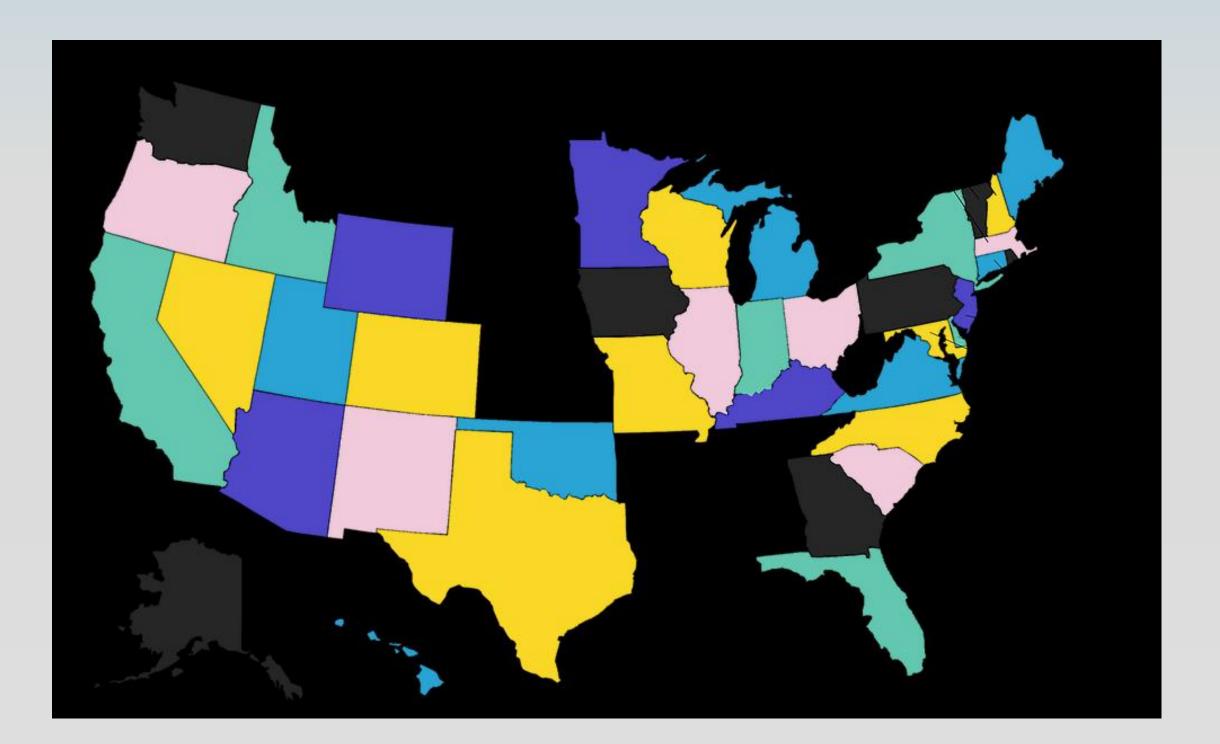
# **Social Movements: An Analysis of The Youth Climate Strike** Hannah Pierson / Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Stewart Sociology Department Grand Valley State University: Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship

### Abstract

Youth dominated social movements have been important agents of social change. From the Civil Rights Movement and Anti-Apartheid to March for Our Lives and Friday's for Future. Utilizing Charles Tilly's social movement framework the research will determine if The Youth Climate Strike is considered a social movement.

## **The Youth Climate Strike:**

Creates meaningful connections between social media platforms and the youth to combat climate change. Below is a map that has colored all states with TYCS.



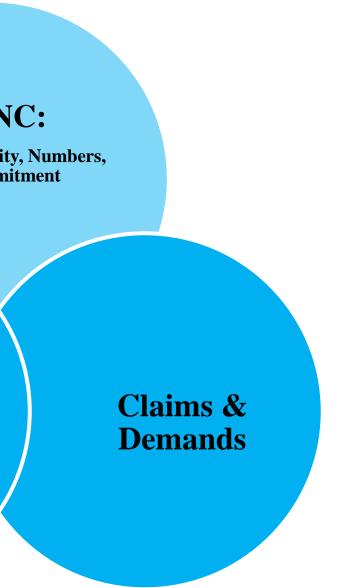
# **Charles Tilly's Elements of Social Movements**

Below is a diagram of Tilly's essential elements of a social movement. Tilly explains that all must be present in order to be considered a social movement.

> WUNC: thiness, Unity, Num and Commitment

Establishing a Campaign





# **Predicted Conclusions:**

That TYCS presents with key components of social movements through campaigning, stating their demands and claims, as well as having multiple displays of WUNC.

#### **Background:**

TYCS is an organization that was founded by students between the ages of 12-18. Originally, the group stemmed from an organization called Fridays for Future.

The picture to the right was captured by the New York Times at the Youth Climate Strike in Washington DC.

