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Blueprint: Ideas for a New Century, Spring 1999

The Community Consensus

Full Poll Results

Penn, Schoen & Berland
Blueprint Citizenship Poll
Conducted 2/12-14

1. Are you 18 years or older?

1) yes	100
2) no TERMINATE	0
9) don't know DO NOT READ	

2. Are you registered to vote?

1) yes	86
2) no	14
9) don't know DO NOT READ	1

3. Do you think that things in the country are generally headed in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?

1) right direction	51
2) wrong track	36
9) don't know DO NOT READ	13

4. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy is working in this country?

1) satisfied	58
2) dissatisfied	35
9) don't know DO NOT READ	6

5. Do you think Americans today have an attitude of cynicism and apathy or of citizenship and participation?

1) Cynicism and apathy	62
2) Citizenship and participation	27
9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK)	11

6. Do you think you have responsibilities to the country as an American citizen?

1) Yes	96
2) No	4
9) don't know DO NOT READ (GO TO NEXT QUESTION)	1

7. Volunteering some time to community services

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

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|----------------------------------|----|
| 1) very important obligation | 55 |
| 2) somewhat important obligation | 40 |
| 3) not an obligation | 3 |
| 9) don't know (DO NOT READ) | 1 |

8. Voting in elections

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

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|----------------------------------|----|
| 1) very important obligation | 87 |
| 2) somewhat important obligation | 10 |
| 3) not an obligation | 3 |
| 9) don't know (DO NOT READ) | 0 |

9. Serving on a jury if called

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

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|----------------------------------|----|
| 1) very important obligation | 73 |
| 2) somewhat important obligation | 23 |
| 3) not an obligation | 3 |
| 9) don't know (DO NOT READ) | 2 |

10. Reporting a crime that you may have witnessed

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

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|----------------------------------|----|
| 1) very important obligation | 90 |
| 2) somewhat important obligation | 7 |
| 3) not an obligation | 2 |
| 9) don't know (DO NOT READ) | 1 |

11. Being able to speak and understand English

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| 1) very important obligation | 85 |
| 2) somewhat important obligation | 12 |
| 3) not an obligation | 3 |
| 9) don't know (DO NOT READ) | 1 |

12. Keeping fully informed about news and public issues

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| 1) very important obligation | 73 |
| 2) somewhat important obligation | 24 |
| 3) not an obligation | 2 |

9) don't know (DO NOT READ)

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13. Participating in neighborhood organizations
(fraternal/school/church based etc.)

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

1) very important obligation	56
2) somewhat important obligation	38
3) not an obligation	5
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	1

14. Attending parent-teacher conferences

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

1) very important obligation	89
2) somewhat important obligation	9
3) not an obligation	2
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	1

15. Participating in "Town Hall" community decision making meetings

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

1) very important obligation	59
2) somewhat important obligation	31
3) not an obligation	7
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	3

16. Volunteering for the military

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

1) very important obligation	48
2) somewhat important obligation	35
3) not an obligation	16
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	2

17. Serving in the military if drafted

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

1) very important obligation	76
2) somewhat important obligation	13
3) not an obligation	10
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	1

18. Protesting unjust public policies

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

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|----------------------------------|----|
| 1) very important obligation | 61 |
| 2) somewhat important obligation | 22 |
| 3) not an obligation | 12 |
| 9) don't know (DO NOT READ) | 4 |

19. Contributing to help the less fortunate

Do you feel the following is a very important obligation, a somewhat important obligation, or not an obligation that a citizen owes to the country.

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|----------------------------------|----|
| 1) very important obligation | 71 |
| 2) somewhat important obligation | 22 |
| 3) not an obligation | 6 |
| 9) don't know (DO NOT READ) | 1 |

20. Do you think you live up to your responsibilities as an American citizen, or not?

- | | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1) Yes | 89 |
| 2) No | 10 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 1 |

21. Do you think most Americans live up to their responsibilities as citizens, or not?

- | | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1) Yes | 40 |
| 2) No | 54 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 7 |

22. Some people say that along with the benefits all Americans receive- such as public education, police protection, a democratic government, and a social safety net, it is the responsibility of citizens to also give back to society through participation in the community. Do you agree or disagree?

- | | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1) Agree | 91 |
| 2) Disagree | 7 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 2 |

23. Do you believe all Americans who need them are entitled to government benefits, or do you think these Americans need to live up to certain obligations and give something back to their country in order to receive them?

- | | |
|---|----|
| 1) Entitled to government benefits | 28 |
| 2) Need to live up to certain obligations | 67 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 5 |

24. What about specific benefits such as student loans or housing assistance: Do you think Americans who need them are entitled to these, or do Americans need to live up to certain obligations and give something back to their country in order to receive them?

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|---|----|
| 1) Entitled to government benefits | 37 |
| 2) Need to live up to certain obligations | 58 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 5 |

Now I would like to ask you some questions about Civic life. When I refer to civic life, I am talking about the institutions that exist outside of the government and the business world, such as voluntary or civic associations, neighborhood watch groups, churches, and charity groups, and how they affect the relationship of citizens to their government, their communities, and each other.

25. Some people say that America's Civic life has weakened in recent years, while others say that it remains as strong. Which is closer to your view?

1) our nation's Civic life has weakened	57
2) our nation's Civic life has remained strong	36
9) don't know DO NOT READ	7

26. government has gotten too big

Please tell me if you think this is a major factor, minor factor, or not a factor at all in the decline of Civic life in America.

1) major factor	54
2) minor factor	27
3) not a factor at all	15
4) don't know DO NOT READ	4

27. our families are weaker than they used to be

Please tell me if you think this is a major factor, minor factor, or not a factor at all in the decline of Civic life in America.

1) major factor	78
2) minor factor	12
3) not a factor at all	9
4) don't know DO NOT READ	1

28. our political leaders are corrupt

Please tell me if you think this is a major factor, minor factor, or not a factor at all in the decline of Civic life in America.

1) major factor	57
2) minor factor	31
3) not a factor at all	9
4) don't know DO NOT READ	3

29. crime has made people scared to participate

Please tell me if you think this is a major factor, minor factor, or not a factor at all in the decline of Civic life in America.

1) major factor	53
2) minor factor	32
3) not a factor at all	13
4) don't know DO NOT READ	2

30. people don't have time anymore

Please tell me if you think this is a major factor, minor factor, or not a factor at all in the decline of Civic life in America.

- | | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1) major factor | 62 |
| 2) minor factor | 29 |
| 3) not a factor at all | 8 |
| 4) don't know DO NOT READ | 1 |

31. our children are not educated about participation

Please tell me if you think this is a major factor, minor factor, or not a factor at all in the decline of Civic life in America.

- | | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1) major factor | 63 |
| 2) minor factor | 26 |
| 3) not a factor at all | 8 |
| 4) don't know DO NOT READ | 3 |

32. there is a general lack of trust between people

Please tell me if you think this is a major factor, minor factor, or not a factor at all in the decline of Civic life in America.

- | | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1) major factor | 67 |
| 2) minor factor | 27 |
| 3) not a factor at all | 5 |
| 4) don't know DO NOT READ | 1 |

33. Do you think people are focused too much on their rights instead of their responsibilities as citizens, or do you think there is a proper balance?

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| 1) focused too much on their rights | 71 |
| 2) proper balance | 26 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 3 |

34. Which is closer to your view: I have the knowledge and skills that I need for effective participation in the community, government, and politics, or I do not have the knowledge and skills that I need for effective participation in the community, government, and politics.

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|---|----|
| 1) I have the knowledge and skills that I need | 73 |
| 2) I do not have the knowledge and skills that I need | 25 |
| 9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK) | 2 |

35. Some people say that a strong Civic life has a strong impact in producing better schools, faster economic development, lower crime, and more effective government. Others would argue that a strong Civic life has little or no impact on schools, crime, and effective government. Which is closer to your view?

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|---------------------------|----|
| 1) strong impact | 84 |
| 2) little or no impact | 13 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 4 |

36. Some people say that with a comprehensive government safety net, strong civic life and institutions become less important. Based on this, do you think that it is better to have a bigger government and less civic life, or is it better to have smaller government and a stronger civic life?

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|--|----|
| 1) bigger government and less civic life | 11 |
|--|----|

2) smaller government and stronger civic life	82
9) don't know	7

37. Do you think, as we cut back on government programs, that the need for civic life becomes more important, less important, or does the need for civic life remain unchanged?

1) more important	74
2) less important	4
3) unchanged	17
9) don't know DO NOT READ	5

38. Do you think that our society today focuses more on the individual or more on community?

1) individual	59
2) community	34
3) both DO NOT READ	2
9) don't know DO NOT READ	6

39. Do you think there should be more emphasis on community, even if it puts more demands on individuals, or not?

1) yes	79
2) not	15
9) don't know	6

40. Some people say getting more people involved in communal organizations, such as Religious, Fraternal, or Educational organizations is good for society as a whole; other people say such organizations only help the individuals who participate in them. Which is closer to your view?

1) good for society	74
2) only help the individuals who participate in them	22
9) don't know DO NOT READ	3

41. Some people say individual Americans have an obligation to solve their problems by taking responsibility for themselves and for others; Other people say Americans have no obligation to be involved in their community. Which is closer to your view?

1) Have an obligation	90
2) Have no obligation	8
9) don't know DO NOT READ	2

42. Which is closest to your view on the best way to solve America's problems:

The government must come up with solutions, Individuals within their communities must take responsibility for themselves and those around them, or the free market will solve societal problems

1) The governments must come up with solutions	21
2) Individuals within their communities must take responsibility for themselves	68
3) the free market will solve societal problems	3
9) don't know DO NOT READ	7

43. Which statement comes closer to your view: "The government is responsible for the well-being of all its citizens and it has an obligation to help people when they are in trouble" or "People

are responsible for their own well-being and they have an obligation to take care of themselves when they are in trouble?"

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|--|----|
| 1) The government is responsible for the well-being of all its citizens and it has an obligation to help people when they are in trouble | 37 |
| 2) People are responsible for their own well-being and they have an obligation to take care of themselves when they are in trouble | 53 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 10 |

44. Some people believe religious, charitable and community organizations do a better job of addressing societal problems than government, others believe that government does a better job. Which is closer to your view?

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|---|----|
| 1) religious and charitable organizations | 72 |
| 2) government does a better job | 19 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 9 |

45. Do you think America's social problems can be best addressed by government, religious and charitable organizations, or by closer collaboration between the two?

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|---|----|
| 1) government | 8 |
| 2) religious and charitable organizations | 16 |
| 3) closer collaboration between the two | 72 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 4 |

46. Do you believe corporations have a responsibility to help improve the community, or is their only responsibility to make sure the company is economically successful?

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|-------------------------------|----|
| 1) Have a responsibility | 84 |
| 2) Obligated to make a profit | 13 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 4 |

47. Some people say that new technologies have made Americans more isolated and drawn them farther apart, while others say that they have opened up new lines of communication and brought people closer together. Which is closer to your view?

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1) more isolated | 43 |
| 2) brought people closer together | 49 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 8 |

48. Some people say that in the future new technologies will make Americans more isolated and draw them farther apart, while others say that they will open up new lines of communication and bring people closer together. Which is closer to your view?

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1) more isolated | 40 |
| 2) will bring people closer together | 53 |
| 9) don't know DO NOT READ | 7 |

49. Computers

Do you feel that this technology has made society more individualistic, or brought people closer together?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1) More Individualistic | 44 |
| 2) Brought people closer together | 45 |

9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK) 11

50. Cable TV

Do you feel that this technology has made society more individualistic, or brought people closer together?

1) More Individualistic 65
2) Brought people closer together 22
9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK) 13

51. Email

Do you feel that this technology has made society more individualistic, or brought people closer together?

1) More Individualistic 29
2) Brought people closer together 58
9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK) 14

52. Internet/WWW

Do you feel that this technology has made society more individualistic, or brought people closer together?

1) More Individualistic 37
2) Brought people closer together 47
9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK) 16

53. Cellular Phones

Do you feel that this technology has made society more individualistic, or brought people closer together?

1) More Individualistic 36
2) Brought people closer together 51
9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK) 13

54. Do you think new technologies can be used to encourage participation in society, or not?

1) Yes 80
2) No 15
9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK) 4

55. Get information about politics and government.

Do you use the Internet for this purpose?

1) Yes 37
2) No 61
9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK) 2

56. Get information about community events.

Do you use the Internet for this purpose?

1) Yes 35
2) No 62

9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK) 2

57. Communicate your views to elected officials.

Do you use the Internet for this purpose?

1) Yes 25
2) No 73
9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK) 2

58. Participate in chat groups/bulletin boards to discuss political and community issues.

Do you use the Internet for this purpose?

1) Yes 16
2) No 82
9) Don't Know (DO NOT ASK) 1

59. A universal system of national citizen service where young adults would be called on to serve their country either through military or community service.

Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this as a way of improving Civic Life?

1) strongly support 38
2) somewhat support 36
3) somewhat oppose 10
4) strongly oppose 13
9) don't know DO NOT READ 3

60. Placing college students who receive government funded work study jobs out doing community service rather than in on-campus jobs.

Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this as a way of improving Civic Life?

1) strongly support 47
2) somewhat support 37
3) somewhat oppose 6
4) strongly oppose 7
9) don't know DO NOT READ 3

61. Requiring Democracy education in Service and Civics as a graduation requirement for all high school students.

Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this as a way of improving Civic Life?

1) strongly support 68
2) somewhat support 22
3) somewhat oppose 4
4) strongly oppose 5
9) don't know DO NOT READ 2

62. Decreasing government reliance on social service programs and enabling church and faith based organizations to play a larger role in addressing social problems.

Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this as a way of improving Civic Life?

1) strongly support	39
2) somewhat support	39
3) somewhat oppose	8
4) strongly oppose	12
9) don't know DO NOT READ	2

63. Steering government dollars towards community and religious organizations that are dealing with social problems.

Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this as a way of improving Civic Life?

1) strongly support	37
2) somewhat support	37
3) somewhat oppose	12
4) strongly oppose	11
9) don't know DO NOT READ	2

64. Creating local Service Credit programs, under which for each hour of service performed, you could get an hour of service from someone else when you needed it in your life.

Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this as a way of improving Civic Life?

1) strongly support	42
2) somewhat support	34
3) somewhat oppose	13
4) strongly oppose	8
9) don't know DO NOT READ	3

65. How would you feel about a program that required all young women to give one year of service to the nation--either in the military forces or in non-military work such as in hospitals or with elderly people--Would you strongly favor it, probably favor it, probably oppose it, or strongly oppose it?

