

Five things you can do to help, starting today:

- 1 Help us grow our numbers.** Invite 5 friends to sign up for Young America for Edwards and tell them why you support the campaign. (<http://johnedwards.com/yafe/join/tell-a-friend/>).
- 2 If you are not already a member, join John Edwards One Corps – the campaign's local action arm.** Meet other One Corps members in your area and make a difference in your community while working for the campaign. (<http://www.onecorps.com>).
- 3 Get the word out locally.** Write a letter to the editor, post on a local blog, or call-in to a radio talk show and let others know why you support the campaign. (More information about John Edwards' plans and policies can be found here: <http://johnedwards.com/issues>).
- 4 Create a grassroots fundraising page to help raise money for the campaign.** (<http://johnedwards.com/action/contribute/grassroots>).
- 5 Tell us more about yourself and why you support John Edwards.** Send your thoughts and stories to youngamerica@johnedwards.com.

SOCIAL NETWORKING:

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/profile.php?id=500070705>

MySpace: <http://myspace.com/johnedwards>

YouTube: <http://youtube.com/group/johnedwards>

**Text "YOUNG"
to 30644 to join!**



Organize! This fall, the Young America for Edwards team put together school and community organizing guides. These guides walk you through the steps of organizing a John Edwards One Corps Chapter at your school or in your area. Young people like you from all across America are joining our community of progressive, socially conscious activists—so sign up today!

If you have any questions about organizing student support at your school or in your community, email youngamerica@johnedwards.com

Thank you for your support!!!

Young America For Edwards

"I am still optimistic that America can be a country where anyone who works hard is able to get ahead and create a good life for their family. I am optimistic that we can restore America's moral authority. The challenges may be larger, and we may have even more work to do to build a country that lives up to our ideals and our potential. But we can do it."

-John Edwards



Young America for Edwards

John Edwards is the strongest candidate in the race with specific plans to build One America based on economic fairness, universal health care, and a 21st century education for young Americans.

Our generation is facing challenges unlike any generation before us. College is increasingly more expensive. Our healthcare system is failing. We are fighting a bloody and costly war. Our environment is being abused. 37 million Americans live in poverty. And our national reputation is degrading around the world. But our generation is rising up to take responsibility for the future by taking action today. From combating global warming to ending the genocide in Darfur, our generation is demonstrating the kind of moral leadership that America needs.



John Edwards represents that leadership quality and has an inspiring message that resonates within young America. His policies are bold and detailed. Unlike many of his peers, he addresses issues head on, in a way that is honest and direct. His agenda includes universal healthcare, college for everyone, combating poverty at home and abroad, ending the war in Iraq and raising the minimum wage. As young Americans, we have a choice to make today. Should we continue down the dismissal road of failed leadership or bring about real change in America?

Get involved and join our team in creating One America.

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HEALTH CARE

Guaranteeing Health Care for Every Man Woman and Child in America: Today 47 million Americans lack health insurance, of which 18,000 die each year due to lack of access to healthcare. Young Americans are the most likely age group to not be insured – and those who are fortunate enough to have insurance, are paying for those who don't. [Census Bureau, 2007; Institute of Medicine, 2002]

John Edwards has announced a specific plan to guarantee universal health care for every American. Under Edwards' plan, every American family will have health insurance. Families without insurance will get coverage at an affordable price, while families with insurance will pay less and get more security and choice. His plan will also require employers to either cover their employees or help fund their health insurance. Such a plan will eliminate over \$130 billion a year in wasteful health care spending.

POVERTY

Ending Poverty: There are nearly 37 million Americans living in poverty including more than 12 million children. Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names, and close to half of all people in developing countries are suffering at any given time from a health problem caused by water and sanitation deficits. [Census Bureau, 2007; UNESCO, 2001; UN, 2007]

John Edwards has a plan to end to poverty in America within 30 years, with policies rooted in core American values of work, opportunity and responsibility. He has proposed an ambitious set of goals, including new housing policies to promote economic integration, 1 million stepping stone jobs, lower taxes for low-income working families and other initiatives to promote education, savings and strong families. [Census Bureau, 2006 and 2007]

WAR IN IRAQ

Ending the war in Iraq: Our generation has suffered the largest death toll in the Iraqi war. John Edwards believes that every day this war goes on it is worse for Iraq, worse for our troops and worse for our country. We cannot wait for the next president to end the war in 2009; we must act today. Edwards has issued a comprehensive proposal to end the war in Iraq starting today: We should immediately draw down 40,000-50,000 troops and completely withdraw all combat troops in Iraq within a year.

