

What stereotypes about your generation do see in the video?

How does the media portray people your age – and what, in your opinion, do they get wrong?

the generation



Is there a family member with these traits?

## A BRIEF GUIDE TO THE GENERATIONS

### GENERATION X

**Born between 1965 and 1980, now in their forties and fifties.**



- ▶ Generation X created the Internet. When they were teenagers, mobile phones were enormous, and not many people had computers at home. They had to **deal with** big changes in technology. But this generation is adventurous and adaptable – they are not afraid of change. Now they use **wearable** technology to stay fit and healthy. Generation X **believe in** looking after themselves and staying young.
- ▶ Generation X grew up with both parents at work during the day. This is one of the reasons they are independent.
- ▶ Generation X are very sociable, but also hard-working. Even when they go out until late, they still get up for work.
- ▶ They're passionate about music. They invented punk, grunge and techno. When they were teenagers, they **listened to** music on cassette and CD players.

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### GENERATION Y / MILLENNIALS

between 1980 and 2000, now in their twenties and thirties.

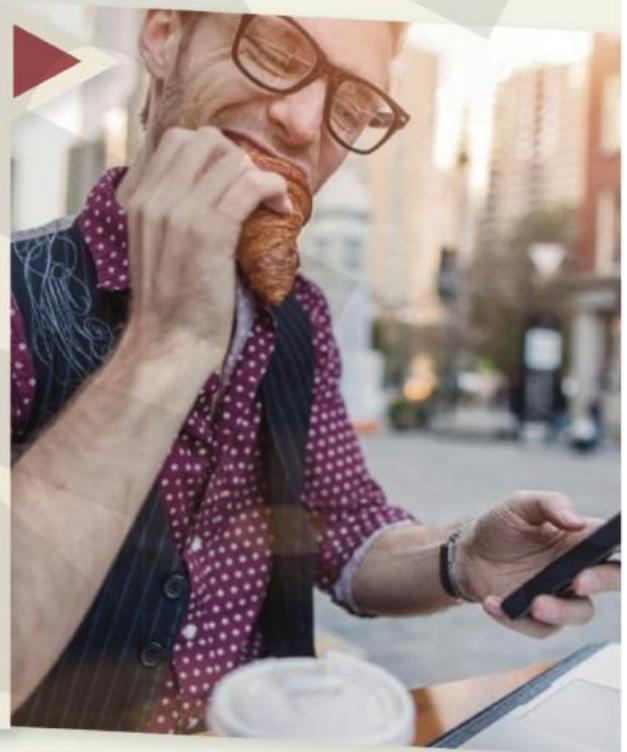
Generation Y, or Millennials, are the selfie generation, also known as Generation Me Me Me. Some people say they focus on themselves too much.

They grew up with technology and they depend on their smartphones. They download and listen to music on their phones all the time.

Generation Y have FOMO or 'fear of missing out'. They like to share experiences on social media, and they worry about being popular. They are having a good time. Fifty-three percent prefer to spend money on an experience than a possession.

Generation Ys went to university, but because of unemployment it is hard to get jobs that make them happy.

Most of them live at home and depend on their parents. They get married later than Generation X — the average age for women is twenty-seven and for men it's twenty-nine. They would like to be independent, but they can't afford to be.



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### GENERATION Z

**Born between 1995 and now.**

- ▶ Generation Z are good at multi-tasking. They can use several screens at the same **30** time and this is why they're called Screenagers. They're fast thinkers, and when something doesn't happen quickly, they get impatient.
- ▶ Generation Z are the 'we' generation. They don't **think about** themselves too much. Instead they focus on global problems like terrorism and global warming.
- ▶ They're sociable and they enjoy **connecting with** friends on social media, but they **35** can also feel very lonely. Generation Z love going to gigs or amusement parks. Eighty percent prefer to spend time with their friends in person than on the phone or online.
- ▶ Generation Z believe in getting a good education, but they worry about university fees. This generation is ambitious and want to start their own businesses. **40**
- ▶ Generation Z don't **care about** where you're from or the colour of your skin.
- ▶ Music is an essential part of their day.

