Class casualties: Disappearing youth in the age of George W. Bush

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Abstract

Democracy has never appeared more fragile and endangered in the United States than in this time of civic and political crisis. This is especially true for young people. While a great deal has been written about the budget busting costs of the invasion of Iraq and the passing of new anti-terrorist laws in the name of "homeland security" that make it easier to undermine those basic civil liberties that protect individuals against invasive and potentially repressive government actions, there is a thunderous silence on the part of many critics and academics regarding the ongoing insecurity and injustice suffered by young people in this country. As a result, the state is increasingly resorting to repression and punitive social policies at home and abroad.
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George HW Bush, who has died aged 94, was the 41st president of the US (1989-93) and father of the 43rd president – the first instance of a father and son holding America’s highest elected office since John and John Quincy Adams almost two centuries earlier. Bush could claim to have been one of the most successful foreign-policy presidents, in the same league as Harry Truman and the two Roosevelts, but he had a far shakier touch when it came to economic policy and domestic affairs. He steered the US and its allies successfully through the collapse of communism and coordinated support for the r George H.W. Bush straddled the divide between conservatives like Ronald Reagan and the liberal wing of the GOP led by figures such as Nelson Rockefeller. “He should be given credit for how he performed in the presidency, that leadership role of internationalism, multilateralism, free trade, international law.” George H.W. Bush dies: Remembering the legacy of the former president. Dec. 1, 201805:40.