1) strongly favor	22
2) probably favor	24
3) probably oppose	25
4) strongly oppose	26
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	4

66. How would you feel about such a program for all young men--Would you strongly favor it, probably favor it, probably oppose it, or strongly oppose it?

1) strongly favor	31
2) probably favor	25
3) probably oppose	21
4) strongly oppose	19
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	4

67. Which of the following best describes your voting habits: Vote in every election, Vote frequently, Vote sometimes, rarely vote, never vote

1) vote in every election	52
2) vote frequently	26

3) vote sometimes	11
4) rarely vote	3
5) never vote	8
9) don't know DO NOT READ	0

68. Youth Groups

1) yes	69
2) no	31
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	0

69. School Service Groups

1) yes	64
2) no	35
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	1

70. Service Groups

1) yes	52
2) no	45
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	3

71. Veteran's Groups

1) yes	32
2) no	67
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	1

72. Labor Union

1) yes	19
2) no	81
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	1

73. Political Clubs

1) yes	25
2) no	74
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	0

74. Sports Groups

1) yes	47
2) no	52
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	1

75. Church-affiliated Groups

1) yes	74
2) no	26
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	1

76. Professional/Academic Societies

1) yes	44
2) no	54

9) don't know (DO NOT READ)

2

77. How often do you volunteer your time to participate in a community service project? Daily, Several times a week, Several times a Month, Several times a year, Once a year, or Never?

1) Daily SKIP TO Q.79	4
2) Several times a week SKIP TO Q.79	13
3) Several times a month SKIP TO Q.79	20
4) Several times a year GO TO Q.78	31
5) Once a year GO TO Q.78	16
6) Never GO TO Q.78	15
9) don't know DO NOT READ	1

78. Why don't you volunteer more often? (READ LIST)

1) Don't have enough time	73
2) Don't think it makes an impact	4
3) Don't know who to contact/where to go	11
4) Don't believe in it	2
9) don't know DO NOT READ	10

79. Are you familiar with Americorps, a National Service program where young people perform service in the community in exchange for help in paying for college?

1) familiar	48
2) not familiar	48
9) don't know DO NOT READ	4

80. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Americorps?

1) strongly support	47
2) somewhat support	28
3) somewhat oppose	3
4) strongly oppose	6
9) don't know DO NOT READ	16

81. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose expanding Americorps so that every young person that wants to serve can participate?

1) strongly support	55
2) somewhat support	27
3) somewhat oppose	3
4) strongly oppose	3
9) don't know DO NOT READ	11

The remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

82. Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat, a weak Democrat, a weak Republican, a strong Republican or an Independent?

1) strong Democrat	23
2) weak Democrat	10
3) weak Republican	8
4) strong Republican	17
5) Independent	37
9) don't know DO NOT READ	4

83. If the election for Congress were held tomorrow, do you think that you would vote for a Democrat or a Republican to

represent you in Congress?

1) Democrat	42
2) Republican	33
9) Other/don't know DO NOT READ	24

84. Will you please tell me your age?

18-29	21
30-44	31
45-59	24
60+	22

85. What is the last grade that you completed?

1) grade school	1
2) some high school	6
3) high school graduate	28
4) some college	29
5) college graduate	25
6) graduate school	7
7) technical school	3
9) don't know/refused (DO NOT READ)	1

86. What is your current marital status - are you married, single, widowed, or divorced?

1) married	56
2) single	27
3) widowed	7
4) divorced	8
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	1

87. How many children do you have living at home?

1) zero	58
2) one	17
3) two-four	22
4) five or more	1
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	1

88. Do you have any children in college or school right now?

1) yes	28
2) no	70
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	2

89. What is your occupation?

1) Unemployed	4
2) Management/professional	29
3) Clerical, sales, other white collar	11
4) Agriculture	1
5) Blue collar	9
6) Student	7
7) Homemaker	8
8) Retired	16
9) Other	14
99) Don't know	1

90. Is the head of the household employed by the Federal, state, or local government?

1) Yes	21
2) No	76
9) Don't know	4

91. Do you have a paid job, half-time or more, outside your home or would you say that your work is mainly at home?

1) Employed	62
2) At home	29
9) Don't know	9

92. Do you or does any member of your household belong to a labor union?

1) Yes, self	13
2) Yes, household	11
3) No	74
9) Don't know	2

93. For statistical purposes only, we need to know your total family income for 1998. Will you please tell me which of the following categories best represents you total family income?
(READ CHOICES)

1) less than \$15,000	15
2) \$15,000-\$30,000	18
3) \$30,000-\$50,000	23
4) \$50,000-\$75,000	17
5) \$75,000-\$100,000	7
6) \$100,000+	5
9) don't know/refused (DO NOT READ)	15

94. Do you generally consider yourself liberal, moderate, or conservative?

1) Liberal	19
2) Moderate	37
3) Conservative	40
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	4

95. Are you Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or something else?

1) Protestant	42
2) Catholic	26
3) Jewish	3
4) Other	25
9) Refused	4

96. IF PROTESTANT: Are you a Southern Baptist?

1) Yes	26
2) No	73
9) Don't know	1

97. Do you consider yourself to be a Fundamentalist, Evangelical or Born Again Christian?

1) Yes	59
2) No	35
9) Don't know/refused	5

98. What is your race?

1) White	79
2) Black/African-American/Caribbean-American	11
3) Hispanic/Latino	6
4) Asian	1
5) Arabic	0
6) Other	2
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	2

99. IF NOT HISPANIC: Do you consider yourself to of Hispanic descent?

1) yes	5
2) no	93
9) don't know (DO NOT READ)	2

100. Do you own a computer?

1) Yes	60
2) No	39
9) Don't know	1

101. Do you use the Internet?

1) Yes	52
2) No	46
9) Don't know	1

102. Do you use a computer at work?

1) Yes	51
2) No	47
3) Don't know	2

103. IF YES: How often do you use a computer at work?

1) Frequently	83
2) Occasionally	14
3) Rarely	2
9) Don't know	1

104. IF YES: Is the computer you use a part of a network, or not?

1) Yes	71
2) No	28
9) Don't know	1

105. Do you decide for yourself how to do your job, or are you told by others?

1) Decide for myself	66
2) Told by others	21
9) Don't know	13

106. Do you work by yourself or as part of a team to figure out the best way to do your job?

1) By self	35
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2) As part of a team	53
9) Don't know	12

107. Do you prefer to work by yourself or as part of a team?

1) By self	35
2) As part of team	52
9) Don't know	13

108. Do you live in a city, suburb just outside a city, or a less developed or rural area not near a city?

1) city	45
2) suburb	32
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To: **Colleagues**
From: **John Gomperts**
Date: **May 12, 1999**
Re: **Results of a Recent Nationwide Survey**

Pollster Mark Penn yesterday released the results of a poll on civic action. The poll, conducted for *Blueprint Magazine*, focuses on public attitudes toward community, citizenship and national service. The survey shows that Americans seek a heightened sense of community and citizenship. By large numbers, people perceive that our current society sacrifices community for the sake of the individual and people say they would like to see a greater emphasis on community. Americans also strongly support a joint public/private/non-profit approach to solving societal problems. Strong majorities favor AmeriCorps when it is explained to them and support expansion of AmeriCorps.

Several key findings from the poll are described below.

- Although Americans are generally satisfied with the direction of the country overall (51% right direction, 36% wrong track), a solid majority believe that people possess a cynical and apathetic outlook. Overall, 3 in 5 (62%) Americans feel "Americans today have an attitude of cynicism and apathy," compared to 1 in 4 (27%) who believe Americans possess an attitude of "citizenship and participation." A somewhat smaller majority (54%) also think that most Americans do not "live up to their responsibilities as citizens," compared to 40% who think their fellow citizens meet their civic duties.
- Americans believe we place too much emphasis on the individual: 59% believe that our society focuses more on the "individual," than on the "community" (34%). According to the poll results, Americans would like to strike a different balance: 4 in 5 (79%) Americans feel there should be "more emphasis on community, even if it puts more demands on individuals," while 1 in 6 (15%) prefer the status quo.
- Overall, 72% believe that America's social problems are best addressed when government, religious and charitable organizations collaborate. In contrast, fewer than 1 in 10 (8%) think government alone is the best vehicle for solving social problems and 1 in 6 (16%) think religious and charitable organizations are the best solutions to America's social ills.
- About half (48%) of Americans are currently familiar with AmeriCorps. That is an increase from previous surveys. A strong majority of Americans support the concept of AmeriCorps when they hear it. Three in four (75%) Americans support AmeriCorps, "a National Service program where young people

perform service in the community in exchange for help in paying for college,” while one in ten (9%) oppose it. Intensity of opinion is a key barometer in analyzing survey results and the number of Americans who “strongly support” AmeriCorps (47%) outnumber those who “strongly oppose” (6%) the program by a ratio of 8-to-1.

More importantly, 4 in 5 (82%) Americans favor expanding AmeriCorps “so that every young person that wants to serve can participate.” Only 6% of those questioned oppose expansion of AmeriCorps. Not surprisingly, the intensity of support also favors expansion as those who “strongly support” expanding AmeriCorps (55%) outnumber those who “strongly oppose” expansion (3%) by a margin of better than 18-to-1.

- Overwhelming majorities support service-learning and using work-study slots for service in higher education. Support for “requiring Democracy education in Service and Civics as a graduation requirement for all high school students” is nearly unanimous (90% total support) and intense (68% strongly support). Similarly, Americans strongly support, “placing college students who receive government funded work study jobs out doing community service rather than in on-campus jobs” (84% total support, 47% strongly support). Fewer than 1 in 6 people oppose either of these proposals.

Full results of the poll can be found at www.dlc.org/blueprint/spring99/poll.html



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Imus in the Morning

Don Imus, host:

You know, I was talking to my brother last night about--we were talking about the Littleton, Colorado, situation and how everybody's getting blamed for this, you know, Katzenberg, Eisner, the gun manufacturers, everybody. And my brother made the observation--I don't know whether it's true or not; interested in kind of your thoughts about it--that there--that we appeared to have a more focused generation of people when we had a draft. And that we ought to have, if not a draft, we ought to have all young people in this country required to contribute two years of some sort of community service or national service. Is that anything that makes any sense to you?

Bill Bradley (Former United States Senator): Well, I think you have something now called Americorps that's available for young people. I think that compulsory service is probably not advisable. I think you could probably make it more attractive for people to do it, encourage them to do it. I think that in high schools you could have a requirement of some service in the community so that you'd find people like the kids in the Trenchcoat Mafia having an opportunity to have some involvement in their community with another human being and helping that human being. And I think that that is a kind of an experience that is tremendously worthwhile. When you get into compulsory, you get into cost and you get into whether that's what you want to do for everybody, every kid.

I think that it was a tremendous tragedy. I mean, the sadness that must be felt in that community, that I felt, that you felt is very real. I think that the memory of this will be with those kids forever. I think there are a couple of things to take out of this, though. That is, you know, something's wrong when we have parents that don't know kids are making bombs in the house. And I think something's wrong in a gun crazy society when high school kids can assemble an arsenal. And I think something's wrong when, you know, younger kids can practice murder on

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video games. And I think that the key point here is that all of these things are contributing factors, but nobody really knows the answer.

One thing to remember is that, you know, there are fifteen or so kids killed every week with a gun in America, and that should be--give us some pause. And the other thing to remember is that most of the kids in America are in families that provide loving beginnings and loving nurturing for them and they're not in the circumstances of the Trenchcoat Mafia. I mean, you know, you see a high school circumstance and we see kids going around as Trenchcoat Mafias, we've begun to concern that--begin to think that eccentricity is normal and, in some cases, in teenage years, it is.

But, you know, sensitive recognition of kids, giving them some meaning in their life that's deeper than the material, something they can connect to, some service alternative they can have so that they can find something in their life that gives them a sense of self-esteem and commitment is really what we need. And there's no simple answer here. I think what Fred said, in part, would help if we put it into a service context.

Imus: One of the things I did notice was how articulate--I don't know what it means--but how remarkably articulate many of these kids were who were--who were involved in the Littleton, Colorado--or went to Columbine High School, more so, in many cases, than their parents. And so, you know, it is a pretty good generation of folks and...

Bradley: Well, I think that, you know, when you--I think it's a great generation of kids. You know, volunteerism has never been higher on college campuses in America today. I'm with them all the time now and there's a tremendous spirit. I mean, political participation has never been lower, but that's another problem. We'll try to cure that. But volunteerism has never been higher. And I think this Littleton, Colorado, event shocked everybody so much because we recognize that high school as the high school that many of our children go to. And we figure if it happened there, maybe it could happen where I have my child going to school. And that, I think, gave everybody pause and made everybody think more deeply about this tragedy.

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Making A Difference With America's Promise

AMERICA NEEDS YOU

AmeriCorps needs you because America needs you. That's the slogan for our cross-country recruiting drive to help some 600 nonprofit, educational, and civic organizations recruit 50,000 AmeriCorps members.

To General Powell, I say the same: the Corporation for National Service needs the campaign to fulfill America's Promise for children and youth because America needs that campaign.

If America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth didn't exist, we would need to invent it—and to find someone like General Powell to lead it.

We did invent it in Philadelphia. And General Powell accepted the call from President Clinton and President Bush to chair the Summit and the continuing post-Summit campaign.

The historic opportunity in our hands is to answer General Powell's call to arms.

The Corporation for National Service is doing so, heart and soul. The state service commissions and our three main programs—AmeriCorps, the Senior Corps of some 500,000 volunteers, and more than a million student volunteers in service-learning—are contributing most effectively because they are part of a larger crusade to turn the tide for America's youth. Recently, in partnership with America's Promise, we added the leadership cadre of AmeriCorps Promise Fellows.

Great goals galvanize. In World War II, our whole country pulled together to win the war. Then in the Civil Rights movement, there was an alliance of forces that finally won the right to vote and ended public segregation.

Now, what greater goal is there—morally and strategically—than at last to take all-out action to see that no young American lacks the five basic promises set forth at the Presidents' Summit in Philadelphia?

By asking not what's good for the Corporation but what's good for the country, we are gaining the strength that comes from a common strategy and focused purpose.

In giving ourselves to this larger cause, we are finding ourselves. In the Summit's goals for children and youth, we are finding our most vital roles.



Former Senator Harris Wofford (second from left) participates in an AmeriCorps service program.

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Commitment: Commits to help recruit 1,000,000 additional tutors; engage 100,000 students through college work study; if Congress concurs, deploy 11,000 additional AmeriCorps members for America Reads; and work to engage 2,000,000 additional young people in 100 hours or more of service each year.

