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“You can find a whole number of videos as well as articles and blogs that talk about hip-hop in a way that respects young black people and the culture.”—Alexandra Moffett-Bateau, BYP researcher

“The Black Youth Project is really cool because it is a space where people from various communities can come together and get information. You can search for anything you are looking for.”—Summer McDonald, BYP blogger

“Educators can use the curriculum page as a great resource to borrow and generate lesson plans focused on black youth.”—Fallon Wilson, BYP blogger

“The Black Youth Project is an unprecedented website that sheds light on a demographic that has for too long been overlooked. It’s the perfect space for young black people to express themselves and learn from others.”—Edward James, BYP blogger

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The **Black Youth Project** explores the attitudes, actions, and decision making of black youth by including their lives, ideas, and voices.



## ABOUT US

*The Black Youth Project* (BYP) was a national research project launched in 2003 that examined the attitudes, resources, and culture of African American youth ages 15 to 25, exploring how these factors and others influence their decision-making, norms, and behavior in critical domains such as sex, health, and politics. Understanding the need to make this data available to a wider constituency beyond the academy Professor Cathy Cohen, the Black Youth Project's principle investigator, decided to create an online hub for Black youth where scholars, educators, community activist, youth allies, and youth could access the study's research summaries as well as have access to a plethora of resources concerning the empowerment and development of black youth.

The Black Youth Project's website is a cyber-resource center for black youth and all those who are committed to enriching the lives of black youth. Within the pages of this website, visitors can access research summaries, read blogs about and by black youth, search

an extensive rap database, access black youth social justice organizations, and download social justice curricula to teach. Arguably more than any other subgroup of Americans, African American youth reflect the challenges of inclusion and empowerment in the post-civil rights period as well as the challenges of web access and digital spaces to call their own. Therefore, the intended purpose of this website is to generate new media information, blogs, art, conversations, webinars, and data that will expand the human and social capital of young African Americans, facilitating their general empowerment through highlighting their voices and experiences.

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## Features of [blackyouthproject.com](http://blackyouthproject.com):

### **Black Youth Project's Research Summaries:**

This project employs a multi-methodological research design, including a new survey of young people ages 15 to 25. The new survey data is paired with in-depth interviews with African-American youth and content analysis of rap music.

**The Rap Lyrics Database:** Given one of the central findings in the study that black youth listen to hip hop music every day, the Rap Lyrics Database is a searchable cyber storehouse allowing scholars, youth, cultural workers, and teachers to search through lyrics of Billboard Music's top rap songs from 1989 to 2009 in order to create content for youth to think critically about rap and hip hop.

**The Black Youth Project's Blog:** These blogs represent the voices and attitudes of young African Americans who are in their teens and twenties. The content of these blogs consists of conversations about popular culture, current political events, testimonials and narratives about growing up being black, gay, straight, man, woman, working class, middle class, and differently-abled in the US.

**Black Youth Create:** This page encourages black youth to create and submit performance pieces, poetry, prose, and visual art to talk about what it means to be young and black in America.

**Black Youth in the News:** This page is a comprehensive archive of news stories written about black youth in the US.

**Feminism & Hip Hop Conference:** The BYP has all of the footage from this 2005 conference, which featured panel discussions about the impact of hip hop culture on the racial, gender, and sexual perceptions of young people.

**News from Washington:** This page tracks the latest policies and issues circulating the federal government that pertain to black youth.