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**Issue** Less than one in four Arizonans believes that the next generation will have a better standard of living than today. Only 10% of Arizonans believe that their elected officials represent them. When it comes to “civic health,” Arizona ranks at the bottom. We are 47th in the nation when it comes to voting in local elections. Although Arizona is a young state, we have a ton of potential we want to show.

**Project Description** Inspire Arizona and Boys Hope Girls Hope, a scholarship organization in Arizona, teamed up with five sophomores, who are now juniors, to advocate for the importance of voting and using our voices to better the community around us. On December of 2013, we gathered over a hundred kids and presented a video, which we made, that stressed what voting and using our voice means to us along with its vitalness in a young community. Since we are the future, we want to start making changes now for future generations.

**Project Outcome** We got at least 120 pledges to vote signed at the event and about 50 additional pledges from presenting Inspire Arizona to the Youth and Government Club at Brophy College Prep. On a bigger note, we received a positive response by posting the video on multiple social media sites, talking to kids about it, and much more.

**Request** Tips on how to increase our impact and awareness among our peers.

**Project Link** <https://vimeo.com/81157205>