Citizens, Not Spectators

Enrichment Lesson: Why Does Granny Control the Vote?

Teacher Resource 6: U. S. Census Bureau, Figure 3. Voting Rates by Educational Attainment and Age Groups: 2008

Directions: Project this graph on the classroom board or a screen as needed during group reports (if and when students share their answers to questions referencing Student Handout 8).

Figure 3.
Voting Rates by Educational Attainment and Age Groups: 2008
(Citizens 18 and older, in percent)

- 18 to 24 years
- 25 to 44 years
- 45 to 64 years
- 65 years and older

Less than high school graduate: 27.0, 29.2, 51.9, 68.5
High school graduate: 39.9, 44.8, 61.1, 74.3
Some college or associate’s degree: 56.6, 63.8, 79.1, 70.2
Bachelor’s degree or more: 76.7, 81.1, 82.0