



Millennials Will One Day Be Eighty: Generations in Humor and Context

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When were you born?

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

This is the decade each "generation" began and then their age during each following decade.

1776-1900	1900 & 1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030
None	GI or Greatest Generation	Silent Generation	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90 or Deceased	Deceased
			Boomer	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90 or Deceased
				Boomer	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
					Gen X	10	20	30	40	50	60	70
						Gen X	10	20	30	40	50	60
							Millennial	10	20	30	40	50
								Millennial	10	20	30	40
									Gen Z	10	20	30
										Gen Z	10	20
											Gen Alpha	10

Generational nicknames often start mid decade, but I rounded to a full decade to make it easier. It's more apparent back in the 20s and 30s, which is why Silent only has one decade rather than two. It also depends on who you ask and what article you read, but none of it matters because this is all made up anyway.

Generational naming started in 1990 when the Greatest were old and Millennials were tiny. So unfair.

Millennial isn't a bad word for a young person. Most Millennials are in their 30s. See above.

Everyone ignores Gen X.

What does exist:

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

How much did school cost when you went to college?

Economy & Cost of Education

What was the minimum wage?
How much did college cost?
How many hours a week do you have to work to pay off a year of college?
Could you pay off college with a summer job?

Paying for College on the Minimum Wage

	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030
Every Dollar Amount Adjusted to 2019 Dollars	\$ 5.53	\$ 8.17	\$ 10.05	\$ 9.82	\$ 10.20	\$ 7.64	\$ 7.81	\$ 8.57	\$ 7.25	Help us	
Tuition, room, board, fees, for a 4 year public uni.	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 24,300.00	Help us			
working at the minimum wage, two semesters	5 hours	5 hours	7 hours	14 hours	23 hours	55 hours	60 hours	Help us			
12 weeks/480 hours at the minimum wage	yes (260 hours)	yes (260 hours)	yes (264 hours)	no (728 hours)	no (1,196 hours)	no (2,860 hours)	no (3,120 hours)	Help us			

Do you know how to use everything?

Could you / your family afford everything?

Lifestyle Creep: Technology You've Always Known

	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
What new technology was common in the home?	radio	Black and white tv, vinyl	Color tv	Rotary phone, film camera,	8-track player, 8-track,	Touch tone phone, VHS, VHS player, cassette tape, Walkman, floppy disk, home computer, cable TV	Dial up internet, DVD, DVD player, CD, CD player, cordless phone, cell phone, iPod, digital camera, digital media	Smart phone, tablet, laptop, WiFi, smart watch, streaming video, USB, podcasts, social media	?
Technology that disappeared.		Black and white tv			rotary phone, 8-track, 8-track player	Floppy disk, VHS, VHS player, film camera, cassette tape, Walkman	iPod, cell phone, home phones, DVD, DVD player, CD, CD player, dial up internet, digital camera	?	

Don't eat that!



ME ME ME!



Jealousy toward younger folks – older people want to believe they worked harder than young people?

Making a couple of outliers represent an entire group

WHY?!

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

Reductive
Ageist
Classist
Racist

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