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You Say You Want a Revolution: Criticalizing Youth Activism in the Post- Truth Era

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VIDEO DISCUSSION GUIDE

In this Equity Studies in Education lecture, Dr. Shirley Steinberg asks: How do we become critical allies and supporters of youth, without becoming their critics? Our futures are determined by our desire to understand and work authentically with youth as educators, community workers, and activists. In order to become facilitators and supporters of our youth, it is essential to discuss the history and culture of youth and to contextualize the worth of an empowered youth population.

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Discussion questions

- 1) Have you experienced the fear of youth discussed by Dr. Steinberg? How did that fear manifest itself? What are the consequences of viewing youth in this way? For youth? For society more broadly?
- 2) How would you go about negotiating the curriculum with youth?
- 3) What can parents and educators do to facilitate youth-led revolution?

Further reading

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