

## Richard Nixon Presidential Library Resources for 18-Year Old Vote/26th Amendment

### Textual

#### WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILES (WHCF): SUBJECT FILES

- **FG (Federal Government-Organizations)**
  - FG 17 Department of Justice  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/fg-17-department-justice-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
    - FG 17-11 The Solicitor-General
  - FG 51 Supreme Court of the United States  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/fg-51-supreme-court-united-states-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
- **JL (Judicial-Legal Matters)**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/jl-judicial-legal-matters-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
  - Boxes 7-9 - JL 2 Civil Matters [All folders]
- **SP (Speeches)**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/sp-speeches-white-house-central-files-subject-files>
  - Box 118 - SP 3-10 Senate Student Youth Program - White House 2/7/69 [2 folders]
  - Box 216 - SP 3-112 Dwight Eisenhower High School Dedication Utica, Michigan 8/24/72 [2 folders]

#### WHCF: STAFF MEMBER AND OFFICE FILES (SMOF)

- **Arthur Burns**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/arthur-f-burns-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Box 1 - I-2 Voting Age
- **Jeffrey Donfeld**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/jeffrey-donfeld-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Box 22 - Eighteen-year-old Vote [OA 5643]
- **Robert H. Finch**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/robert-h-finch-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>

- Box 44 - Youth - 18 year old vote
- **Leonard Garment**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/leonard-garment-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Boxes 156-157 - Voting Rights [CFOA 1265] [3 folders]
- **Bryce N. Harlow**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/bryce-n-harlow-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Box 14 - Voting Rights
- **Edwin L. Harper**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/edwin-l-harper-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Box 67 - Voting Rights
- **James W. McLane**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/james-w-mclane-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Box 4 - Eighteen Year Old Vote in 1972 [2 folders]
  - Box 8 - Student Vote
- **Bradley H. Patterson, Jr.**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/bradley-h-patterson-jr-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Box 71 - Voting Rights Amendment
- **William E. Timmons**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/william-e-timmons-white-house-central-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Box 85 - Voting, Extend Right to Citizens 18 yrs of Age or Older, SJ RES 7, HJ RES 223
  - Box 85 - Voting Rights Act [3 folders]
  - Box 351 - Constitutional Amendments

WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL FILES (WHSF): SMOF

- **Charles Colson**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/index.php/finding-aids/charles-w-colson-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Boxes 56-57 - 18-Year Old Vote [7 folders]
- **John W. Dean, III**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/john-w-dean-iii-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Box 24 - Constitutional Amendment--18-year-old vote [2 folders]

- Box 31 - Eighteen Year Old Vote [11 folders]
- Box 78 - Voting Rights Act [4 folders]
- Box 78 - Voting Rights Act of 1970
- Box 78 - Voting Rights, Sen. Brooke's Bill
- **President's Personal File (PPF)**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/presidents-personal-file-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Box 46 - February 7, 1969, (Heart Foundation), 1969 Senate Youth Program
  - Box 59 - June 22, 1970, Voting Rights Act Statement
  - Box 67 - Monday July 5, 1971, 26th Amendment Certification
  - Box 79 - Thursday, August 24, 1972, DDE High School, Utica, Michigan
- **Gordon C Strachan**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/finding-aids/gordon-c-strachan-white-house-special-files-staff-member-and-office-files>
  - Box 5 - Eighteen-Year-Old Vote

#### RICHARD NIXON RETURNED MATERIALS

- **White House Special Files**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/nixon-presidential-returned-materials-collection-white-house-special-files-whsf>
  - Box 31 - folder 14
    - Unknown to Agnew, George Romney, Robert Finch, and Daniel Moynihan re: attached recommendations originated by Mr. Rockefeller. 25 pgs with attachments [1/09/69]
- **White House Central Files**  
[https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/forresearchers/find/textual/findingaids/returned\\_central.pdf](https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/forresearchers/find/textual/findingaids/returned_central.pdf)
  - Box 42 - WHCF: SMOF: Robert H. Finch: Youth – 18 Year Old Vote
  - Box 55 - WHCF: SMOF: McLane: Subject Files: Eighteen Year Old Vote – 1972 [2 folders]
- **White House Special Files: Contested Materials**  
[https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/virtuallibrary/documents/contested/Contested\\_Index.pdf](https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/virtuallibrary/documents/contested/Contested_Index.pdf)
  - Box 6 - folder 70
    - From Haldeman to Colson and Finch RE: the 18-year old vote in the election of 1972 [12/1/70]
  - Box 11 - folder 2

