



The Youth Mandate: Examining the Rise of Climate Activism as a Catalyst for Global Policy Reform

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Abstract

The escalating climate crisis has positioned the younger generation as primary drivers of contemporary political change. This paper examines the "Youth Mandate"—the phenomenon where youth-led movements, such as *Fridays for Future*, exert pressure on international policy. Utilizing a mixed-methods approach, the study analyses legislative shifts in G20 nations following major youth mobilizations between 2018 and 2025. Preliminary findings indicate a correlation between localized youth protests and the adoption of aggressive carbon-neutrality targets. The paper concludes by arguing for the institutionalization of youth participation within core policy-making processes.

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