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Youth Sociopolitical Action: Costs, Benefits, and Supporting Sustainable Sociopolitical Practices

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Message from the Guest Editors

Many adolescents and young adults are involved in a broad range of sociopolitical actions, from participating in large social justice movements to taking individual actions to fight for equality in their communities. Societies and local communities benefit from the voices and engagement of diverse young people, perhaps especially those for whom the costs of sociopolitical action are higher based on their identities and contexts.

This Special Issue thus calls for papers that examine links between sociopolitical action and healthy development. We seek contributions that will help create a multidisciplinary and multi-level conversation about how best to support young people in justice-oriented sociopolitical action that is constructive, sustainable, and health-promotive. Preference will be given to articles that simultaneously consider costs and benefits of social justice-oriented civic engagement for adolescent and young adult health; that consider how best to support young people in their civic engagement; and that draw on empirical studies, longitudinal data, and/or understudied samples.



