

A stylized illustration of a diverse group of young people, including men and women of various ethnicities, hugging each other in a supportive and joyful manner. The background is a solid dark grey, and the text is overlaid in white.

THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN NATION BUILDING

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Half of the world's population is under 30—but they have little say over the decisions that shape their future. It's time for young people to be seen and heard in the halls of power

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Should young people change, or should politics?

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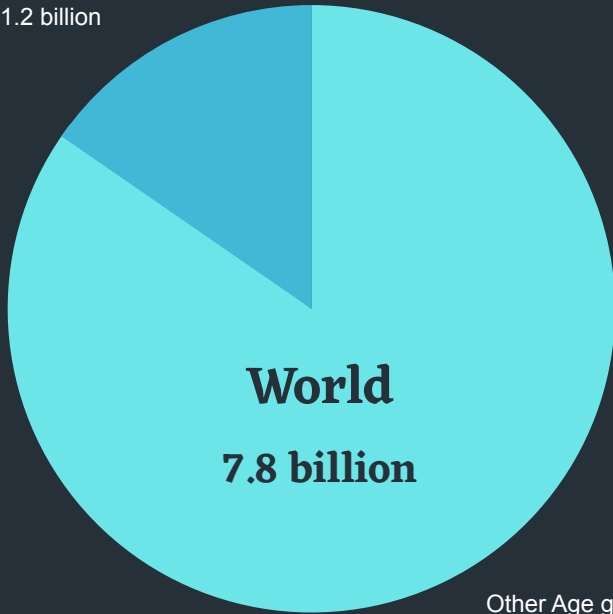
YOUTH PERSPECTIVES

Young people hold the key to creating a better future

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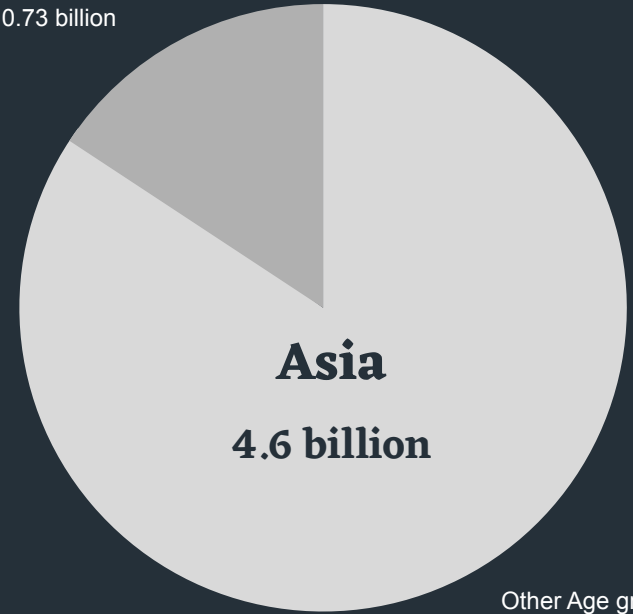
Youth Population

