

Understanding who they are!



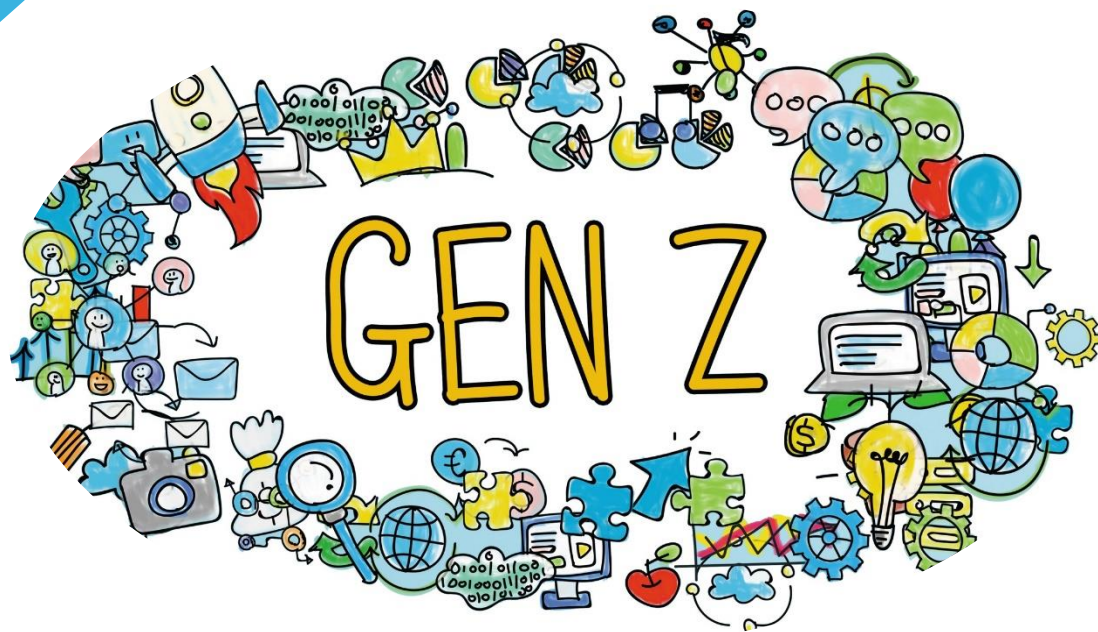
WHY DO THEY DO THAT?

Confession of a Gen Xer!

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The definition...