Progress: The Corporation for National Service (CNS) established 550 AmeriCorps Promise Fellowships to provide full-time 'active duty citizens' who work to deliver the five basic promises. This \$9,000,000 investment supports AmeriCorps leaders who will serve through national, state, and local nonprofit organizations committed to America's Promise. Over 20,000 AmeriCorps members are tutoring children or helping to organize volunteer literacy programs with new resources provided by Congress. Since the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, an estimated 1,400,000 children have been taught, tutored or mentored through AmeriCorps. CNS has worked with the Department of Education to enlist more than 1,000 colleges and universities to pledge a portion of their Federal work-study funds to support children's literacy initiatives. The number of work-study students has increased to more than 90,000—22,000 of whom are tutoring through America Reads and serving an average of ten hours a week. CNS launched the new Goal Five initiative, the President's Student Service Challenge, to inspire and reward young people who serve. The Challenge includes an award for young people who serve

100 hours or more a year (a partnership with the American Institute for Public Service, the Points of Light Foundation, and Youth Service America), \$1,000 scholarships for up to 15,000 high-school students based on outstanding community service, and a national recognition program for Leader Schools as model service-learning institutions. State Service Commissions in 42 states took the lead in organizing statewide initiatives to deliver the five basic promises.

Forecast: CNS will expand and extend the service of AmeriCorps Promise Fellows through 2001. Building upon the model launched by IBM, AmeriCorps*VISTA, and the United Way, CNS will develop a new technology initiative with YMCA, the Case Foundation, Sun Microsystems, and America's Promise to deliver technology resources to underserved schools. CNS with partners Child Welfare League, Generations United, Volunteers of America, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Points of Light Foundation will increase substantially the number of Foster Grandparents, RSVP volunteers, and the new Seniors for Schools programs to help meet the goals of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future.

Commitment Showcase: Twenty-three thousand Foster Grandparents mentor more than 90,000 children and youth a year. Sacramento's Foster Grandparent project placed 19 volunteers with 150 juvenile offenders who helped more than 59 percent of them earn their GEDs. The First State Mentor Corps in Delaware engages teams of AmeriCorps members and RSVP volunteers for mentoring programs in 20 schools, generating more than 1,000 volunteers who have mentored more than 1,000 students. Through Learn and Serve America, Big Brothers Big Sisters has recruited more than 500 high school mentors for younger students. Governor Locke's Washington Reading Corps placed 330 AmeriCorps members in 153 schools. The AmeriCorps members have recruited 9,000 additional volunteers, including RSVP volunteers and Foster Grandparents to help tutor 20,000 children across the state.

**Prepared Remarks of Harris Wofford
Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National Service
National Press Club Luncheon
Tuesday, April 27, 1999**

In his Sunday in the Loop column, Al Kamen wondered what the billing meant when your invitation promised a "joint speech on the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps: Serving Our Country and the World."

"Will they read it together?" Al asked. Or "alternate lines?" Or "Mark might play the piano" – which Al says he does quite well – "while Wofford talks."

Well, if I were to choose a song for Mark to use as our joint theme, I'd start with Bob Dylan's old refrain for the Sixties, "something's happening here, but you don't know what it is, do you, Mr. Jones?"

Because there is so much happening in the Peace Corps as it moves to new frontiers in the former Soviet Empire, China, Eastern Europe, and South Africa – some places we couldn't get passports to in the Sixties. And because there is so much happening with the domestic Peace Corps – AmeriCorps – and the new patriotism of the home front.

Nearly four decades ago, as he sent the first Peace Corps Volunteers off to Asia, Africa, and Latin America, President Kennedy turned to Sargent Shriver – and those of us helping Sarge – and said, "Someday we must bring this idea home to America."

Later President Johnson as part of the War on Poverty that Sargent Shriver also led, urged Americans to apply the principle of the Peace Corps on a large scale in America. At the University of Kentucky in 1965, President Johnson proposed that the nation "search for new ways" through which "every young American will have the opportunity – and feel the obligation – to give at least a few years of his life or her life to service in the nation or the world."

One of those new ways was VISTA, the first domestic Peace Corps that Sarge started. Robert Kennedy put it to Congress in testifying for the forerunner bill for VISTA: "Every sixth citizen in the United States needs our help; there are five of us who should help him." He urged that Americans be asked "to invest a year of their lives, at no salary and under Spartan conditions, to help millions of their fellow citizens who, through no fault of their own, are denied the essentials of a decent life."

Those were years of high hopes, great goals, and terrible disappointments. We then envisioned large armies of Americans in citizen service to overcome poverty at home and abroad. But instead of moving up from 15,000 volunteers when Sarge left the Peace Corps toward the goal of 100,000 volunteers a year, the Peace Corps fell back to 5,000 and stayed there. VISTA never got much beyond 5,000 volunteers per year.

Today, after a quarter of a century of lost opportunities, the history of citizen service is being written again-- bigger, stronger, bolder. With President Clinton's leadership, and with growing bipartisan support in Congress, we're moving ahead on both fronts, at home and abroad.

The Peace Corps, under Mark's good direction, is reaching so many new countries and is well on the way to doubling the number of Peace Corps Volunteers. And national service at home is also on the move. In just four years, more than 100,000 Americans have taken the AmeriCorps pledge to "get things done for America." And Sarge, you must be pleased to know that as a revived and vital part of AmeriCorps, VISTA has virtually doubled in the last two years in appropriations and volunteers.

This spring, President Clinton called on Congress to expand the number of AmeriCorps positions to nearly 70,000 in 2001, and to 100,000 a year in 2003. This is a bold request -- what scientists would call a quantum leap -- but what we have learned in the first five years of AmeriCorps tells us that this expansion is just right for our time, for our young people, and for our country.

First, we have learned that if you ask them, they will serve.

When a journalist asked one of the first volunteers why he joined the Peace Corps he said, "Nobody ever asked me to do something patriotic, unselfish and for the common good before; Kennedy asked."

Three decades later, I asked one of the members of a Philadelphia youth corps who had dropped out of high school and had been a member of a street gang why he had joined AmeriCorps. He first said he thought it might be a better gang with different types and that he might not get killed in the end. A short while later he said: "It was because -- all my life I have had people come into the housing project where I lived to help me. I got tired of people doing good against me. This was the first time anyone asked me to do something good."

AmeriCorps is asking young people to take responsibility and to take a leadership role in their communities. Our experience tells us that those who call this the "do-nothing" "slacker" generation are flat wrong. The fact that during this time of unprecedented prosperity and economic opportunity, 100,000 young people have signed on to spend a year living and working in the toughest communities, receiving near poverty-level living allowance and a post-service education award is evidence that the idealism and energy of youth is strong today -- as it proved to be when the so-called silent, self-centered generation responded so enthusiastically to the Peace Corps.

But -- I must add -- the focus of the idealism and the energy of young people has changed. Survey after survey tells us that young people are turned off by Washington. (I wonder why?) They aren't voting in high enough numbers, and they don't count many, if any, politicians among their heroes. At the same time we find more young people are volunteering, taking responsibility in their communities. Surveys, like those by Peter Hart for Public Allies, tell us that young

people are more interested in solving problems in their own backyards than in what's happening in Washington.

The growing interest in AmeriCorps is a sign of this new patriotism -- a patriotism that is focused on the home front. As Colin Powell says in his current Promise Letter to campaigners for America's Promise across the country: "For some of our young people, preserving our democratic way of life means shouldering a rifle or climbing into a cockpit, or weighing anchor and setting out to sea. For others it means helping a child to read, or helping that child to secure needed vaccinations or health care. Or it means building a park, or helping to bring peace to troubled neighborhoods, or helping communities recover from natural disasters, or reclaiming the environment."

Our country needs more of both kinds of patriotism. AmeriCorps encourages and inspires the patriotism of the home front. So do the other key parts of the Corporation for National Service -- our nationwide student service-learning program and the senior service programs -- Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents (another of Sarge's lasting social inventions), and the 450,000 strong volunteers in RSVP.

Second, we have learned that service helps solve critical problems.

The era of big government may be over, but big challenges remain. More than ever, we need citizens who are willing to step up to the plate. Through the service of AmeriCorps members themselves and the volunteers whom they recruit and mobilize, AmeriCorps is helping solve problems in hundreds of communities.

Whether it is increasing reading scores in Washington state, or helping Habitat for Humanity eliminate poverty housing in Sumter County, Georgia; or working with local police and community residents to bring down crime rates in Buffalo; or restoring hundreds of acres of barrier beach in Florida, AmeriCorps members are getting things done that vitally need doing.

One of the most vital things it does is to ask young people to serve -- not only full-time in AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps, but as volunteers while in school or on summer vacation. More than a million students are engaged in service-learning in their communities in programs assisted by our Corporation. And the President has just announced the President's Student Service Awards to encourage such student initiative -- an award for 100 hours or more of community service, to parallel the President's Physical Fitness Awards. Believing that civic fitness is as important as physical fitness, AmeriCorps members will be working to spread this award to every school in the country.

Third, we have learned that devolution works.

Few people realize the extent to which AmeriCorps is a decentralized, locally-driven program. That is why one of AmeriCorps' great supporters, Connecticut Congressman Chris Shays -- a former Peace Corps Volunteer -- calls AmeriCorps a Republican idea. Unlike the Peace Corps which quite rightly for an international operation recruits, selects, trains and deploys its volunteers, the vast majority of AmeriCorps members are recruited, selected, and deployed

by the more than 600 local non-profit, educational, civic and religious groups in which they serve. This decentralized system is what makes AmeriCorps so popular with the civic sector.

The AmeriCorps experiment, in which our federal government agency serves as a junior partner to the civic sector, has proven to be an important catalyst for that sector. By giving local non-profits, religious and civic organizations the people power to do more of what they do best, AmeriCorps has strengthened these organizations, expanded their scope, and improved the effectiveness of their programs.

Another little known fact about AmeriCorps is the role that Governors have in administering the program. Two-thirds of AmeriCorps positions go directly to governor appointed-state commissions (3/5 of whom are Republicans). These commissions are responsible for deciding which programs get AmeriCorps positions, and what the priorities are for those programs.

This structure has helped AmeriCorps win the support of Republican governors and members of Congress, as well as civic leaders like Elizabeth Dole who sought and got AmeriCorps members for the American Red Cross; Colin Powell, who now has close to 500 AmeriCorps Promise Fellows in the front lines of the campaign for America's Promise; Millard Fuller -- the head of Habitat for Humanity and onetime skeptic of the program who now has 600 AmeriCorps members serving in Habitat; and leaders of religious and faith-based organizations that have 6,000 AmeriCorps members.

Each of these lessons is borne out by an independent study we are releasing today by Aguirre International. After studying survey data from AmeriCorps programs and examining 60 programs from 1994 to 1996, Aguirre International concluded that:

- AmeriCorps effectively prepares young Americans for the future;
- AmeriCorps strengthens communities and nonprofits;
- And the benefits of AmeriCorps far outweigh the costs.

Taken together, these lessons from the past five years and the findings of this new report make a powerful case for the bold growth that President Clinton's budget proposes.

In the end, the heart of the Peace Corps' and AmeriCorps' significance and their appeal are the young people who accept the challenge and the responsibility. The real story of both the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps lies not here in Washington, but in the talent and energy and idealism of the volunteers and members.

Over the past two months, I have been in more than a dozen states, at colleges and high schools to recruit new AmeriCorps members. At each stop, I have been joined by past and current AmeriCorps members who told their own stories. Their stories are not only the story of AmeriCorps but the story of the next generation of America's leaders.

So Mark and I, and the Peace Corps Volunteers and AmeriCorps Members and student and senior volunteers we represent, are part of the antidote this country needs for the toxic culture of

violence and alienation that fed the horror at Littleton. The tragedy at Columbine High School gives ever more reason why we must invest in our young people, why we must ignite their imaginations, why we must engage their minds and bodies in working along side people of different racial, economic, and religious backgrounds to solve problems and achieve common goals. We must see young people as resources – and help them see themselves as resources – not as problems and victims. We must ask them to take responsibility, work hard, and become leaders. Our experience in the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps tells us that service can bring out the best in our people and the best of America.

Vaclav Havel put it simply in his meditations on our complicated time: “the dormant goodwill in people needs to be stirred. People need to hear that it makes sense to behave decently or to help others, to place common interests above their own, to respect the elementary rules of human co-existence. Goodwill longs to be recognized and cultivated.”

AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps are in the business of recognizing and cultivating that goodwill. Mark and I are here because we need your help in doing that.

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TO: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Secretary to the Cabinet

FROM: John Gomperts
Corporation for National Service 

RE: Report to the President from the Board of Directors of the Corporation for
National Service

DATE: October 25, 1999

As you know, the Corporation for National Service is governed by a Board of Directors, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The Board has prepared the attached *Report to the President of the United States*, and asked that we transmit the *Report* in the same manner that we send over memos from the Chief Executive Officer to the President.

Please see that this document is properly routed and receives the appropriate attention. If you have any questions, please call me at 606-5000 ext. 121.

Many thanks.



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Board of Directors

Report to

The President of the United States

October 1999

INTRODUCTION

The National and Community Service Act (Act) establishes the Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) as an independent legal entity. Among its statutory commitments are directives to meet "unmet human, educational, environmental and public safety needs" while encouraging citizens to engage in national service; producing thereby, "tangible benefits" in our nation's communities while renewing an "ethic of civic responsibility." The Corporation is also charged with "reinventing government," an operational dynamic calling for customer-focused response to evolving needs and conditions encountered while carrying out its mission. Accordingly, integrating the Corporation's multiple objectives with appropriate prioritization and balance is a continuing challenge to all who must formulate policy.

The Corporation's Board of Directors includes 15 voting members, each appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The Act also designates as *ex officio* nonvoting members: the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer, the Director of the Peace Corps, the Attorney General, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Secretaries of Education, Health & Human Services, Labor, Interior, Agriculture, Housing & Urban Development, and Defense. The 15 voting members who are required to "represent a broad range of viewpoints" are structured to reflect diversity and a balance between political parties. Board diversity is critical to maintaining appropriate attention to the Corporation's multi-purposed mission. Balance between political parties ensures appropriately nonpartisan policy-making.

Pursuant to the Act, the Chair calls and conducts Board meetings at least three times each year. These meetings typically include reports by the Chief Executive Officer, reports by the Board's executive and standing committees,

presentations by Corporation staff, presentations by invited participants, and deliberations and votes on official business. It is not uncommon for the Board to meet in an informal gathering the day before its meeting. These gatherings, referred to as "retreats," allow for informal Board discussions about contextual issues concerning the Corporation and national service. They do not include issue deliberation or votes on official business. The Board also participates in monthly telephone conferences, during which it is updated by Corporation staff and its own internal subcommittees.

