Generations Sociology Life Stages Humor

# Millennials Will One Day Be Eighty: Generations in Humor and Context Kim Looby, Instruction and Information Literacy Librarian, University of North Carolina Charlotte

# When were you born?

Stick with the color throughout this poster that matches when you were born

### What does exist:

- Year you were born
- Relative age
- Access to resources
- World politics/events
- Economy
- Technological inventions

### Do you know how to use everything?

Could you / your family afford everything?

#### How much

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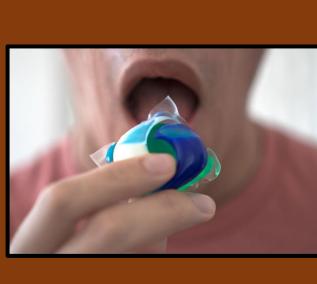
## Don't eat that!



1940 Swallowing live goldfish



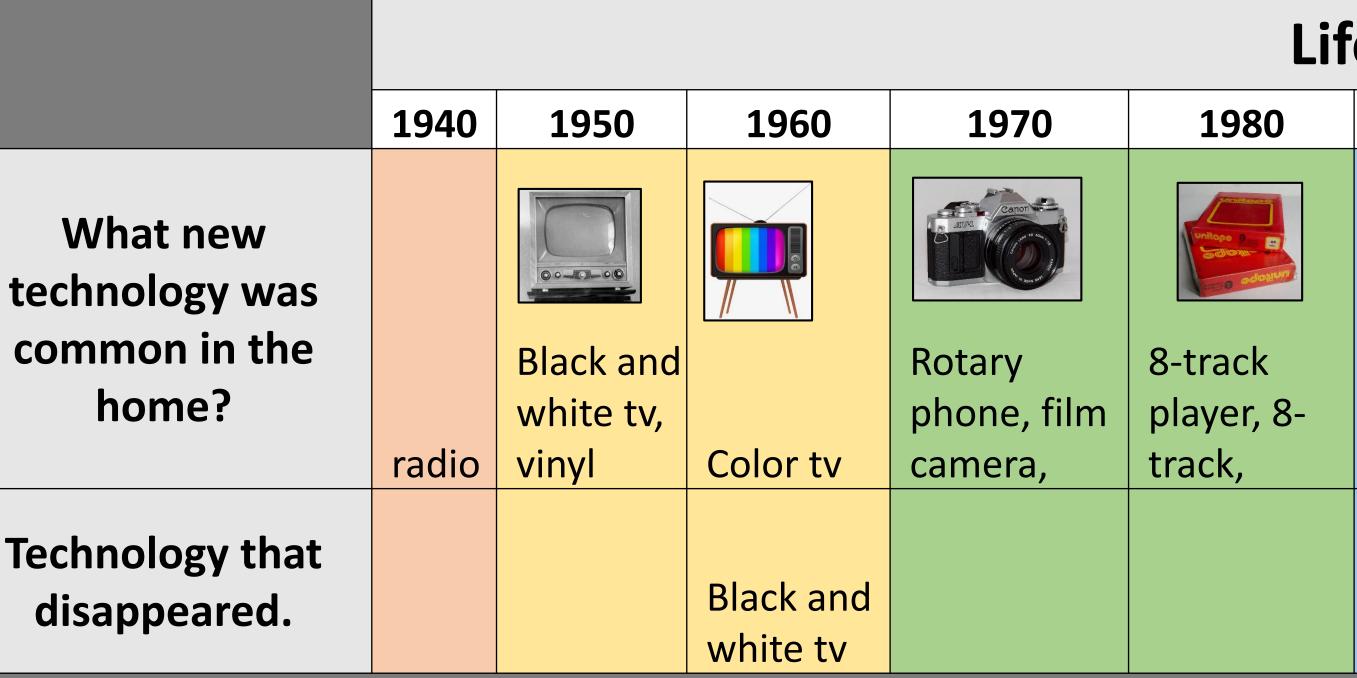
2007 Eating a spoon of cinnamon



2013 Eating a tide pod

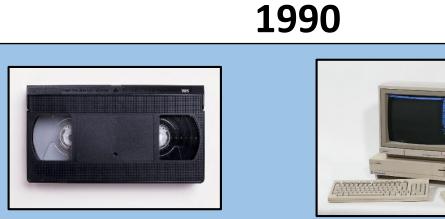
It's not a generational failing: it's a condition of being young. Narcissistic traits decrease with age.

This is the decade each "generation" began and then their age during each following decade.																
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but I rounded to a full decade to make it easier.					Ger	ו X	10	20	30	40	50	6	0	70		
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omy	What was the	minimum wage	? Eve	ry Dollar Amount djusted to 2019 Dollars	\$ 5.53	\$ 8.17	\$ 10.05	\$ 9.82	\$ 10.20	\$ 7.64	\$ 7.81	\$ 8.57	\$ 7.25	Help us		
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tion	work to pay off	a year of college	e? *	orking at the mini	mum wage, tw	o semesters	5 hours	5 hours	7 hours	14 hours	23 hours	55 hours	60 hours	Help us		
	Could you pay off college with a summer job?		er iob?	12 weeks/480 hours at the minimum wage			yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no			
							(260 hours)		_	(728 hours)	(1,196 hours)	(2,860 hours)	(3,120 hours	s) Help us		





### Lifestyle Creep: Technology You've Always Known





Touch tone phone, VHS, VHS player, cassette tape, Walkman, floppy disk, home computer, cable TV

My Documents Internet Explore: Internet Explore: My Documents Internet Explore: Internet Password Internet Password Internet Password Internet Dial up internet, DVD, D CD player, cordless phon iPod, digital camera, digi

rotary phone, 8-track, 8-track player

Floppy disk, VHS, VHS pla camera, cassette tape, V

Jealousy toward younger folks – older people want to believe they worked harder than young people? Making a couple of outliers represent

an entire group



Fault of nostalgic memory: life was somehow harder and easier back then?

2000

VII						
	2010					
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layer, film Valkman	iPod, cell phone, home phones, DVD, DVD player, CD, CD player, dial up internet, digital camera	<b>?</b>				

Reductive Ageist Classist Racist