Age Group 15-24
1.2 billion



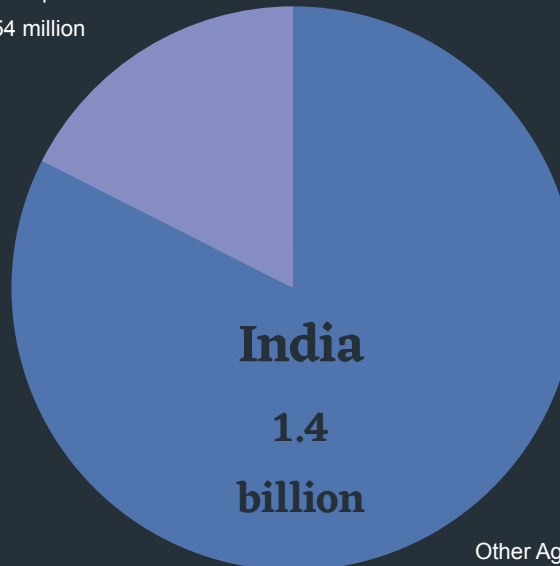
Other Age groups
6.6 billion

Age Group 15-24
0.73 billion



Other Age groups
3.91 billion

Age Group 15-24
254 million



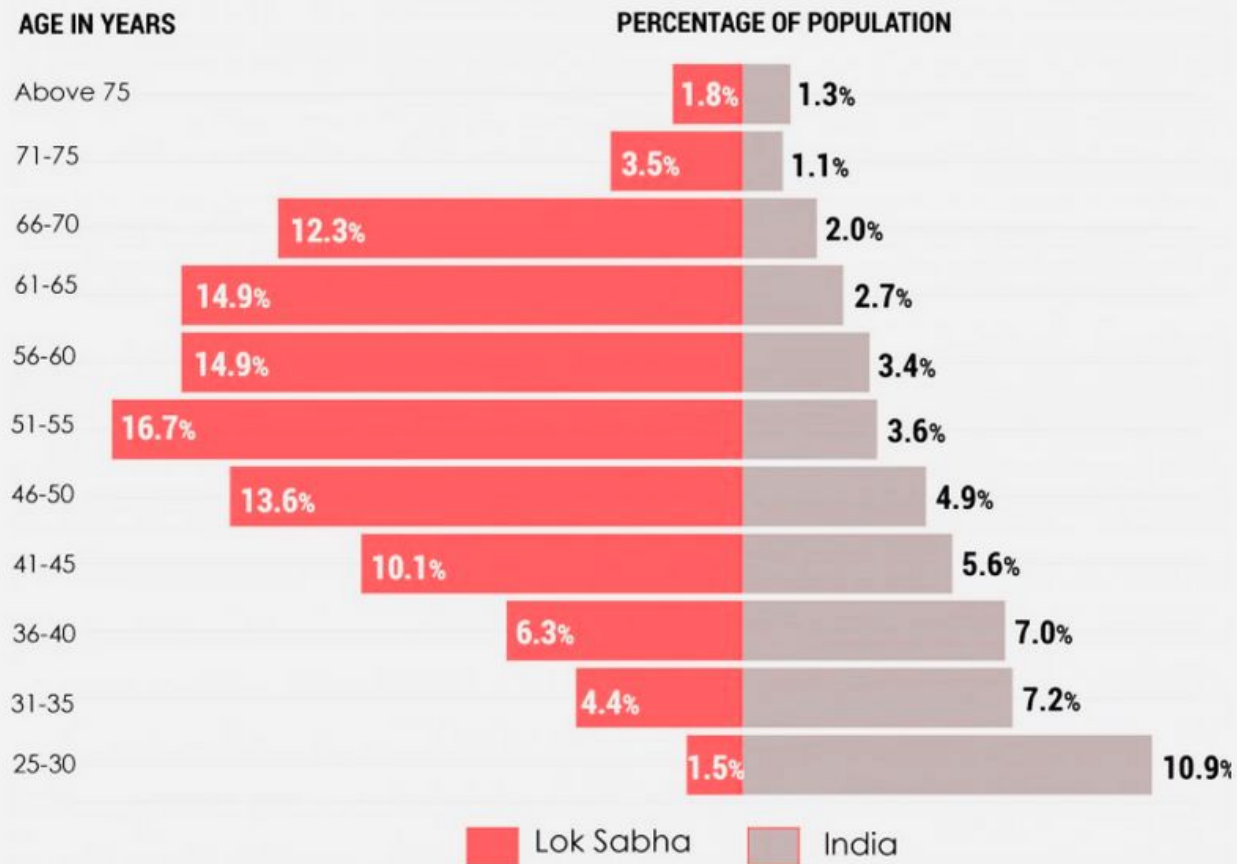
Other Age groups
1,194 million

Below 29 years
700 Million

Indian Parliament

Young India has Old Leaders

While the majority of Indian population is below the age of 25 years, most Lok Sabha MPs are between the ages of 45 to 65 years



Sources: Election Commission of India, Census 2011

Telangana Assembly

89% of Telangana's newly elected MLAs are crorepatis, 61% facing criminal cases

With six women elected to the state assembly this time, only five percent of elected legislators are women

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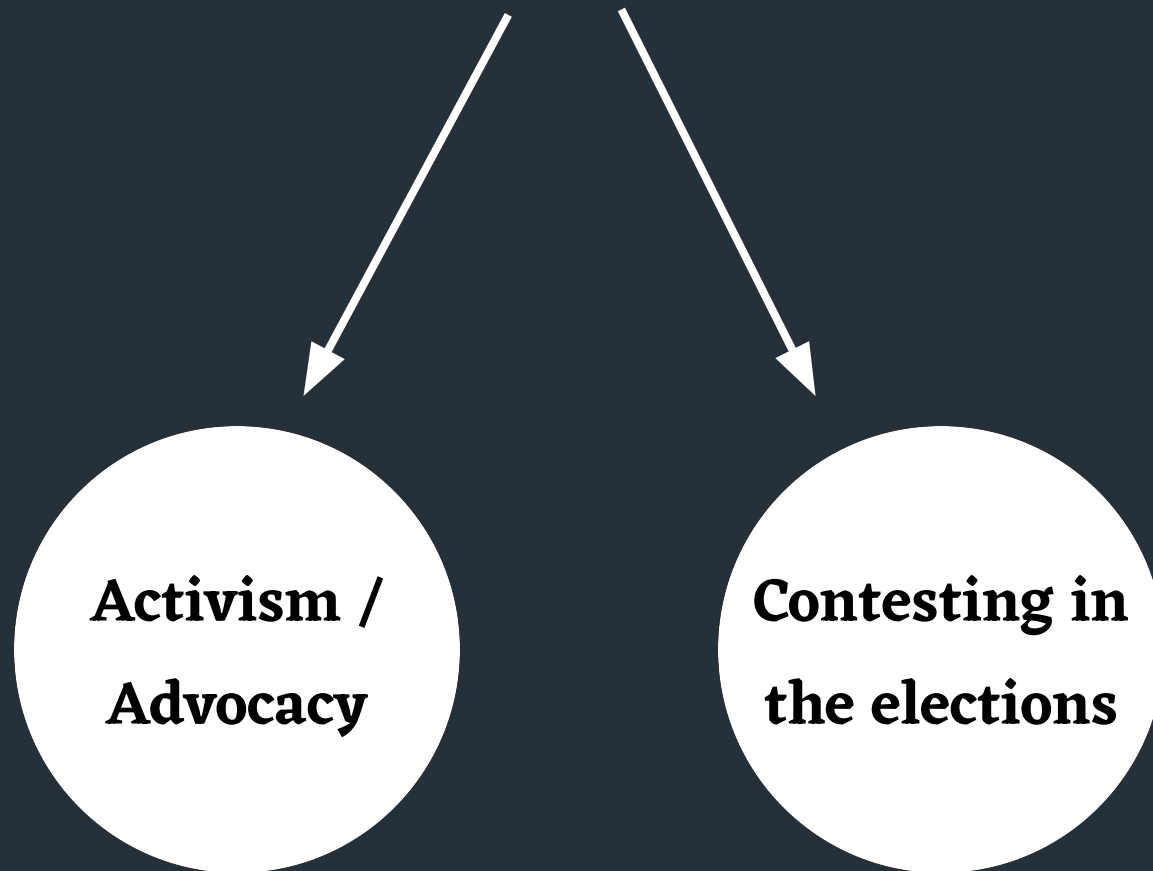
Age