Notwithstanding a chronic absence of full membership, exacerbated by attrition and a painfully ponderous appointment process, this has been an active Board since its inception. Working through its three major subcommittees: (1) Planning and Evaluation, (2) Management, Budget & Governance, and (3) Communications, whose chairs, with the Chair of the Board, comprise the Board's Executive Committee, the Board has carried out its expressed statutory duties of reviewing and approving the Corporation's strategic and evaluation planning and grant-making, while advising, informing and overseeing the performance of the two CEO's in office since the Corporation was created. Beyond the function of fully utilizing its "broad range of viewpoints," the Board has been actively engaged collaboratively with the CEO and directly with staff to help maintain the customer responsiveness, the attainment of measurable goals for participation and performance, and focused support of locally established initiatives called for by the purpose clause of the Act. This Board is committed to national service and to the unique leverage this Corporation can provide for the creation and the support of community-based service activities.

Among the Board's defined statutory duties, there is also a requirement that the Board shall, "advise the President...concerning developments in national and community service that merit the attention of the President." (42 USCA §

12651b(g)(8)). This Board has now functioned for five years, with two very different CEO's and three separate Board Chairs. During that time, and in response to varied working conditions, the Board has now evolved into the independent, cohesive, diverse and politically balanced entity envisioned by the Act. It has gained insight and experience that can and should be poured back into the flexible and continuing progression of the Corporation's "reinvention." Indeed, the Board is now able to contribute even more to the oversight and reinventing dynamic expressly envisioned by the Act. Accordingly, the Board believes that it is now time to make its first Report to the President.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Act delineates clearly the Board's statutory duties and responsibilities. The first five years, however, have demonstrated that the collaborative relationship with the Corporation's chief executive officer as envisioned by the Act is substantially affected by the personality and interests of the CEO. To be sure, a process of adjustment and feedback between a Board and CEO is natural within any independent corporate entity, but in virtually all similar circumstances, the CEO involved in that process is selected and serves at the pleasure of the board. Such is not the case under the Act. The complete separation of CEO selection from Board involvement in that selection affects that collaborative process. We believe that it does not contribute positively. In fact, we believe it weakens the collaborative process. Going forward, effective collaboration can be enhanced if the Board can become more involved in the selection of the Corporation's CEO. CEO selection by the Board would require a change in the law. Consultation with the Board regarding such selection would not. Either option would be an improvement.

We further believe that the Corporation's continued strength and stability would be enhanced by more Board involvement in the strategies and carrying out of Congressional relations. We believe that such balanced and experienced Board involvement can and will contribute to the Corporation's esteem on Capitol Hill. Adjustments in this direction would in our view be wholly consistent with the spirit and letter of the Act. Board members have testified before Congressional Committees. Such bipartisan activities can be productive.

EXPLANATION

The Act requires that the Board approve the Corporation's strategic planning and grants. But the policies of the Corporation are set in large part by the Act, are subject to constant Congressional oversight, scrutiny and suggestions, and additionally are influenced by the "reinventing" dynamic with Corporation partners and grantees. In short, with all of these influences and cross-currents operating simultaneously, it is particularly critical to the execution of Congressional purposes and for the stability of the Corporation itself that the Board and the CEO work in close, cohesive and cooperative collaboration. This, in turn, will be enhanced by an adjustment, however slight, in the "balance of power" between the two.

No doubt, each CEO to date has had to adjust and readjust his own conduct as the Board took shape in the early years of its development. The Board has now matured. It is operationally solid. It is ready and able to provide needed support and stability to the Board/CEO collaborative process envisioned by the Act. Significantly, as future CEO's are appointed, the Board's established continuity and institutional presence can and should play an even more important role in providing stability, context and historic perspective to the ongoing collaborative process with the CEO. The Board's staggered appointment process confirms Congressional intent in this regard. Corporation history confirms its wisdom.

Therefore, it is our first recommendation that the President or a designee in the White House establish a more formal dialogue with the Board or its Chair, so that in the execution of the Board's role in guiding policy, the Board can be informed directly of the President's intentions regarding this independent corporation, and the execution and prioritization of its strategic objectives. Balancing and prioritizing the many and varied missions of the Corporation

requires policy coordination at every level. More regular dialogue with the White House will enable the Board to collaborate more effectively with the Corporation's CEO. By way of example, in recent years the President has publicly set goals and objectives for the Corporation, in particular its AmeriCorps program, that may not be attainable until management systems infrastructure is in place to support it.¹ Regular dialogue might have avoided some of these problems.

It is further recommended that because of the critical nature of Board/CEO collaboration in the operation of the Corporation, that the Board or its Chair be consulted regarding future appointments to the CEO position in the Corporation. It must be emphasized that this recommendation does not reflect in any way upon the choices made or collaboration effected to date. Both CEO's have been excellent and each has worked hard to achieve a level of collaboration appropriate to the Board's formative stages. But now that the Board is ready and able to more effectively collaborate in the partnership envisioned by the Act, we would also recommend that the Board be consulted and informed regarding Congressional strategies relative to Corporation reauthorization and funding issues. We believe these three adjustments in mutual communication will significantly improve the operations of the Corporation.

We understand the reasoning behind the President's role in selecting the CEO at the outset. We agree that the Corporation should evolve in ways that reflect the President's beliefs about National Service. But we also believe that the Corporation's independence serves it well in the long run, and that its Board should collaborate more with the President than it has to date. The Board is structured so as to be nonpartisan. It can serve the Corporation and the President more effectively if its collaborative role is enhanced with certain slight

¹ Similarly, the Corporation's substantial commitment to the 1997 Presidential Summit on service may have strained corporate infrastructure, diluting resources and focus that might have been devoted to such capacity building.

adjustments. Beyond these suggested changes, we believe that such collaborative dialogue will lead to even more collaboration, and possibly to changes in the Act, adding to the Board's strength and the Corporation's stability and independence.

The express purposes of this Corporation and its continuing goal to provide opportunity for citizens to build community through responsible civic participation in service is safe and secure in the hearts and minds of the Board. We are committed to the sustainability and success of this Corporation. We stand ready to work closely with you and your successor to maintain the right balance among its many objectives. We deeply appreciate the support you have given this Corporation. We understand that it would not have come into being or still exist without it. We now stand ready to build on that support in closer collaboration with the President and the operational enhancement such dialogue will provide.

Respectfully Submitted,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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February 17, 1999

The Honorable Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20500

Dear Goody:

It was a pleasure having lunch with you and Eli last Tuesday. I very much appreciated your taking the time to meet with us, and especially to give me a personal tour of the White House. I was particularly thrilled at the chance to visit the Oval Office.

Enclosed you'll find the information you requested on our upcoming national Welfare to Work Convention in Chicago in August. Please know that we are more than happy to do what we can to assist The President, The Vice President or you with any questions that might arise surrounding this event.

Again, my thanks for such a pleasant and productive meeting.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chief Operating Officer

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CityLink Welfare to Work Convention
The Welfare to Work Partnership
Navy Pier -- Chicago, Illinois
August 2-4, 1999

Concept

Since February 1998, The Partnership has focused on the most challenging areas in the country, including inner cities and high poverty zones, through its CityLink program. CityLink is designed to impact welfare reform in communities with the highest concentrations of poverty. The objective of this campaign is to work with businesses, government leaders and community organizations to further local welfare to work initiatives.

The key to welfare to work success is partnership. In each of the 25 target communities, The Partnership has established partnerships with local and state government, businesses, service providers and welfare recipients to develop and implement creative strategies for successful welfare to work initiatives. Efforts include comprehensive welfare to work conferences; forums designed to increase service provider capacity; on-the-ground assistance to create new partnerships and local service provider resource guides.

In August 1999, The Partnership proposes organizing a national convention to provide a platform for each of our 25 target communities to share the solutions and successes they have devised to meet the welfare reform challenge in their community. The Partnership would invite each community to identify a delegation of businesses, local and federal government officials and service providers to participate in the convention.

The goal of the convention is to invite businesses, local and federal officials and service providers from across the country to share best practices, review the success of several demonstration projects, participate in workshops and seminars, and work together to plan for the next phase of welfare reform.

Broad Goals

- Solidify and bolster existing local welfare to work efforts through sharing information and best practices from across the country.
- Encourage new local efforts and provide the information and resources necessary to get started.
- Move efforts toward independent local operations, charters or franchises of the national Welfare to Work Partnership.
- Provide a platform to foster discussion regarding the success of welfare reform and organize strategies to address the issues of the future.

Key messages

- Since the signing of the welfare legislation in August 1997, welfare to work is succeeding because the private sector is taking a leadership role in helping to move people from lives of dependence to lives of independence and creating strong working partnerships with the federal, state and local government.
- The Partnership, through its CityLink campaign, has been a catalyst for comprehensive, locally-based welfare to work initiatives in the 25 high-poverty regions.
- In each of the 25 communities, businesses have joined with the government and with community organizations to build a lasting welfare to work infrastructure.

Overview of the Conference

The meeting will be designed like a convention – each community will be a delegation. The Partnership also can organize participants into delegations such as industry (financial, manufactures, roofers), corporations (UPS, United, Marriott), small businesses and franchisees. Communities outside of CityLink will also be encouraged to organize a delegation. The Partnership will work with organizations such as US Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, National Association of Counties and NGA, as well as the Administration to secure participation in the conference and to help with outreach.

All Business Partners and service providers will be invited to attend the convention. The Partnership also will invite congressional leaders and members of our National Advisory Council.

The convention will be two or three days and take place in Chicago, headquarters of United Airlines. We will honor Gerald Greenwald for his years of service as Chairman of the board and the CEO's of the other five founders of The Partnership. In addition, all other board members, and key partners are represented in Chicago and all the work of Mayor Daley.

Day One (Afternoon Only)–

Welcoming Ceremony

- Media event with a leading national celebrity, CEOs, Administration officials and Governors Thompson and Carper, hosted by Mayor Daley. Designed to set the tone for the convention.

Regional delegation meetings

- Each CityLink delegation will participate in closed-door meetings with its local elected official. Community and state officials as well as business leaders will run the meeting. Topics would include a presentation of the community's existing effort, a discussion of what is needed to improve the effort and from whom assistance is needed, and efforts to formalize local efforts, perhaps by agreeing to franchise the national Welfare to Work Partnership. The overall goal would be to build more buy-in among community representatives to ensure their continued participation as an organized group.

Evening reception

- During the evening of Day One there would be a reception, hosted by a major Chicago-area company, for the local elected officials and other delegation leaders.

Day Two –

WELFARE TO WORK CONVENTION

- Possible closed morning breakfast session between local elected officials and POTUS/VP.
- Convention rally with POTUS and all participants separated by delegations (true convention atmosphere; banner and all). POTUS would present an award to Greenwald, Esrey, Malamatinas, Kelly and Shapiro as the true leaders in welfare to work.
- At convention rally, one business leader from each delegation will make the commitment to lead the private-sector welfare to work effort in that community. This will reinforce the idea that we are moving into a new phase of welfare to work, where the ownership and leadership will be driven from the local level.
- The afternoon session will consist of CityLink delegation best practice plenary sessions and other specific seminars and break-out group discussion, including industry-based seminars, issue-based, on

Day Three – Community Blueprint/Blueprint for Business Sessions

- This day will consist of optional how-to seminars, breakout rooms, plenary sessions and roundtable forums. Topics would include: community blueprint how-to, blueprint for business how-to, industry issues, retention issues, delegation hosted forums, franchisees how-to, working with federal and state agencies, fundraising, how-to lobby, etc.

CORPORATION
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TO: Karen Tramontano
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Shirley Sagawa

FROM: John Gomperts
Corporation for National Service

DATE: June 4, 1999

SUBJECT: Upcoming National Service Opportunities

As you know, this spring we have been echoing the President's Call To Service with recruitment rallies throughout the country. As the academic year closes, we are expanding our activities beyond high school and college campuses. Below are brief descriptions of several significant national service events in the summer months. We would welcome the participation of Administration Principals and are happy to submit a specific scheduling request if there is strong interest in any of these events.

- **AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps (AmeriCorps*NCCC)**
Graduation Exercises: Every summer, AmeriCorps*NCCC commemorates the end of the service year by holding formal graduation exercises at each of its five campuses. Parents, family and friends gather from all across the country to honor the graduating class. They are treated to a ceremony that includes entertainment from individual corps members, an address from one or more dignitaries and the conferring of certificates. Usually, a number of corps members also receive their General Equivalency Diplomas. This summer, the graduation ceremonies will occur in San Diego, CA (July 29), Perry Point, MD (July 30), Charleston, SC (August 5), Denver, CO (August 6), and Washington, DC (August 9).
- **Ohio All Member Gathering 1999:** The Ohio Governor's Community Service Council's All Member Gathering brings together AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps*VISTA members, directors, and program staff for a weekend to: develop skills to use to get things done; prepare for "life after AmeriCorps;" provide opportunities for networking and collaboration; spotlight the growing national service movement; and celebrate the difference AmeriCorps makes in the lives of members and the communities they serve. The All Member Gathering will be July 14-16, 1999 at Ohio University in Athens, OH. An estimated 800 AmeriCorps members and directors are expected to attend the weekend gathering.



- **West Virginia Energy Express Summer of Service Kickoff:** Energy Express AmeriCorps is a statewide, nationally competitive AmeriCorps program hosted by the West Virginia University Extension Service. Over 450 AmeriCorps members will serve for eight weeks (300 hours) during the summer at approximately 75 rural schools in West Virginia. More than 3,000 children will be served. Energy Express will kick off its sixth summer of service with a ceremony on Thursday, June 17 at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV. The ceremony will be the culmination of three days of orientation and training for the members. Over 600 people are expected to attend.
- **Do Something Cross Country Bike Tour:** The Do Something Coast to Coast Challenge is a national bike ride from San Francisco to New York City (June 19 through August 15) that is designed to: celebrate and mobilize the Do Something Generation; spur one million Americans to pledge a day of service to improve their communities; unite community leaders, nonprofit groups, corporate CEOs, celebrities and young people for one-day bike rides and community festivals in four cities along the way; and support Do Something's efforts to inspire and empower young people to change the world. In addition to the cross country ride, a special focus will be service projects and Community Fests in San Francisco (June 19), Denver (July 10), Chicago (July 31), and New York City (August 15). AmeriCorps is a key partner in this effort, and AmeriCorps members will play a leading role in the service projects in the four major cities. Corporate sponsors of the bike tour include Nantucket Nectars, Timberland, Home Depot, and Schwinn Bicycles. Among the celebrities who are expected to participate are actors Andrew and Elizabeth Shue, musician Puff Daddy and New York Yankee Derek Jeter.
- **National Service-Learning Leader Schools Award Ceremony:** At Pennsylvania State University in 1996, the President announced a national initiative to identify and recognize schools that have successfully incorporated community service into the curriculum and life of the school. To realize the President's goal, the Corporation for National Service has designed and implemented the National Service-Learning Leader Schools program. A ceremony to recognize the 70 high schools selected, as the first group of Leader Schools will be held on June 25. The Corporation has worked with a diverse group of high level people, led by Ted and Nancy Sizer and involving Shirley Sagawa, to develop the Leader Schools program. In addition to receiving White House commendation for their service-learning efforts, the Leader Schools winners are expected to share their work, experience and knowledge with other schools and the broader education community. The Leader Schools will be *active* winners for two years. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for the Atrium of the Kennedy Center and approximately 250 people will attend. (We have submitted a separate scheduling request for a radio address on the Leader Schools.)

