

Focus on young people -

increasingly by adults of all ages are engaged in service. We have to think about how these programs have changed with new demographics and different motivations.

Inspired and eager to serve. We assume young people are able to serve. The living stipends and educational benefits are not enough to support young folks of low SES status to serve. We assume members are white and middle class. This rhetoric DOES NOT WORK for diverse communities.

National vs Public service

Please note that AmeriCorps members are national service members who take an oath to serve America and get things done for our country.

It's popular to call federal govt employees part of national service. We call them public servants, not national servants.

National Service

I chose national service b/c of my background and the education awarded. To make ends meet, I lived in a shed and worked nights though it was disallowed.