- From Gordon Strachan. RE: Trial Heat and Approve/Disapprove: Registration (Intend to Register) 18-20 Year Old Vote Leaner Question. 3 pgs. [4/1/71]
- Box 11 - folder 4
  - From Gordon Strachan to George Grassmuck. RE: Detailed post by Gerald Kline on the 18-20 year old vote. 1 pg [6/14/71]
  - From Gordon Strachan to Attorney General, John N. Mitchell. RE: memo on "The Odds Against Henry Jackson", as well as analysis of the 18-20 year old vote. 1 pg [6/30/71]
  - From Tom Benham to Haldeman. RE: Potential Effects of the 18-20 Year Old Vote on 1972 Presidential Election Results. 12 pgs. [6/15/71]
- Box 11 - folder 6
  - From Rose Mary Woods to Haldeman. RE: Memo received regarding the plan to attract 18 year old voters. 2 pgs. [7/13/71]
  - Picture of a female cartoon shouting, "Actions, not talk!" A campaign to register 18-20 year olds. 1 pg. [no date]
- Box 11 - folder 10
  - From Gordon Strachan. RE: Trial Heat and Approve/Disapprove: Registration (Intend to Register) 18-20 Year Old Vote, leaner question. 3 pgs. [4/1/71]
  - From Gordon Strachan to Trial Heat and Approve/Disapprove: Registration (Intend to Register) 18-20 Year Old Vote, Leaner Question. 3 pgs. [4/1/71]
- Box 24 - folder 2
  - From Strachan to Mitchell RE: material on Henry Jackson and the 18-20 year old vote. 1 pg. [6/30/71]
- Box 25 - folder 2
  - From Strachan to Chapin Re: "Youth for Nixon." "One of the task forces that Magruder is establishing deals with you in general and the 18- 20 year old voter in particular." Appropriate follow-up should enable to grasp opportunity. [3/15/71]
- Box 25 - folder 4
  - From Haldeman to Magruder. It is my understanding that no effort is currently being conducted to register people in the 18 to 21 year old age bracket for the upcoming campaign. 10 pgs. [6/17/71]
- Box 44 - folder 14
  - To: Herbert G. Klein From: Irwin J. Premack RE: Effect that the 16 to 20 year old age groups would have in the 1972 political campaigns, if the

voting age were lowered to 18, and Survey No. 849 Questions and Results. 14 pgs. [6/18/70]

- Box 49 - folder 42
  - From Robert Finch and Charles Colson to H.R. Haldeman. RE: 18 year old vote. 7 pgs. [12/9/70]
- Box 49 - folder 44
  - From Robert Finch to Charles Colson. RE: 18 year old vote in 1972. 6 pgs. [12/9/70]
- Box 49 - folder 45
  - From Colson/Finch to Haldeman RE: 18 year old vote in 1972. 6 pgs. [12/9/70]

#### GOVERNED BY DEED OF GIFT: GENERAL DONATIONS

- **H.R. Haldeman Diaries**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/h-r-haldeman-diaries>

- 3/17/70
- 6/18/70
- 7/5/71

#### RICHARD NIXON PRE-PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS (RICHARD NIXON FOUNDATION)

- **PPS 208 Speech Files**

[https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-12/PPS\\_208\\_Speech\\_File\\_Inventor\\_v.pdf](https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-12/PPS_208_Speech_File_Inventor_v.pdf)

- Box 93 - Sep. 15, 1968. Youth, ending draft, suffrage for 18 year olds. Santa Barbara, CA.