- **President's Service Awards:** The annual presentation of the President's Service Awards, the highest honor in volunteering, is an important tradition in the service community. Started in 1982, these Awards are now a joint effort of the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service. Each year of this Administration, either the President or the First Lady has presented these awards to a small group of outstanding volunteers. The presentation of the 1998 President's Service Awards was postponed, however, due to the last minute conflict with the Wye River peace negotiations and the signing of the Peace Agreement. The consensus at the time was to present the 1998 and 1999 Awards together this year.

I hope we find interest in participating in any or all of these national service events. If you would like further information or a specific scheduling request, please contact me at 606-5000, ext. 121.

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May 23, 1999

REMARKS TO CITY YEAR CONVENTION

DATE:	May 24, 1999
LOCATION:	Howard University
TIME:	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
FROM:	Thurgood Marshall Jr. Anne McGuire

I. PURPOSE

To make remarks at City Year's Convention (CYZYG '99) on the occasion of their 10th Anniversary.

II. BACKGROUND

Today, at Howard University, you will celebrate the 10th year anniversary of City Year. City Year is convening its 1,000 AmeriCorps members in Washington, D.C. for their annual conference that concludes their year of community service.

The corps has engaged in a five month leadership, enrichment and service curriculum called "Get on the Bus". GOTB evokes the mission, energy, purpose, spirit, and discipline of Civil Rights and other historic civic movements. There are 4 themes that will be developed throughout cyzygy: Youth Leadership, Educating & Leading Children, Social Justice and Inclusivity. These themes will manifest themselves in Immersion Excursions, Idealism in Action Forums, One America Town Meeting, and service day at Benning Terrace and Columbia Heights. The phrase "Get on the Bus" has become part of City Year and convention vernacular.

City Year's annual convention officially begins on Tuesday morning. So that you could welcome them, they arranged for the Corps members to arrive early. For four days, City Year will unite over 1500 Corps members, corporate investors, civic leaders, and AmeriCorps partners. Others speaking later in the week include General Colin Powell, AOL Founder Steve Case, Mark Gearan, Justice Stephen Breyer, Eli Segal, Harris Wofford.

Since 1993, more than 100,000 AmeriCorps members have served more than 4,000 communities, mobilized nearly 2 million volunteers, tutored and mentored more than 2 million children, organized after-school programs for more than a half million youth, and built or rehabilitated more than 25,000 homes.

As you know, your budget proposal for 2000 called for a major expansion in AmeriCorps so that thousands more Americans have the opportunity to serve their country and help meet pressing social needs. Your budget proposes an additional \$113 million for AmeriCorps to support 69,000 members next year, growing to reach 100,000 members per year by 2000.

III. PARTICIPANTS

On Stage:

60 Corps Members

8 City Year Executive Directors

Stephen Spaloss, former City Year member

Alan Khazei, Co-Founder, City Year

Michael Brown, Co-Founder, City Year

Harris Wofford, CEO, CNS

Eli Segal, Board Member, City Year

Jeffrey Swartz, ~~Chairman~~, City Year

H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University

Mark Gearan, Director, Peace Corps

Jacket

(Cazee)

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Audience:

1300 AmeriCorps and City Year Members

AmeriCorps and City Year Partners

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press.

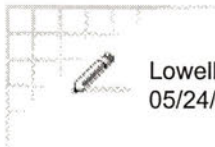
V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** are announced on stage accompanied by Dr. Swygert, Harris Wofford, Alan Khazei, and Michael Brown.
- Dr. Swygert, President, Howard University, makes welcoming remarks.
- Alan Khazei, Co-Founder, City Year, makes brief remarks and introduces Harris Wofford.

- Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service, makes brief remarks.
- Corps Members presentation.
- Stephen Spaloss makes brief remarks, presents **YOU** with a City Year jacket, and introduces **YOU**.
- **YOU** make remarks.
- **YOU** work a ropeline and depart.

VI. REMARKS

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i just spoke with him. he had some very good suggestions. i've put them in the newest draft:

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Lowell Weiss

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON NATIONAL SERVICE
TO CITY YEAR'S ANNUAL CONVENTION OF IDEALISM
WASHINGTON, DC
May 24, 1999**

Acknowledge: introducer Steven Spaloss [*who gave you the sweatshirt off his back in 1991 and will give you a red City Year jacket tonight*]; Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert; City Year and AmeriCorps members and alums; Harris Wofford, Eli Segal; Jeffrey Swartz, whose company, Timberland, was the founding national sponsor of City Year and is setting the standard for corporate America by providing its employees up to 40 hours of paid time off to volunteer; Mark Gearan. [On Friday, I signed legislation that puts us on a path to give 10,000 men and women the chance to serve abroad through the Peace Corps – the greatest number in more than a generation].

I want to say a special hello to Alan [Khazei] and Michael [Brown] and their wives, Vanessa Kirsch and Charlotte Mao [rhymes with “how”]. I believe Michael’s parents, Micky and Morton, are also here. I don’t think they’ve missed a single City Year event in your entire 10 years.

Nowadays, Alan and Michael can’t walk down the street without someone throwing an award or an honorary degree their way. But remember: not long ago, they were just two young students with one big idea. An idea for putting idealism to work. An idea for fostering the Beloved Community of Dr. King’s dream.

A lot of their classmates told them their idea was just pie in the sky. Well, I guess this [*arms extended*] is what pie in the sky looks like. And it is a beautiful sight. I can’t possibly tell you how good it does my heart to be here and see all of you. To see your idealism and pride. To

look into the eyes of people who know they can make a difference. To see how one good idea -- and countless hours of hard work and dedication -- can blossom into something like this.

The day in 1991 I spent in Boston learning about City Year was a day I'll never forget -- and not just because of Steven's beautiful gesture. City Year was living and breathing everything I believed about the need for a change in our relationship to government. City Year was the embodiment of a philosophy I called the New Covenant.

The New Covenant says that government cannot solve our problems, but neither can it leave people to sink or swim on their own. It says that we must provide the tools for people to make the most of their God-given talents. It says that we must inspire people to live up to the high obligations of citizenship -- to create opportunity for those who have been forgotten, to take responsibility for their own lives, to foster community, especially at a time when our nation is growing more diverse.

That day City Year, I saw this philosophy in action. I saw citizenship at its very best. I saw that for every one of you there could be a thousand of you -- a whole generation of you. And that is why I created AmeriCorps.

As of this spring, more than 100,000 young people have answered the call of citizen service through AmeriCorps -- including those of you in City Year. It is simply remarkable what all of you have accomplished -- how many millions of "starfish" you have collected. [*"Collecting starfish," a City Year mantra, refers to each person's power to make a difference.*] Because of your success, we are now working with the Congress to reauthorize AmeriCorps and to create opportunities for 100,000 young people to serve in AmeriCorps every year. We must give more young people the chance to put their idealism to work. We must work toward the day when citizen service is the common expectation and common experience of every American.

There has never been a more important time to do it. Today, millions of average Americans are reaping the benefits of economic growth. In fact, just yesterday there was a wonderful article about all the ways young African-American men, who have faced bleak job prospects for many years, are now joining the economic mainstream. But there are still millions of Americans -- in inner cities, in rural areas such as Appalachia, the Delta and Indian Country -- for whom the prosperity of our time has yet to become reality.

AmeriCorps can make an enormous difference. By rehabilitating homes and schools and neighborhoods and lives, you have proven that you can shine the light of opportunity and of hope in places that have been hidden in the shadows for far too long. We have seen your results. Please tell me you will never let up on your resolve.

There is another vital area where I need your passion and unique expertise. I want you to help show every young person in America that national service can be a powerful antidote to the alienation and isolation they so often feel.

In the aftermath of the shootings in Littleton and Conyers, I believe our country is more

focused than ever before on just how difficult life can be for teenagers when they feel like they don't fit in. They feel powerless, and sometimes worthless. They turn inward. They retreat. They disengage.

But as you know better than anyone, when you join City Year and AmeriCorps, you become an essential part of a team. You work with your teammates on solving mutual problems. You become mutually reliant. You build trust and friendship. You are part of a culture where you turn to action, not anger... where you speak up if you're feeling isolated... where you're trained to find everyone's strengths. You're engaged in a mission larger than yourself. You see concrete accomplishments. You feel powerful; you know that each one of you is a thousand people strong. *[This is a reference to the message of the event's opening skit.]*

And when you reach out to younger students and your own siblings, you bring this power, this teamwork, this culture to all of them. We've all seen it – the way kids look at you when you're wearing your red City Year jacket or your gray AmeriCorps T-shirt. They look up to you. They want to join your remarkable Young Heroes program. They want to do everything you're doing. They, too, want to be able to drive in a big nail with just four swings of a hammer. They, too, want to be part of a team. They, too, want to belong.

So, today, as you begin your four days here in Washington, I ask you: Will you take a child by the hand? Will you make him feel like he belongs? Will you? I want to hear your voices!

Together, we can and must make national service a national way of life. A way of life that promotes not a culture of violence but a culture of citizenship and a culture of caring. A way of life that leads young people away from isolation, away from anger. A way of life that lifts us up to our highest ideals of opportunity for all, responsibility from all, and a community of all. A way of life that helps to bring us across the lines that divide us, into One America.

City Year's goal is that one day the most commonly asked question of an eighteen year-old will be: "Where are you going to do your community service year?" I believe that day is near at hand. It is near at hand because AmeriCorps members like you are showing that service to this country is not just mere obligation or duty. It is something to look forward to. It is a way to make a difference. It is a way to join a team you will be a member of for life.

In my first Inaugural Address I said, "There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America." Well, AmeriCorps members are what is right with America. Peace Corps members are what is right with America. The brave humanitarian workers, soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines serving in Kosovo are what is right with America. National service is what is right with America.

Thank you for being what is right with America. Thank you for giving this country your heart and mind and soul each and every day. God bless you all.

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Subject: Members Attending City Year

EVENT: REMARKS TO THE CITY YEAR PROGRAM OF AMERICORP
DATE: MONDAY, MAY 24, 1999
TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
LOCATION: HOWARD UNIVERSITY
PARTICIPANTS: THE PRESIDENT

ATTENDING:

Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA)

Rep Barney Frank (D-MA)

Rep Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)

REGRETS:

Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)

Senator John Breaux (D-LA)

Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS)

Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV)

Senator John Chafee (R-RI)

Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)

Senator Mike DeWine (R-OH)

Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT)

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Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL)
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Senator John Warner (D-VA)
Senator Paul Wellstone (D-MN)

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Rep Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
Rep Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX)
Rep Rush Holt (D-NJ)
Rep Jesse Jackson (D-IL)
Rep Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)
Rep John Kasich (R-OH)
Rep Dale Kildee (D-MI)
Rep Ron Kind (D-WI)
Rep Dennis Kucinich (D-OH)
Rep Jim Leach (R-IA)
Rep John Lewis (D-GA)
Rep Nita Lowey (D-NY)
Rep Matthew Martinez (D-CA)
Rep Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)
Rep George Miller (D-CA)
Rep Patsy Mink (D-HI)

Rep Allen Molloy (D-WV)
Rep Connie Morella (D-MD)
Rep Dave Obey (D-MI)
Rep Major Owens (D-NY)
Rep Donald Payne (D-NJ)
Rep Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Rep David Price (D-NC)
Rep Jack Quinn (R-NY)
Rep Tim Roemer (D-IN)
Rep Carlos Romero-Barcelo (D-PR)
Rep Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)
Rep Bobby Scott (D-VA)
Rep Chris Shays (R-CT)
Rep John Tierney (D-M)
Rep James Walsh (R-NY)
Rep Lynn Woolsey (D-CA)
Rep David Wu (D-OR)
Rep Mike Capuano (D-MA)
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Bios for your use. As a reminder, Reco and John are probably a no go.

Thanks
Carolyn

Stephanie Wu, Vice President of City Year and President of the City Year Academy

Stephanie came to City Year from the private sector in 1988 as a team leader for the first City Year corps. Over the past ten years, Stephanie has been instrumental in managing major organization change efforts. As a nationally recognized trainer and facilitator, Stephanie is the founder of the City Year training Academy. Hailing from the Green Mountain State, Stephanie is also an expert skier.

City Year's Executive Directors

Jim Balfanz (CY'93), Executive Director, City Year Philadelphia

After serving in the City Year Boston corps in the 1992-93 year, Jim joined the staff in the department of national affairs, and last year led the office of New Site Development at City Year, where he worked on the start up of programs in Philadelphia and Seattle (opening this fall). He moved to Philadelphia a year ago to birth the organization's newest site.

Reco Bemby, Executive Director, City Year Seattle

Reco is the founding Executive Director of City Year Seattle which is in its inaugural year. He is a nationally recognized youth worker with more than 15 years experience. Prior to joining City Year Reco was the Senior Program Coordinator with the City of Seattle Parks and Recreation Department where he managed programs serving over 15,000 young adults. He is an accomplished musician, a graduate of the Cornish Institute of Performing Arts and recently

completed a fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Priscilla Butler, Executive Director, City Year Columbus

Priscilla founded City Year Columbus in 1994 as a loaned executive from US Healthcare, where she served as Vice President of Community Relations. With over 15 years experience in the private sector, Priscilla joined City Year full-time as Executive Director in Columbus in September 1997.

Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier, Executive Director, City Year San Antonio (TX)

Before beginning her tenure in September 1995 as City Year's founding Executive Director in San Antonio, Maria was appointed in 1991 to the Board of the Commission on National and Community Service by President George Bush, during which time it became her ambition to see a City Year program developed in San Antonio. A lifelong teacher and administrator in the San Antonio school system, Maria was selected in 1992 by the Secretary of Education, Lamar Alexander, to serve as the Director of the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs in the U.S. Department of Education. In addition to her tremendous professional abilities, Maria is also a talented singer.