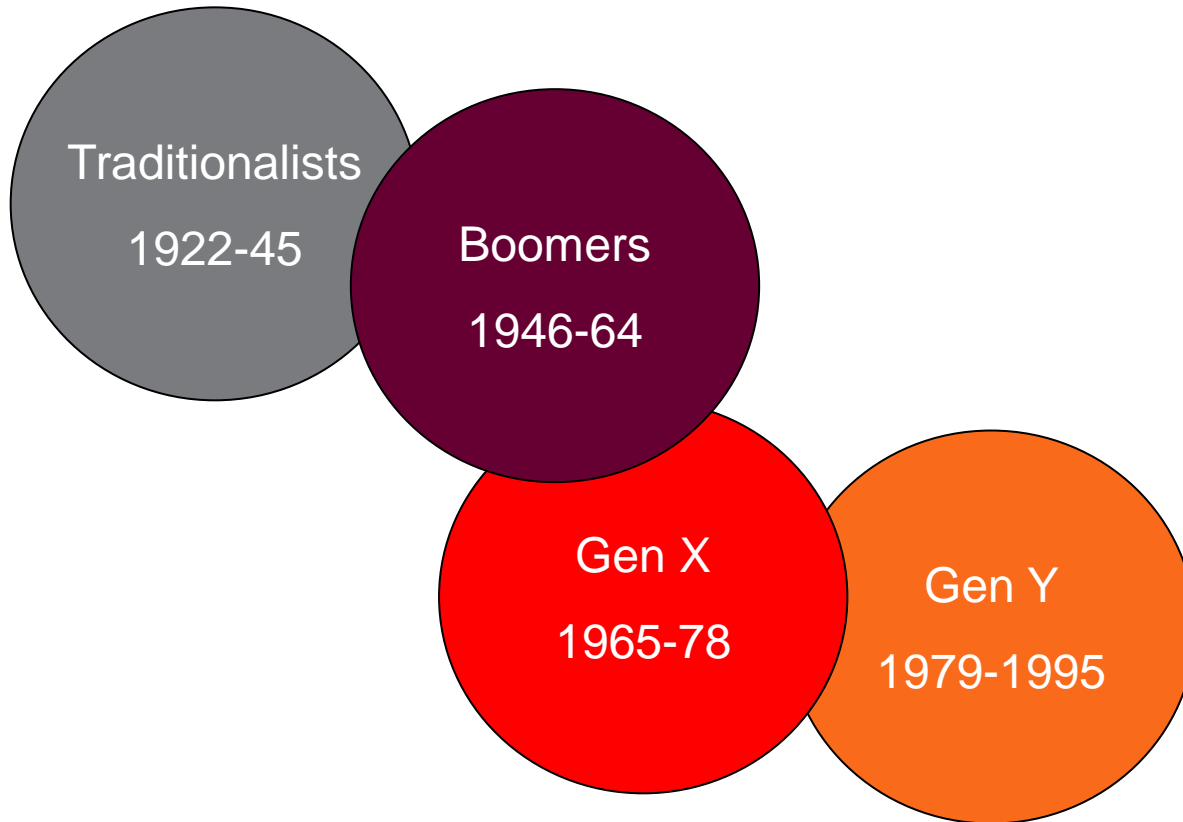
generation

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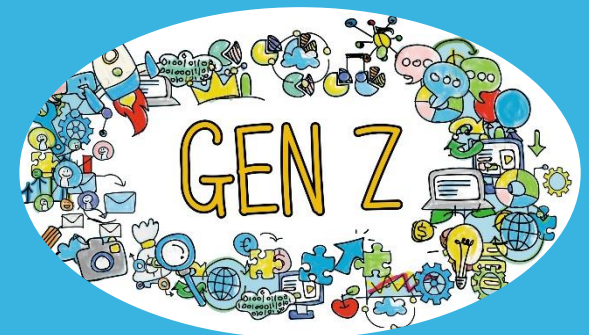
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WHAT INFLUENCED YOU?



Music
Film/TV
World Events
Politicians
Heroes/Heroines
Technology
Family
Education
Money
Church/religion





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What general traits do you observe
amongst Gen Z?



Digital natives Technology saturated	Yearn for affirmation	Under protective parenting but removed obstacles
Visual learners	Expect recognition	Information at click of button
Up-agers (grow up earlier) / enter Adolescence earlier	Deemed 'unsafe' if disagree with them, cannot stomach debate	Want leaders to inspire and engage, authenticity
Values equality	Short attention spans but also multitask	Brand savvy
Global brands / Consumers	Instant gratification	Changing household structures
'Bubblewrap' generation / 'snowflakes'	Flexible	More serious and less carefree than previous generation
Vocabulary influenced by media	Don't know what they don't know	Blurred lines of work / study / social
Interactive Media / virtual realities	Borderless world	Less concern for privacy. Share intimate details online
Sedentary life	Creative	Collaborative
Lonely	Everything at speed	Social / micro influencers
Mental health problems e.g. anxiety, depression	Higher self-harm rates	Less homophobic, racist or sexist than any other generation



Key themes

- Parenting
- Technology
- 'Nones'
- Identity/sexuality
- Mental health
- Debate



Divide the traits into three groups.

1. Biblical/
godly
2. Unbiblical
/ ungodly
3. Neutral

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What opportunities and challenges
do these traits present for discipling
young people?



Healthy planting - Paul and a young church.

- 1 Thess 1:2-3, 1:7-10, 2:12-14, 3:12-13
- What is Paul's goal for them?
- What are the implications for discipling a Gen Z Christian?



Healthy planting – clarity in discipleship

- Transformation
- Serving
- Witnessing
- Persevering



Healthy planting - realistic expectations!



- Suffering
- Hostile culture
- Temptation
- Sin and guilt

Healthy planting - Creating growing conditions



Healthy planting - Growing conditions!

- Community
- Teaching
- Prayer
- Serving





GENERATION