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**We the People
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The Center for Civic Education's mission is to promote and enlighten a responsible citizenry that is committed to democratic principles and actively engaged in the practice of democracy in the United States and in other countries.

The Center develops and implements programs in civic education for public and private schools at elementary and secondary levels, cooperating with educators and scholars in the social sciences, humanities, and the law. The Center offers curricular materials, leadership training, teachers education, and research and evaluation in civic education. The principal goals of the Center's programs are to help students develop (1) an increased understanding of the Institutions of American Constitutional Democracy and the fundamental principles and values upon which they are founded, (2) the skills necessary to participate as effective and responsible citizens, and (3) the willingness to use democratic procedures for making decisions and managing conflict.



We the People: Project Citizen, administered at the middle school level, promotes competent and responsible participation in state and local governments. It actively engages young people in learning how to monitor and influence public policy, as a project, young people work together to create a portfolio related to public policy issue that they have researched and documented. Classes may enter their portfolios in a local competition with other classes. Winners advance to annual state and national competitions.

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There is an old saying that the course of civilization is a race between catastrophe and education. In a democracy such as ours, we must make sure that education wins the race."

-John F. Kennedy

"The qualifications for self-government are not innate. They are the result of habit and long training."

-Thomas Jefferson

"No one is born a good citizen; no nation is born a democracy. Rather, both are processes that continue to evolve over a lifetime. Young people must be included from birth. A society that cuts itself off from its youth severs its lifeline."

-Kofi Annun, United Nations Secretary-General