Craig Huffman, Executive Director, City Year Chicago

Craig joined City Year Chicago last spring, just in time to lead the celebration of our fifth anniversary corps in the Windy City. He served most recently as Assistant to the President of the Chicago Urban League and Director of the Urban League's Youth Development Fund. In his inaugural City Year he has secured significant support from Mayor Daley as well as laid a foundation for future growth in one of the country's largest cities.

Robert Lewis, Jr., Executive Director, City Year Boston

Vice President of City Year, Inc. and Executive Director of City Year Boston, Robert leads the largest City Year corps. With over 16 years of community, youth, and service development experience and as co-founder of Boston's nationally-recognized Street Worker program, Robert joined City Year in 1992. He is also an Little League baseball coach and a former aerobics instructor.

Randy McShepard, Executive Director, City Year Cleveland

As Deputy Director of the Cleveland Bicentennial Commission and a member of the founding advisory board of City Year Cleveland, Randy was instrumental to bringing City Year to Cleveland. Before joining City Year, Randy was the Executive Director of the Community Vocation Guidance service in Cleveland, and also a musician on world tour.

Jyothi Nagraj, Executive Director, City Year Rhode Island

This past September, at the age of 23, Jyothi was the youngest Executive Director at City Year ever to be appointed. A graduate of Brown University, Jyothi is an extraordinary young person who is lighting up the Rhode Island

community with her corps of idealists. She joined City Year Rhode Island two years ago and has served as Development Director and Civic Engagement Director.

Marguerite O'Brien, Interim Executive Director, City Year Columbia

Marguerite joined City Year Columbia in 1994 and has held a variety of positions including Director of Leadership Development, Director of Recruitment and Deputy Director. She is currently managing City Year Columbia as we conduct an Executive Director search.

John Hoang Sarvey, Executive Director, City Year San Jose

John is a four year veteran of City Year, joining us from the Campus Outreach Opportunity League where he ran a national conference for over 2,000 students, faculty and community leaders. He has held a variety of positions at City Year, including, National Alumni Director, Deputy Director of the National Corps, and Logistics Coordinator for CYzygy. John held a number of leadership roles at UCLA including Student Body President and Community Service Commissioner.

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STEPHEN SPALOSS

As Deputy Director of the City Year National Corps, Stephen Spaloss provides strategic leadership for over 1000 young people in service in ten cities nationwide. Stephen is responsible for direct management of five City Year sites which includes program development, service impact, federal compliance, budgetary accountability and revenue. Through his efforts, the City Year national corps is able to realize over 1.5 million hours of service -- as they hone leadership and citizenship skills.

Stephen, a native of Nashua, New Hampshire, is a nine-year veteran of City Year. City Year, an AmeriCorps program, is a national service organization that unites diverse 17-24 years olds for a rigorous year of full-time service, leadership development and civic engagement.

Stephen began his service in 1990 at the "request" of the New Hampshire court system. In Stephen's words, "without City Year, I'd be dead or in jail." After an initial distaste for the intensive service and integration of cultures and ethnicities, Stephen soon emerged a leader. In 1992, he became the very first alumni to serve as Team Leader where he was responsible for the service and leadership development of ten young people. His rise within the organization over the next seven years (listed below) bears witness to Stephen's tenacity, commitment to youth and community, and abilities as leader, teacher, mentor and counsel.

In addition to a number of leadership positions, Stephen has helped found several City Year sites including Providence, San Jose and Philadelphia. His contributions were recognized in 1997 when he was named founding Co-Executive Director for City Year Philadelphia. While in Philadelphia, Stephen worked with leading corporate, civic and political leaders to build the necessary foundation for a successful program. Now 100 corps members strong, City Year Philadelphia is testimony to Stephen's skills and dedication.

A gifted motivational speaker, Stephen has spoken at numerous national conferences, before Congressional leaders, and in countless school rooms and board rooms across the country. In 1995, Steve received the Digital Equipment Corporation Leadership Alumni Leadership Awards in recognition of

his exemplary commitment to the mission of City Year and the ethic of citizen service.

Stephen is 30 years old and, along with his partner Bonnie, is the father of two children Alexandra and Jahi Semaj.

Service History (1990 - 1999):

Corps member	Boston	Citizens Founders	Developed & Taught Violence Prevention curriculum to 2500 middle school students
Team Leader and	Boston	Reebok Chelsea, MA	Rehabilitated public housing, parks recreation properties, civic space, founded volunteer resource center
Team Leader Chelsea's	Boston	Apple Computer	Reclaimed and renovated largest green space from gun and drug haven to community space
Expansion Rhode island	RI/Field Director		Founded and helped lead corps and program.
Academy Trainer/San Jose Program Development service,			Founded and developed culture, corps development and
program. Corps Leader ensure high	San Jose		Managed team leaders and corps to impact service and program excellence.
Program Director corps	Boston		Managed six teams and eighty members for a year of service, leadership development and civic engagement.
Philly	Founding Co-Executive Directors		Founded City Year Philadelphia, responsible for budget, revenue, corps recruitment, program and overall management.
National	Deputy Director of the National Corps		Responsible for assisting in management and execution of the City Year national corps.

Memo

To: Ann Lewis, Karen Tramontano, Anne McGuire
From: Shirley Sagawa
Date: 05/20/99
Re: Peter Hart survey

Attached is the draft survey that Peter Hart will conduct for the AmeriCorps visibility campaign. They want our comments by noon tomorrow.

Thanks.

Who is handling Americorps now?
I expressed interest to Anne McG re:
helping out whoever takes this over
from her... Thank you letters to the
Presidents' Summit participants from the
agencies was my first big Silverman/
Bibb project, you know?! - AuB

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May 1999

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AmeriCorps - Public

I'm calling from Hart-Teeter Research. We are conducting a survey among people all across the country on the major challenges facing America as we approach the year 2000, and I'd really appreciate the chance to get your opinions. Your number was selected at random, and in this household, I am supposed to speak with the (youngest/oldest) (man/woman) age 18 or over who is at home now. This is a public opinion survey, and you will not be sold anything.

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- Being involved in the community
- Practicing "good citizenship"

What kind of job is America doing when it comes to ... - excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

- Excellent.....1
- Good.....2
- Not so good.....3
- Poor.....4
- Not sure.....5

Q2 Focusing specifically on youth, when you think about the way things are going for teenagers and young adults in your community these days, generally speaking, would you say that these are very good times, okay times, tough times, or really bad times?

- Very good times.....1
- Okay times.....2
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- Really bad times.....4
- Not sure.....5

Q3a Which TWO or THREE of the following phrases comes closest to your own perceptions of America's youth these days? (READ LIST, MAKING SURE RESPONDENTS HEARS ALL CHOICES BEFORE GIVING ANSWER. ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES.)

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- Tuned out.....2
- Responsible.....3
- Selfish.....4
- Optimistic.....5
- Materialistic.....6
- Confused.....7
- All (VOL).....8
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Q3b Do you feel that, as a nation, we ask too much or ask too little of our young people?

Ask too much.....	1
Ask too little	2
Ask the right amount (VOL)	3
Neither (VOL)	4
Ask nothing (VOL)	5
Not sure	6

Q4 People have suggested different ways to help improve the situation for the nation's young people. I'm going to read a list of several goals, and for each one I read, I'd like you to tell me whether you think it should be a very important goal, fairly important, only somewhat important, or not an important goal.

Developing skills for the workplace
Learning leadership skills
Understanding the importance of volunteering and "giving back"
Developing a lifelong dedication to community service
Promoting good citizenship
Learning to be tolerant of others
Understanding the importance of hard work
Getting a college education

Very important	1
Fairly important.....	2
Only somewhat important.....	3
Not important.....	4
Not sure	5

Q5 Would you favor or oppose a system of VOLUNTARY national service in which young people -- both men and women -- after high school would be given opportunities to serve America for one year, either in the military forces or in community service work?

(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:) Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

Strongly favor	1
Somewhat favor.....	2
Somewhat oppose.....	3
Strongly oppose.....	4
Not sure	5

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- Q6 I'm going to mention the names of several national organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you are not familiar with a particular name, please just say so.

AmeriCorps
VISTA
The US Army
The Peace Corps
Boy Scouts

Very positive 1
Somewhat positive 2
Neutral 3
Somewhat negative 4
Very negative 5
Don't know organization/not sure 6

- Q7a For the rest of this interview, I'd like to talk about just one of the organizations I mentioned -- AmeriCorps. Since many people are not very familiar with AmeriCorps and what it does, I'd like to give you some more information about the organization.

AmeriCorps was founded five years ago to provide young people with the opportunity to serve their country performing community service while earning money for college. More than 40,000 young people participate in AmeriCorps each year.

Most AmeriCorps members are selected by and serve with local and national organizations like Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Boys and Girls Clubs.

Most AmeriCorps members are between 18 and 24 years old, and commit to a one-year term of full-time service. They work in local communities to recruit and train volunteers, tutor and mentor at-risk youth, build affordable housing, clean up rivers and streams, help seniors live independently, provide emergency and long-term assistance to victims of natural disasters, and meet other community needs.

AmeriCorps pays its members a small stipend to cover living expenses during their term of service, and at the end of one year, participants receive \$4,800 to help finance college or pay back student loans.

Based on this description, and keeping in mind the other things you have heard about AmeriCorps, would you describe your impression of AmeriCorps as very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative?

Very positive 1
Somewhat positive 2
Neutral 3
Somewhat negative 4
Very negative 5
Not sure 6

(FORM A ONLY.)

Q7b Why do you feel that way about AmeriCorps?

(PROBE:) What are the main facts about AmeriCorps that stand out or are most impressive to you?

(PROBE:) Is there anything about AmeriCorps that you find unappealing or that raises questions in your mind?

(INDICATE POSITIVE COMMENTS WITH A "+" AND NEGATIVE COMMENTS WITH A "-")

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Q8 Supporters of AmeriCorps feel that AmeriCorps benefits our nation in a variety of ways. I'm going to read you two statements describing ways that people have said AmeriCorps helps America, and I'd like you to tell me which ONE goal you think is more important. (ROTATE ORDER EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

(STATEMENT A:) Some people say that the most important goal for AmeriCorps is to benefit THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE, by teaching them important values such as good citizenship, a spirit of giving, leadership, and self-sacrifice.

(STATEMENT B:) Other people say that the most important goal for AmeriCorps is to benefit THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES where AmeriCorps members work, tutoring and mentoring young people, providing disaster relief, and building homes.

Which of these do YOU feel is more important -- for AmeriCorps to benefit the young people who participate in the program, or for AmeriCorps to benefit the communities where participants serve?

Statement A -- benefit to participants more important 1
Statement B -- benefit to communities more important 2
Both equally important (VOL) 3
Neither are important (VOL) 4
Not sure 5

Q9 Now I'd like to read you several criticisms that some people have made about AmeriCorps. Which ONE or TWO of the following criticisms -- if any -- give you the biggest concerns about AmeriCorps? (READ CHOICES, MAKING SURE RESPONDENT HEARS ENTIRE LIST BEFORE GIVING ANSWER. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)

By PAYING participants to perform community service, AmeriCorps ruins the true spirit of volunteerism 1
AmeriCorps is a bloated bureaucracy that spends too much money on administration 2
The \$4,800 education grant for participants is not a good way to pay for college 3
AmeriCorps works on too many different types of projects and does not have a focused mission 4
AmeriCorps was started by President Clinton mainly for political purposes 5
All (VOL) 6
None (VOL) 7
Not sure 8

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- Q10 Now I'm going to read several statements describing AmeriCorps' strengths. For each one, please tell me whether you feel it is an extremely valuable, very valuable, only somewhat valuable, or not a valuable contribution by AmeriCorps. (READ EACH ITEM AND GET RESPONSE.)

AmeriCorps helps build a sense of national community by bringing together youth from different backgrounds to work toward a common goal

More than 40,000 young people participate in AmeriCorps each year

AmeriCorps gets things done. AmeriCorps members have mentored more than 2.2 million children, provided programs for over a million at-risk youth, and recruited more than 1.8 million additional volunteers

AmeriCorps is like a Peace Corps for America, giving young people an opportunity to make a difference here at home

AmeriCorps helps reinforce many of the values that parents try to instill in their children, such as self-discipline, leadership, compassion, and citizenship

AmeriCorps' education stipend gives many young people the opportunity to attend college who could not afford to otherwise

Extremely valuable contribution.....1
Very valuable contribution.....2
Only somewhat valuable contribution.....3
Not a valuable contribution.....4
Depends (VOL).....5
Not sure.....6

- Q11 There are many ways in which young people might benefit from a year of service in AmeriCorps. Based on what you know about the program, which one or two of the following qualities or values — if any — would you say AmeriCorps is best able to instill in the youth who participate in this program? (READ CHOICES, MAKING SURE RESPONDENT HEARS ENTIRE LIST BEFORE GIVING ANSWER. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)

Tolerance and understanding.....1
The importance of volunteerism and giving back.....2
Good citizenship.....3
Leadership skills.....4
Self-discipline and hard work.....5
Skills that will be useful in the workplace.....6
All (VOL).....7
Other (VOL).....8
None (VOL).....9
Not sure.....0

- Q12 Thinking about everything we have talked about, would you like the federal government to continue funding AmeriCorps, or would you like the federal government NOT to continue funding for AmeriCorps?

(IF CONTINUE/NOT CONTINUE, ASK:) And do you feel strongly about that or not?

Continue, feel strongly.....1
Continue, do not feel strongly.....2
Not continue, do not feel strongly.....3
Not continue, feel strongly.....4
Not sure/no opinion.....5

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These last few questions are for statistical purposes only.

QF1 What is your age, please? (IF REFUSED, ASK) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to?
(READ LIST.)

18-24	1
25-29	2
30-34	3
35-39	4
40-44	5
45-49	6
50-54	7
55-59	8
60-64	9
65 and over	0
Refused	1

QF2 Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED, ASK:) What type of work do you do? (RECORD UNDER "6 - OTHER".)

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED, ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

Student	1
Homemaker	2
Retired	3
Unemployed, looking for work	4
Not sure	5
Other	0
Other specify...	

QF3 What is the last grade you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school	1
Some high school	2
High school graduate	3
Some college, no degree	4
Vocational training/2-year college	5
4-year college/bachelor's degree	6
Some postgraduate work, no degree	7
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	8
Doctoral/law degree	9
Not sure/refused	0

QF4a Have you ever contacted an elected official about an issue that is important to you, by calling, or sending a letter, fax, or e-mail?