## How do some of these ideas shape a generation?

Things they deal with  
The things they believe in  
Their independence or dependence  
The things they are passionate about  
Their interests  
Their worries  
what they care about  
their ideals

Parents	Me

## WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE TO THE GAP?

1

I might not be able to afford ...., but...  
I prefer spending my money on...., but ...

2

I don't mind ...  
I refuse ...

3

I love ...

I avoid .... as long as possible

4

I refuse to .....

I am the kind of person who...

5

I hope to get .....

I'd like to get...

6

I think ..., but for my parents....

## One home, three generations

1. When I was a child I didn't understand why...
2. My parents encouraged me to ... because
3. My grandparents never let...
4. To me ..., but for my parents/children that's
5. My parents usually warned me ...
6. My parents taught me about ..
7. something to consider before setting 3 of my family generation under the same roof would be...

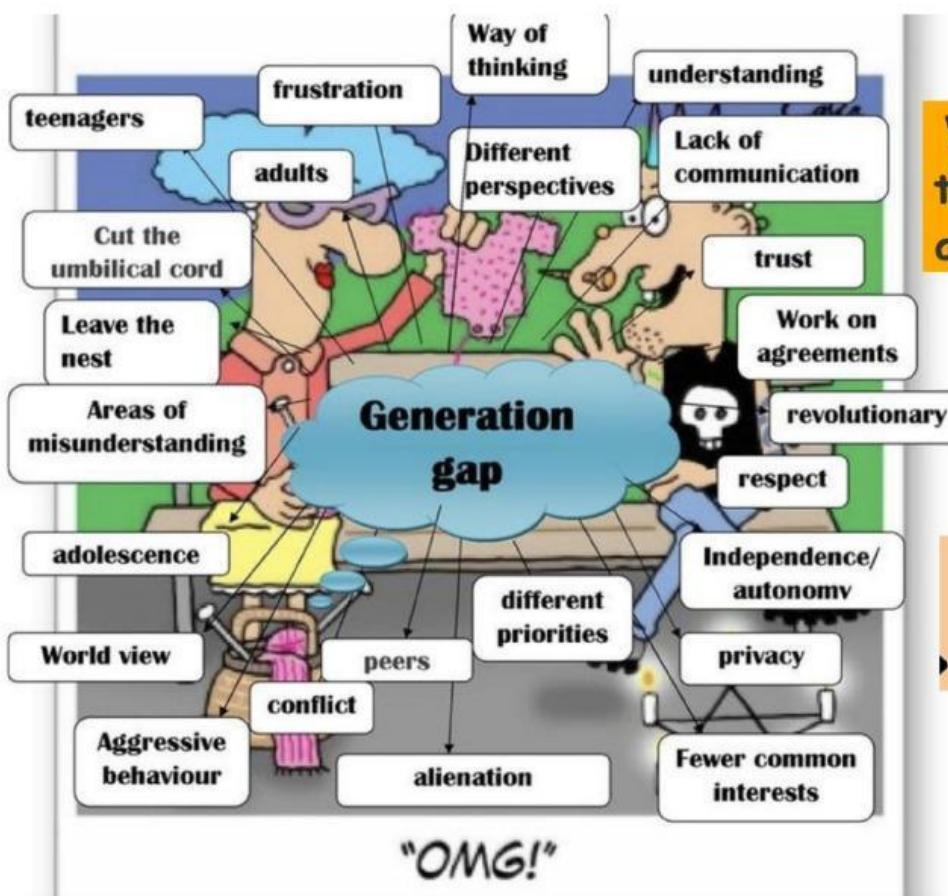
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- 1 Do you, or would you like to, live with three generations of your family?
- 2 What advantages can you think of?
- 3 What disadvantages can you think of?





What are some of the main challenges among generations?

'Speaking from my perspective...'

'I guess that...'

► 'I'm certain that....'

'My impression is that...'