Out of 119 MLAs, five are aged under the 40 and 36 MLAs are between 41 and 50 years of age. Around 50 MLAs are aged between 51-60 years, 26 fall in the 61-70 age group and two are 70 years old or more.

Democracy

Has

Two Pathways for Systemic Change



Less travelled route

Young People's Dilemma

**Stable
Career
(Job)**

Entrepreneur

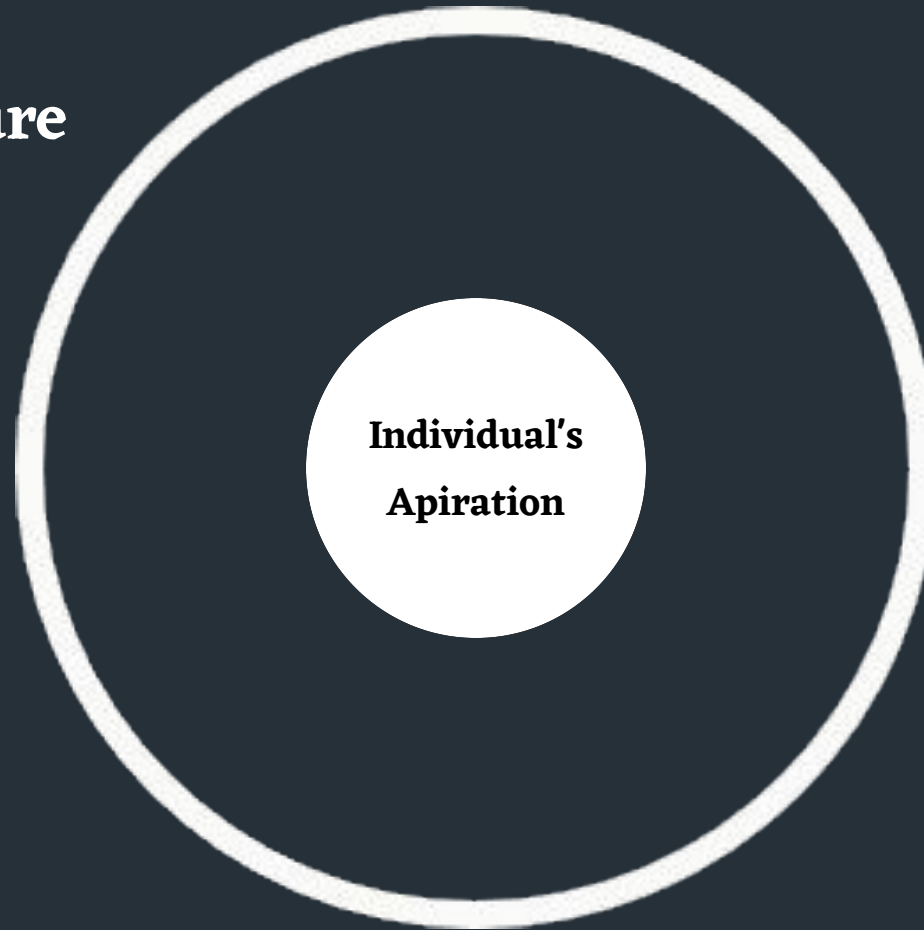
Political Leader



Social Conditioning

National Culture

Policy Making



Humans behave according to their context, which is established by our national culture and government's policy-making.



Privilege





Privilege



vs

Movement



Largest democracy, but the problems are much older

Challenges in India

Economic

Inequality

Poverty

**Social
Injustice**

**Enviromental
Damage**

Unemployment

**Political
Corruption**

Politics

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"To the youth of today,
I also have a wish to make:
be the scriptwriters of your
destiny & feature yourselves
as stars that showed the way
towards a brighter future"

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

THANK YOU