



RISE EMPOWERED

Latinos are a growing political and economic force in the United States. Through its civic engagement efforts, NCLR translates this growth and power into lasting progress for our community by helping eligible immigrants become citizens, citizens become voters, and increasing participation in the policy debates that affect us. Through citizenship assistance, voter registration and turnout, leadership development and issue campaigns, we work with youth leaders and Affiliates to strengthen the Hispanic community's ability to use our voice and our vote to achieve policy change at the local, state, and national level.

Students at East Austin College Prep, an NCLR Affiliate, share why they think it's important to vote during a High School Democracy Project demonstration.

the voice of **OUR FUTURE**

Like any other teenager, Tony couldn't wait to turn 18 and embrace the freedom of adulthood. But he'd never paid much thought to the fact that it was also time to become a voter. "No one talked to me about how important it is to make my voice heard."

That's not surprising. Since civics is no longer a required subject in high school, the next generation of voters don't always know how much their voices matter, or how the government affects their daily lives. Nearly a million Latino citizens turn 18 every year and become eligible to vote; many will be the first in their families to do so.

To address this challenge, NCLR developed the **High School Democracy Project** to show new Latino voters how they fit into the complicated, sometimes confusing, world of government, and get them registered to vote. In six short lessons, the Democracy High School Project shows Latino youth how they can play

a role in shaping their government. By using **LatinosVote**—NCLR's voter registration mobile app—students are also encouraged to engage their friends and family and get them to register to vote. In 2016, the High School Democracy Project was crucial in helping NCLR and its Affiliate Network register more than 75,000 new voters.

Now that he's registered, Tony talks about politics in the kitchen with his grandmother. "We watch the news together in English and discuss what the politicians are proposing. When my grandfather joins the conversation, we switch to Spanish, but the issues are the same."

SINCE 2004, NCLR AND ITS NATIONAL NETWORK OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ELEVATED THE VOICE OF LATINOS BY REGISTERING MORE THAN 500,000 NEW VOTERS.

75,131 new voters registered by NCLR and Affiliates in 2016

2,300 students engaged through the High School Democracy Project

40+ states reached through our civic engagement efforts

To learn more about how NCLR is growing the voice of Latinos at the polls, or visit www.nclr.org/issues/voting.