

ACTIVISM AND POLITICS: A RESOURCE LIST FOR TEENS

FICTION:

***Dancing in Red Shoes Will Kill You*, by Dorian Cirrone ([Y Cirrone](#))**

16-year-old Kayla and her sister, Patterson, are both helped and hindered by classmates as they confront sexism, conformity, and censorship at their high school for the arts. They manage to keep their sense of humor while dealing with censorship, and learning about rights and grassroots-activism.

***Wide Awake*, by David Levithan ([Y Levithan](#))**

In the not-too-distant future, when a gay, Jewish man is elected president of the U.S., 16-year-old Duncan examines his feelings for his boyfriend, his political and religious beliefs, and tries to find his place in the world.

***Going going*, by Naomi Nye ([Y Nye](#))**

In San Antonio, Texas, 16-year-old Florrie leads her friends and a new boyfriend on a campaign to support small business and protest chain stores.

***First Boy*, by Gary Schmidt ([Y Schmidt](#))**

Dragged into the political turmoil of a presidential election year, 14-year-old Cooper Jewett stands up for himself and makes it clear whose first boy he really is.

***The Gospel According to Larry and Vote for Larry*, by Janet Tashjian ([Y Tashjian](#))**

When Josh created an online alter-ego to impress the girl he's always loved, he never dreamed that he would also change the world and be the youngest person to ever run for president.

SATIRE:

***I am America (and So Can You!)*, by Stephen Colbert ([818.607 COL](#))**

The comedically inspirational thoughts of American's favorite satirical conservative pundit.

***America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction*, by Jon Stewart ([817.54 STE](#))**

A guide to the American political frontier by the infamous *Daily Show* anchor, complete with discussion questions and classroom activities.

NON-FICTION:

***Declare Yourself: Speak, Connect, Act, Vote: More than 50 Celebrated Americans Tell You Why* ([323.042 DEC](#))**

Guest edited by America Ferrara, with essays by contributors ranging from Hayden Panettiere to Henry Rollins.

***It's Your World—If You Don't Like It, Change It: Activism for Teenagers*, by Mikki Halpin ([Y 371.81](#))**

A guide to global and local activism.

***The Teen Guide to Global Action: How to Connect With Others (Near & Far) to Create Social Change*, by Barbara Lewis ([303.484](#))**

For more book recommendations, check
the Tigard Teen Blog:
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WEBSITES:

www.declareyourself.com

News about political issues and being a young voter, blogs and forums.

www.theonion.com

Internet home of *The Onion*, America's most real-sounding fake paper. Contains lots of delicious satire to tickle your political funny bone.

www.rockthevote.com

Rock the Vote's mission is to engage and build the political power of young people in order to achieve progressive change in our country. The website features various musicians and celebrities committed to the cause.