(IF "YES," ASK:) Was that within the past year, or was it longer ago than that?

Yes, contacted an elected official - within past year	1
Yes, contacted an elected official - more than a year ago	2
No, have not contacted an elected official	3
Not sure	4

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QF4b Thinking about the last time that you contacted an elected official, did you contact them about a legislative issue, or about an issue of personal importance?

Legislative issue 1
Personal issue 2
Both (VOL) 3
Neither (VOL) 4
Not sure 5

QF5a Please rate how closely you follow news and current events these days using a scale from one to ten. On this scale, a "10" means that you follow news and current events very closely, and a "1" means you do not follow news and current events at all. You may choose any number between one and ten.

.....
Numeric Range.....
Don't Know

Permitted Range
1 TO 10

QF5b Within the past year, have you performed any volunteer or community service work -- by volunteer or community service work, I mean activities that were done with a church, charity, nonprofit, or other type of public service group rather than assistance you may have provided to other people in the community on your own, such as helping a neighbor?

Yes, have done volunteer/community service work 1
No, have not done volunteer/community service work 2
Not sure 3

QF5c Within the past year, have you attended a public meeting on town or school affairs?

Yes, have attended public meeting 1
No, have not attended public meeting 2
Not sure 3

QF6 Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say you are mostly Democratic, leaning Democratic, completely independent, leaning Republican, or mostly Republican?

Mostly Democratic 1
Leaning Democratic 2
Completely independent 3
Leaning Republican 4
Mostly Republican 5
Not sure 6

QF7a Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household 1
No, no kids under 18 in household 2
Not sure 3

(Skip to QF8)
(Skip to QF8)

QF7b When your child or children are old enough to participate in AmeriCorps (18 years old) would you encourage them to strongly consider participating in a program like AmeriCorps, or not?

Would encourage 1
Would not encourage 2
Depends (VOL) 3
Child has participated in AmeriCorps (VOL) 4
Not sure 5

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QF8 Do you happen to know anyone who has participated in AmeriCorps?

Yes 1
No 2
Not sure 3

QF9 For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me whether your total household income for last year was above \$50,000 or below \$50,000.

(IF ABOVE \$50,000) Would you say your household income was above \$75,000 or below \$75,000?

(IF BELOW \$50,000) Would you say your household income was above \$25,000 or below \$25,000?

Above \$75,000 1
\$50,000-\$75,000 2
\$25,000-\$50,000 3
Below \$25,000 4
Not sure/refused 5

QF10 Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? (IF "NO," ASK:) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic 1
White 2
Black 3
Asian 4
Other 5
Not sure/refused 6

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Gender What is the respondent's gender? (DO NOT ASK)

Male 1
Female 2

cyzygy '99:
Building National Service for the 21st Century

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Opening Unity Rally & PT Competition

8:00 am - 10:30 am

Location: Howard University Football Field
Format: Traditional Morning Program Components with inspirational programming for community-building.
Purpose: To build purpose, pride and unity in City Year's national community and to showcase site PT's so as to determine "Best PT '99".
Attendees: City Year national corps and staff, Howard University partners
Speakers: Michael, Alan, Executive Directors

An Idealist's View of Washington, DC

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Howard University
Format: Welcome remarks by Howard University dignitary, video of DC, panel discussion by "local heroes".
Purpose: A "soft landing event" to deepen the corps understanding of Howard, Washington DC and the tradition of civic change.
Attendees: City Year national corps and staff.
Speakers: H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University; Tyrone Parker, President, Alliance of Concerned Men

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An Idealist's Tour of Washington, DC

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Washington "Mall"
Format: Interactive tour of historic monuments based on the "Get on the Bus" curriculum. To educate the City Year national corps about the historic social, political and cultural significance of our nation's capital. To showcase the National Corps as powerful ambassadors of national service as they travel throughout the DC community.
Purpose: To deepen the values and mission of City Year through innovative enrichment at Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and FDR Memorial
Attendees: City Year national corps.

City Year Celebrates Ten!

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Howard University
Purpose: "City Year Celebrates Ten!" will officially commence the Annual Convention of Idealism and celebrate City Year's Tenth Anniversary. This event will reflect upon City Year's growth from 50 pairs of boots to 1000 during a decade of service and idealism. Thematic development will also include: celebration of DC and Howard, *cyzygy* Awards, and AmeriCorps.
Format: Some critical components include: introduction/welcome to City Year Detroit, keynote address, corps presentations, music, ten year video, and winner of the PT competition.
Attendees: City Year national corps and special guests.
Speakers: Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation of National Service; Steve Case, Founder, America On Line

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

Unity Rally

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Location: Steps of the United States Capitol
Purpose: The Alamo, Cesar Chavez Plaza, Ohio State House, Daley Plaza, John F. Kennedy Plaza...of course, the steps of the Capitol! To engage, inspire and delight the leaders of our country, the citizens of Washington, DC and members of the National Board of Trustees through high-energy PT.
Format: Unity Rally
Attendees: City Year national corps and National Board of Trustees, members of Congress (TBD)
Speakers: Senator Edward M. Kennedy, champion; Jeff Swartz, CEO, The Timberland Company

City Year National Board of Trustees Meeting

9:00 am - 12 pm

Location: Location TBD
Purpose: To review fourth quarter progress and provide strategic leadership and vision for City Year's future.
Format: Standard Board agenda
Attendees: The members of the City Year National Board of Trustees

Immersion Excursions

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Four programmatic venues: the Holocaust Museum, the U.S. Capitol and Supreme Court, Peace Corps and Smithsonian Museum of American History.
Purpose: To utilize experiential learning to synthesize the "Get on the Bus" leadership training that has prepared the corps for *cyzygy* participation and a Lifetime of Citizen Service.
Format: Site based learning on four themes: social justice, inclusivity, youth leadership and educating and leading children. Highly programmatic.
Attendees: City Year National Corps in four villages
Speakers: Mark Gearan, Director of Peace Corps; Justice Stephen Breyer

Attendees: 1500 audience members including the City Year national corps, AmeriCorps participants, corporate sponsors, civic leaders, DC residents, and guests from across the country.

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Unity Rally/Service Kick-Off

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Location: Howard University

Purpose: To energize and inspire *cyzygy '99* service day participants. City Year's daily Unity Rally has three goals: 1. To build unity and pride in the corps, 2. To inspire the community to serve, and 3. To get "our minds, bodies and hearts" ready for a great day of service.

Format: Rousing remarks preceded by signature "PT" (calisthenics) by the City Year national corps and guests.

Attendees: 1500 Service Day participants including: 900 City Year National corps members, 500 DC based AmeriCorps members, 300 City Year guests (corporate sponsors, civic leaders, service partners, alumni), and 300 community volunteers from schools, non-profits, neighborhood organizations and civic groups.

Speaker: Secretary Donna Shalala, Health and Human Services

Service Day

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Benning Terrace and Columbia Heights

Purpose: To demonstrate the power and impact of AmeriCorps as a strategy to strengthen communities and build leaders.

Format: Transformational service at community-based organizations in neighborhoods throughout the District. Projects will include: housing renovation, playground builds, landscaping, renovation of a Teen Center and two laundry centers, painting and physical renovation.

Attendees: Volunteers from City Year, AmeriCorps, N*CCC, corporate sponsors, and the DC community.

Service Celebration

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Benning Terrace
Purpose: To celebrate the successful high-impact service of AmeriCorps.
Format: Celebratory -- music, ethnic food, children's performances, testimonials from the Day of Service and one rousing keynote address.
Attendees: 1500 service day volunteers from DC and across the nation.
Speakers: David Gilmore, Receiver, DCHA; TBD, Alliance of Concerned Men

City at Peace Performance followed by Annual CYZ-a-Jam

8:30 pm - 12:00 am

Location: Location TBA
Purpose: City at Peace will demonstrate the power of the performing arts as a means to build community and celebrate diversity.
Format: City at Peace is a nationally heralded arts program, based in Washington, DC that unites diverse young people in dance and music as a vehicle to express feelings and opinions on race and prejudice. Through the performing arts, these young people offer messages of hope and unity. *(The Annual CYZ-a-Jam dance party will follow.)*
Attendees: City Year National Corps, Service Day attendees and First Circle of City Year supporters.

Friday, May 28, 1999

Building National Service for the 21st Century

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Howard University
Purpose: To celebrate the best practices and service of other AmeriCorps programs, non-profits, and public service organizations as a means to train and engage cyzygy participants for a Lifetime of Citizen Service.
Format: An early morning (9:00 - 10:15 am) session of workshops, followed by a mid-morning (10:30 am - 12:00 pm) session of panels.
Attendees: City Year National Corps, alumni, AmeriCorps participants, First Circle of City Year

Plenary Sessions/City Year's First Circle

2:15 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Howard University
Purpose: To engage critical sectors of City Year's support network in national service strategy, best practices. To build national community among City Year sites.
Format: To be determined by Plenary Director, may include keynote, panel, break-out sessions.
Attendees: Sessions based on background and interest (New Site Delegations, Advisory Boards, Alumni, Champions).

Leadership Reception Co-Hosted by Senators Ted Kennedy and John Chafee

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Russell Senate Caucus Room
Purpose: To demonstrate strong-bipartisan support for AmeriCorps by Congressional and other civic leaders
Format: Meet and greet, brief programming and City Year corps presentation.
Attendees: 250 supporters of AmeriCorps including members of Congress from "City Year states", City Year National Board of Trustees, Harris Wofford and AmeriCorps Leadership, leadership from AmeriCorps programs and national non-profits, corporate sponsors, community partners, civic leaders, AmeriCorps alumni and AmeriCorps participants.
Speakers: Senator Ted Kennedy, Senator John Chafee, Harris Wofford

One America Forum

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Howard University
Purpose: To reflect upon the root causes of the current challenges and issues we face as a nation -- Littleton, Kosovo, hate crimes, youth violence, etc. To discuss service as one of our nation's most powerful vehicles for achieving Dr. King's vision of the Beloved Community, and President's Clinton's hope for One America. To highlight the power and inspiration of young people in service.
Format: Inspirational presentation of some of our nation's living heroes whose lifeworks are an example of courageous civic leadership. Roundtable presentation followed by town meeting with audience members. Speakers include: Congressman John Lewis, Author and ABC News Correspondent Farai Chideya, Tiananmen Square Leader Li Lu, and Lt. Consuela Kickbush.

Onward to a Lifetime of Citizen Service!

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Location: Howard University

Purpose: The Closing Ceremony will close four days of Building National Service for the 21st Century, and will launch the corps into a Lifetime of Citizen Service.

Format: An inspirational close to include: keynote address, Compaq Leadership Awards, Voices of Idealism (City Year national choir), and corps pledge to a lifetime of citizen service.

Attendees: City Year National corps, AmeriCorps guests and convention participants from all sectors

Speakers: General Colin Powell; Compaq Executive (TBA)

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Lowell and Anne:

I thought it might be useful to identify some highlights of the week's convention for the briefing and speech.

Lowell, you already had a tremendous sense of our culture, mission and history. Thank you for that, I was genuinely touched. By the way, have you figured out "starfish" yet?

Please feel free to call me with any questions or comment at 617.233.3023.

Thanks very much to both of you for making this event a reality. You are touching the hearts and lives of many people.

Carolyn

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Celebration of a Decade of Service & Idealism

City Year's Tenth Anniversary Corps, approx. 1000 cm's doing 1.5 million hours of service.

Ten City Year sites:
Boston (founding site), Columbia, Columbus, Cleveland, Chicago,
Philadelphia,
Rhode Island, San Antonio, San Jose/Silicon Valley, Seattle/King County

Welcoming:
Detroit (opening Fall '99)

Since 1988:
5.8 million hours of service
380,604 children impacted
3,981 alumni
238 corporate investors
720 non-profit partners
553,488 citizen volunteers
1651 Young Heroes (service, leadership and enrichment corps for middle
school students)
96,724 Serve-a-thon volunteers

QUOTES & STORIES of NOTE:
"Everybody can be great, b/c anybody can serve.", Dr. King
Ripples quote, RFK
"...one day, the most commonly asked question of an 18 year old will be
'where are you doing your service year?'" , City Year Mission
"Putting Idealism to Work", one of City Year tag lines
Any reference to Timberland boots or "PT" (physical training/morning
program)

CONVENTION PREPARATION:
The corps has engaged in a five month leadership, enrichment and service curriculum called "Get on the Bus". GOTB evokes the mission, energy, purpose, spirit, and discipline of Civil Rights and other historic civic movements. There are 4 themes that will be developed throughout cyzygy: Youth Leadership, Educating & Leading Children, Social Justice and Inclusivity. These themes will manifest themselves in Immersion Excursions, Idealism in Action Forums, One America Town Meeting, and service day at Benning Terrace and Columbia Heights.

The phrase "Get on the Bus" has become part of City Year and convention vernacular.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS:
Monday:
Event with President Clinton

Tuesday:
"PT" Competition (ten sites compete for best calisthenics program, our morning unity rally that takes place at each site -- in sites such as JFK Plaza in Providence, State House steps in Columbia, Love Plaza in Philly, Daley Plaza in

Chicago, the Alamo in San Antonio, Cesar Chavez Plaza in San Jose)
Idealist's View of Washington (orientation to DC by President Swygert, local
community
civic heroes, service partners)
Monuments of Democracy (an interactive, programmatic tour of Lincoln,
Roosevelt,
and Vietnam Memorials to underscore DC as center of civic action and
discourse)
A Celebration of Service & Idealism with Harris Wofford and AOL Founder Steve
Case and
the 1999 cyzygial Awards (the awards are awards of excellence for a variety
of
disciplines including service impact, best team sponsor, best camp, etc.)

