

**ABSTRACT**

***Who Participates? The Causes and Consequences of Political Participation and Community Service Among University of California Undergraduates***

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This paper examines the demographic, social, and economic determinants of political participation and community service among undergraduates at the University of California and briefly considers their effects on political engagement. The Civic Engagement module of the 2006 University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey measures the patterns of participation, volunteering behavior, and political attitudes of nearly 12,000 undergraduate students. These results can be matched to a rich collection of demographic data from survey and administrative sources to provide a detailed look at civic engagement among undergraduate students.