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What does it mean to be an active and engaged citizen in our contemporary world? Concepts of citizenship and democracy have been with us for some time, but they have also shifted and changed as our world has grown more complex, particularly in terms of how we learn about important issues and communicate with others. In POLI 2030, we will consider a variety of perspectives on what it means to be a "good citizen" and take a look at how young people in particular engage (or not) in political activities and public life. We will also look at a range of factors that help determine how people connect with the world of politics and civic engagement, and ponder the future of citizen participation in the United States.

This course is a terrific introduction to either a Political Science or Mass Communication major, and also satisfies LSU's General Education requirements.