Wednesday:

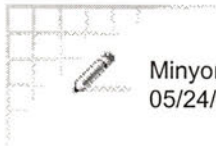
Unity (PT) Rally on the steps of the Capitol with Sen. Ted Kennedy
Immersion Excursions by "track" (Social Justice, etc.) to Peace Corps with
Mark
Gearan, US Capitol and Supreme Court with Justice Stephen Breyer,
Smithsonian
Museum of Am History and Holocaust Museum
Idealism in Action forums with inspirational speakers by "track"
Congressional Reception co-hosted by Senators Chafee and Kennedy and a
Honorary Host
Committee of over 35 Republicans and Democrats (to celebrate the diversity
of
support from the public, private, civic and non-profit sectors)
One American Town Meeting with John Lewis, Li Lu and others --
reflections/testimonial/call to action for service as a strategy to build
One America
(vs. current climate of Hate Crimes, school violence, racism and other"
isms")

Thursday:

Service Kick-off with Secretary Shalala
High impact, overwhelmingly (!!) inspirational service at Benning Terrace and
Columbia
Heights (four playgrounds/tot lots, renovation of Teen Center,
rehabilitation of two
Laundry Centers for community commerce and ease, landscaping, painting,
etc.)
Service Celebration (cook-out, music, kid's carnival etc. at Benning with
community)
cyz-a-JAM (annual corps member dance with DJ and live band)

Friday:

Building National Service for the 21st Century: Workshops and Panels
Closing Ceremony with General Colin Powell



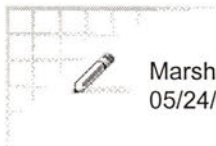
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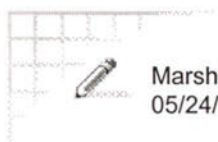
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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
CITY YEAR CONVENTION

John Carroll University
Cleveland, Ohio

2:25 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Well, since 600 City Year members like Leslie and Casey wrote and invited me, I thought the least I could do was to show up. (Applause.) I want to thank Leslie for that very wonderful introduction and for the terrific letter. I thank Casey for what he said. When he started talking about his mother I almost started to cry, too. (Laughter.)

I'd like to thank Harris Wofford and Eli Segal. I'd like to thank Mayor White and Congressman Sawyer for coming with me today. Father Glenn, thank you for making us feel so welcome here at John Carroll. (Applause.) I thank the City Year Board of Trustees for their service, and the county and city officials and state officials here for their service.

Thanks again, Leslie and Casey. And let me also say a special word of thanks to Alan Khazei and Michael Brown, the founders of City Year. (Applause.)

I found City Year, you know, back in 1991, when it was a much smaller program, beginning in Boston. And I was there as a candidate for President with about a one percent name recognition in Massachusetts. And so I had a lot of time on my hands. (Laughter.) And I spent the better part of the day, as I recall, talking to the young people in City Year.

I wanted to be President because I felt that our country needed to take a new course if we were going to prepare for the 21st century so that for all of you, the American Dream of opportunity would be alive for everyone who was responsible enough to seize it; so that our country would still be a leading force for peace and freedom and prosperity and security in the world; and so that we would come together across all the lines that divide us into one America, bound in no small measure by citizen service.

Now, since 1991 and the election in 1992, my belief that our country could do better has certainly been vindicated. I am grateful beyond measure that, thanks to people like you and my friends in Congress and Americans throughout the country, we've been able to change America. I'm grateful that we have the lowest unemployment rate in 28 years, the lowest welfare rolls in 27 years, the lowest crime rates in 25 years. I'm grateful. (Applause.)

But what I want to say to you today is that all of these achievements basically leave us free to chart the right course for America toward the 21st century. Part of it must be done in Washington; part of it must be done in the hearts and minds and lives of our citizens, where the greatness of America has always resided.

One of the things I think I ought to mention today because it's so timely in Washington is that we have a chance to pass comprehensive legislation to protect young people from the dangers of tobacco and we ought to do it and do it right away. (Applause.) I just came from an elementary school here in Cleveland where I met a lot of City Year-AmeriCorps volunteers. They had worked with young children in this elementary school --the Steven Howe Elementary School -- to write 1,500 book reports this year, to build a new playground.

But one of the things I'd like for every child in that grade school to know is this: Smoking-related illnesses kill more people every year than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murder, suicides, drugs and fires combined -- combined. And 90 percent of all smokers started before they were 18, even though it's illegal to sell cigarettes to children under 18. Three thousand young people start smoking every day; a thousand will have their lives shortened because of it. So I say again, while there are some in Congress who seem determined to stall, stop or kill the tobacco bill, we will never have a better chance to save a thousand lives a day and save a million kids in the next few years. And I hope you will help me send a loud message back to Washington, D.C. to act and act now.

(Applause.)

There are a lot of other things that we are working on back there that will shape the world you will dominate as adults. We're about to have our first balanced budget and a surplus in 29 years, and before we spend a penny of it, I want us to make sure we know how we're going to save Social Security so we don't bankrupt your generation when my generation retires. It's not right. (Applause.)

While we're strong and prosperous, I want us to do everything we can to invest in education so that not only our colleges, but our grade schools, our junior high schools, our high schools are the best in the country, and every child of whatever race or income or station in life will get a world-class education starting at kindergarten. (Applause.)

I want the Congress and the country to accept changes in the Earth's climate as real and commit ourselves to reduce the problem of global warming, even as we continue to grow the economy. We have to face the environmental challenges of the 21st century, and the sooner that we get at it, the better off we're going to be. (Applause.)

There are many other things I want the Congress to do in health care and campaign finance reform and adopting the initiative that the First Lady and I have tried to advance for a 21st Century Fund to put money into research -- in biomedical research and scientific research -- to build the next generation of the Internet and also to preserve our precious natural heritage.

But I will tell you this. If America hasn't learned anything from you in the last four years since we've had the AmeriCorps program going, we should have learned that in the end, we will never be the country we ought to be, we will never meet the challenges that are there before us, we will never fully seize the opportunities that are there, until America believes in and practices citizen service. (Applause.)

As I said, when I started running for President in 1991, I had this idea -- but it was just an idea in my mind -- that we had two big problems. We needed more idealistic, energetic young people out there working in our communities, helping to solve problems at the grass-roots level and touching other children one on one; helping people that would otherwise be forgotten; going to places where the private economy would not otherwise send them; and we also needed to open the doors of college to everyone. So I had this general idea, and then when I went to City Year in Boston the lights came on in my mind and I said this is what I want to do. (Applause.)

You know, out of the national service of our soldiers in World War II came the G.I. Bill, which educated a whole generation of

my parents and created the great American middle class. Out of the all too short service of President Kennedy came the Peace Corps, which took the idea of citizen service around the world. And I still see it as I travel for America -- our best ideas and our greatest humanity manifest in these Peace Corps volunteers all across the world. I saw them recently when I was in Africa.

Out of AmeriCorps has come a blending of the two, taking the idea of service and the idea of education -- it's almost like the Peace Corps comes home, in larger numbers -- with a G.I. educational bill for citizen service. That is what we have done. (Applause.)

In only four years, nearly 90,000 young people have served through AmeriCorps in their communities; nearly 50,000 have become eligible for the education benefits. This year alone more than 40,000 AmeriCorps positions are being filled around the country. And every young AmeriCorps volunteer -- as anyone else could see from your enthusiasm -- typically will generate 12 more volunteers helping on whatever the service is. (Applause.)

Last year AmeriCorps members taught or tutored 500,000 students, mentored 95,000 more, recruited 39,000 more volunteers, immunized 64,000 children, helped with disasters in over 30 states, worked with over 3,000 safety patrols, with local law enforcement and civilian groups, trained 100,000 people in violence prevention, built or rehabilitated 5,600 homes, helped put 32,000 homeless people in permanent residences, worked with people with AIDS and other serious diseases, and did a whole raft of environmental projects. Because of AmeriCorps, the SeniorCorps, Learn and Serve America, America is a better place today. (Applause.)

I am especially proud of our America Reads program, which relies on all our national service programs because one of the most important things we can do is to make sure every 8-year-old in America -- and many of them don't have English as their first language now -- can read independently by the time they leave the 3rd grade. It's just terribly important to all other learning. (Applause.)

We now have -- I learned this morning just before I came here that we now have over 1,000 colleges and universities that are allocating work-study positions or other volunteers to help make sure that by the year 2000, every 8-year-old can, in fact, read. And a lot of AmeriCorps volunteers have helped to mobilize, organize, and train those tutors, and I am very grateful for that. (Applause.)

I was also proud of the word used in my introduction -- enabling, that I had enabled service -- I think that's important. Because we don't dictate anything about AmeriCorps from Washington. You know that City Year is a grass-roots, community-tied organization, even though it's a national network. We have enabled organizations like the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Habitat for Humanity, hundreds of other nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations -- 6,000 young AmeriCorps volunteers in faith-based

organizations this year -- to select and use AmeriCorps members to continue and enlarge the work that they are doing.

Here in Cleveland, more than 200 citizens of all ages and backgrounds are serving in 14 different AmeriCorps programs, including those serving with City Year Cleveland. (Applause.) In Cleveland, AmeriCorps does everything from tutoring children, to building homes, to organizing neighborhood watches, to cleaning streams. I guess the next message I'd want you to help me send back to Washington today is that AmeriCorps works and it should be extended by Congress into the 21st century so more young people have the opportunity to do -- (applause.)

Now, I want to make one other point about AmeriCorps and citizen service. As you bring volunteers to communities in need you also bring people together. I mean, just look around. The first thing I remember blazed in my mind when I first went to AmeriCorps and to the City Year project in Boston was that there was a young person who had been in an Ivy League school who dropped out of school for a year to work full-time, working side by side with a young person who had gotten in trouble in New Hampshire, and the juvenile authorities said, if you'll go work for City Year, that's the best rehabilitation you could do. They learned a lot from each other, those two young people. And they both did very well in the future as a result of it.

If you look around at this crowd today, it's a pretty good picture of America. And I have always believed that in the 21st century, America would have its greatest days in no small measure because we are growing more diverse as the world grows smaller. So it simply stands to reason that we're better off if we have people who look like people from everywhere in the world, who share their cultures, their language, and their religions, but who are bound together by common devotion to American ideals, to personal responsibility, expressed through constructive citizenship.

I believe that the key to solving a lot of our racial tensions in America is to make sure we keep living together, working together, learning together, and -- in some ways, most important of all -- serving together, giving together. (Applause.)

It can unite us across all the lines that divide us. It can even unite us across political lines. And after spending a few days in Washington, I sometimes think those are the deepest divides of all.

Last year, I was so honored to be with Presidents Bush and Carter and Ford, Mrs. Reagan, and General Colin Powell at the President's Summit on Service in Philadelphia. (Applause.) I believe everybody who was there felt this enormous sense of excitement and also a great sense of possibility as we defined an agenda that we wanted every child to be a part of. We wanted every child to have a caring adult in his or her life, a safe place to grow up, a good school to attend, a healthy start in life and a chance to

serve the community.

Now, since that summit we've worked to do our part in Washington. Again, there's some things the government should do. We've worked to expand health insurance to 5 million children. We've worked to expand access to child care so parents can be more effective at home and at work. We've worked to implement something called the High Hopes mentoring program, that will involve young people like you with other kids who are younger, starting in junior high school, for six years, and also we'll give you an extra tool -- you'll be able to tell those 7th graders, look, if you learn, if you stay in school, if you live a good life, I can tell you right now here's how much college aid you will get to guarantee you can go to college when you get out of high school. (Applause.)

We've been helped by corporations, by nonprofits, by other organizations who've committed fabulous sums of money to try to implement this agenda under the leadership of General Powell around the country. We want to do more, because in the end you know and I know from what you're doing that the most important thing we can still do in America with a lot of human problems is to make one-on-one contact, and that you can put up all the money in the world, but hands build houses, hands clean streams, hands immunize children. People have to do these things.

So what I want to say today is I'd like to do some more to fulfill the goals of the President's Summit on Service. And the Corporation for National Service is now prepared to commit another additional, 1,000 AmeriCorps leadership positions targeted only to the goals of the President's Summit. These AmeriCorps volunteers will support these state and local efforts. But you think about it -- 1,000 volunteers trained to be leaders of community efforts. Wouldn't you like to know that when you finish and when you start your careers that every American child has a safe place to grow up, a good school, a healthy start, a caring adult and a chance to serve just like you're doing? I think it's worth our making that effort. (Applause.)

I hope that one of the legacies of this period at the end of the 20th century will be a renewed spirit of community, a renewed sense of idealism, a renewed commitment to service. I hope, in other words, that when I finish my work and you finish yours we will have helped to make real the pledge that you take when you join AmeriCorps in the lives of all Americans. Indeed, I wish every American would take that pledge, I think it might be well again to send that message to the country.

So if you'll help, I'd like us to conclude with that AmeriCorps pledge. I'll say it, then you say it.

I will get things done for America to make our people safer, smarter and healthier.

THE AUDIENCE: I will get things done for America to make our people safer, smarter and healthier.

THE PRESIDENT: I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities.

THE AUDIENCE: I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities.

THE PRESIDENT: Faced with apathy, I will take action.

THE AUDIENCE: Faced with apathy, I will take action.

THE PRESIDENT: Faced with conflicts, I will see common ground.

THE AUDIENCE: Faced with conflict, I will see common ground.

THE PRESIDENT: Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

THE AUDIENCE: Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

THE PRESIDENT: I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.

THE AUDIENCE: I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.

THE PRESIDENT: I am an AmeriCorps member.

THE AUDIENCE: I am an AmeriCorps member.

THE PRESIDENT: And I am going to get thing done.

THE AUDIENCE: And I am going to get things done.
(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Let me say to all of you, in every generation, young Americans are called upon to renew our country, to deepen what it means to be free, to widen the circle of opportunity, to strengthen the bounds of our national community. Because of the progress that has been made in this time, your generation has an incredible opportunity. You can finish the work that was done when I was your age by the people you saw in that video.

Thirty years ago this week, Robert Kennedy was killed. Thirty springtimes ago, we lost both Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King. Their effort to bring America together and lift America to higher ground was delayed by a lot of the things that happened along the way. But now that we have regained our sense of confidence that we know we can make our economy work, we know we can make our school work, we know that we can make our streets safe, we know we can take

poor people and give them a second chance and give them a chance to work and succeed in raising their children as well as working, we know that America can be more and better, and that we can live up to our highest ideals, your generation will have a chance to make that the history of the 21st century. (Applause.)

I am so proud of you. I can't even convey what it feels like for me to stand here and look into your eyes. I know now that one of the best decisions I ever made was to fight to create AmeriCorps and to fight to keep others from taking it away, and the fight to give you the chance to serve. (Applause.)

But, remember, what you promised in the pledge -- that you will serve now and beyond. For when you no longer wear these jackets or t-shirts every day, if you continue to believe and you continue to service, and you continue to have the feelings inside toward your fellow human beings that you have today, then you will write a remarkable history for America in the 21st century. We need you to do that, and I believe you will.

God bless you and Godspeed. (Applause.)

(The City Year Lifetime of Idealism Award is presented to the President.) (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Let's give him a hand, he was great. I want you to know that I still have Steven's sweatshirt and I'll have it with me forever to remember when I first met him and I first met City Year. You keep it with you forever, too.

God bless you. Thank you. (Applause.)

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