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STATEMENT OF SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD (D., MONTANA) FOR THE YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUBS OF AMERICA

Political activity is a way in which people express common needs and wishes and a choice of leadership in pursuing them. Taking part in this process is one of the highest callings open to any American and joining the Young Democrats is a good way to begin.

Both parties extend an open hand to young Americans, but I think you will find that the Democratic Party is more receptive to new ideas and more responsive to new needs. The Democratic Party is, generally, more closely attuned to change and is alert to new challenges and problems. It prizes highly the vitality and the imagination of youth, as well as the wisdom of age. You will find, in short, that the Democratic Party offers a real opportunity for service and growth to young men and women who have open minds, a sense of public responsibility and a genuine concern for the welfare of the nation.