#### White House Tapes

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/white-house-tapes>

- Conversation Number: WHT 6-141  
Conversation Date: July 5, 1971  
Participants: Nixon, Ronald Ziegler
- Conversation Number: WHT 6-143  
Conversation Date: July 5, 1971  
Participants: Nixon, H.R. Haldeman
- Conversation Number: OVAL 537-4  
Conversation Date: July 5, 1971  
Participants: Nixon, Haldeman
- Conversation Number: WHT 8-87  
Conversation Date: September 12, 1971

Participants: Nixon, Charles Colson

- Conversation Number: OVAL 625-12

Conversation Date: November 29, 1971

Participants: Nixon, John Mitchell, John Ehrlichman, Clark MacGregor, William Timmons

## Audiovisual

### AUDIO COLLECTIONS

- **White House Communications Agency Sound Recordings Collection**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-08/whca-sr-complete-20180806.pdf>

- File/ID: P-710703

Date: 7/5/71

Title: Remarks by President Nixon at ceremonies certifying the 18-year voting age

### MOTION FILM COLLECTIONS

- **Naval Photographic Center Film Collection**

[https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-10/npc\\_complete\\_20180806.pdf](https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-10/npc_complete_20180806.pdf)

- File/ID: NPC-1211-100-72

Date: 7/5/71

Title: President Nixon signing the 26th Amendment

### VIDEO COLLECTIONS

- **White House Communications Agency Video Collection**

<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2020-02/nixon-library-whca-video-complete-20200211.pdf>

- File/ID: WHCA 3755

Date: 6/20/70

Title: Weekly News Summary: Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts from 6/13/70 to 6/18/70

- File/ID: WHCA 3761

Date: 6/27/70

Title: Weekly News Summary, Tape I: Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts from 6/21/70 to 6/25/70

- File/ID: WHCA 3791

Date: 7/18/70

Title: Weekly News Summary, Pt. 1: Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts from 7/11/70 to 7/15/70

- File/ID: WHCA 3918  
Date: 10/24/70  
Title: Weekly News Summary - Tape I: Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts from 10/17/70
- File/ID: WHCA 4051  
Date: 12/26/70  
Title: Weekly News Summary, Tape I: Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts from 12/19/70 to 12/22/70
- File/ID: WHCA 4414  
Date: 6/3/71  
Title: Weekly News Summary, Tape I: Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts from 5/28/1971 to 6/1/1971
- File/ID: WHCA 4498  
Date: 7/5/71  
Title: "A Conversation with The Chief Justice"
- File/ID: WHCA 4778  
Date: 11/4/71  
Title: Weekly News Summary, Tape I: Excerpts of evening network news broadcasts from 10/29/1971 to 11/2/1971
- File/ID: WHCA 5487  
Date: 6/18/72  
Title: "Newsmakers": a discussion of the 18 year old vote
- File/ID: WHCA 5727  
Date: 8/30/72  
Title: "A Public Affair: Election '72 - The Elusive Youth Vote"
- **Main Video File**  
<https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-08/myf-complete-20180806.pdf>
  - File/ID: MVF-043  
Date: 9/15/72  
Title: Nixon 1972 Campaign Spots

## PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTIONS

- **White House Photo Office Collection**  
[https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-10/whpo-complete-20181001\\_1.pdf](https://www.nixonlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/2018-10/whpo-complete-20181001_1.pdf)
  - Roll Number: WHPO 6749-6751  
Date: 7/5/71  
Event: President Nixon signing the 26th Amendment, giving 18-year-olds the right to vote  
Participants: Nixon, Robert Kunzig, William Ramsey

- Roll Number: WHPO 9524  
Date: 7/1/71  
Event: President Nixon shaking hands individually and in group shots with leaders of youth groups commemorating the signing of the 26th Amendment  
Participants: Nixon, Tillie Barela, Jo Ann Cullen, Marsha Bowen, Tim Burke, Larry Allen, James Hester

## Other Resources

### PUBLIC PAPERS OF THE PRESIDENCY

- **American Presidency Project**

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/>

- Remarks on the NBC Radio Network: "Today's Youth: The Great Generation", October 16, 1968
- Remarks to Participants in the 1969 Senate Youth Program, February 7, 1969
- Letter to House Leaders Supporting a Constitutional Amendment To Lower the Voting Age, April 27, 1970
- Statement on Signing the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1970, June 22, 1970
- Statement About Ratification of the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, June 30, 1971
- Remarks at a Ceremony Marking the Certification of the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, July 5, 1971
- Remarks at the Dedication of the Dwight David Eisenhower High School in Utica, Michigan, August 24, 1972

### PUBLISHED MATERIALS

- **Nixon, Richard M. *RN: The Memoirs of Richard M. Nixon*. New York: Grosset and Dunlap, 1978**