John Edwards believes that the only solution will require that all the parties in Iraq take responsibility for the future of their country. Only when American combat troops leave Iraq will the Iraqi people, regional powers, and entire international community be forced to find an inclusive political solution that ends the sectarian violence and stabilizes the nation.

DEBT & EDUCATION

Expanding College Opportunity: The high school dropout rate in 2004 was 10.3%, up from the 9.9% in 2003. Edwards' plan calls for more counseling to help these at risk high school students get back on track, offering them one-on-one attention and a chance to earn a diploma at night or at a local community college. Even after being accepted into college, the task of paying for college exists. Over 1.5 million high school students do not apply for aid even though they are eligible. Edwards' plan will make it simple for students to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by using the information the federal government already has, thus eliminating the complications of the application process. [Information Please® Database, © 2007 Pearson Education, Inc.]

Student loan debt is a problem for millions of young Americans. The average student graduates from college with more than \$19,000 in student loan debt. Edwards' College Opportunity Agenda includes a national College for Everyone initiative, which would pay for one year of public-college tuition, fees, and books for any student who is willing to work hard and stay out of trouble. He would also end giveaways to for-profit lenders and let every student borrow directly from the Department of Education. [Project on Student Debt 2007].

MINIMUM WAGE

Raising the Minimum Wage: In 2006, Edwards campaigned for six state ballot initiatives designed to increase the minimum wage, all of which were successful. As president, he has proposed increasing the national minimum wage to \$9.50 per hour by 2012, giving millions of working Americans a raise. [BLS 2007, Lovell 2007]

GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

"There comes a time when we must say, 'Never again.'" – John Edwards. Conflict that began in Darfur in 2003 has turned into genocide, with over 400,000 killed and over 2.5 million displaced. The United States needs to take urgent, decisive action now to end the suffering and bring peace to the region. Young Americans have helped bring the genocide in Darfur to our government's attention and have led successful divestment campaigns on our campuses and in our communities. Now it's time for a president that does the same.

John Edwards has a plan to use American logistical and operational resources to support peacekeeping efforts. Also he will compel NATO member countries to establish no-fly zones over the region to cut off supplies to the brutal Janjaweed militias and end Sudanese bombing of the innocent civilians in Darfur. His plan also asks NATO member countries to impose sanctions on the Sudanese government and individuals complicit in the genocide.

GLOBAL WARMING AND ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

End our Dependence on Oil and Usher in a New Energy Economy: Our generation must be the one that ends our nation's dependence on oil and ushers in a new energy economy. If we harness American ingenuity to reach for transformative change, we can emerge from the crisis of global warming with a new energy economy that stimulates innovation, brings the family farm back to life, and creates opportunities in America's farms and industries.

As a result of the Edwards plan, by 2025 America will import 7.5 million fewer barrels of oil a day, generate 25 percent of our electricity from renewable sources, and produce more than 2 billion fewer tons of carbon dioxide emissions a year. Within a generation, an increase in automobile efficiency to 40 miles per gallon will reduce oil demand by 4 million gallons a day, thus making America's cars and trucks virtually petroleum-free.

Edwards' Green Collar Jobs initiative to halt global warming will create opportunities in the new energy economy for over 150,000 Americans across the country, at the same time capping greenhouse gases by 80% by 2050 by auctioning off \$10 billion in greenhouse pollution permits and repealing subsidies for big oil companies. With the help of Young America, the global warming crisis can be tackled so we can all wake up to a greener world.

We are not going to solve these problems with the usual approaches. These challenges are too big, too connected, and too complicated to be answered with the same old politics of incrementalism. Meeting them requires more than just a new president—it requires an entirely new approach. – John Edwards