

Generation gap

Definition : A generation is defined by its behaviour, habits, interest, prospects in life (work) and family

Different generations :

- Baby-boomers 1946-1965
- generation X 1965-1980
- generation Y 1980-2000
- generation Z or Millennials 2000-
- less face-to-face communication
- strikes a healthier balance, online-offline
- reduced attention span
- multitasking

Generation gap and climate movement : (cf the expression “**OK BOOMER**” => to discredit someone because of their age)

Don't let prejudice against older people contaminate the climate movement, The Guardian

- Millennials blame older generations (stereotypes), blame for environmental problems
- Many parents and grandparents care deeply about the state of planet that they will leave their children
- we can learn from each other: different generations manage to put the brakes on climate change

Generation gap and work place : millennials

Move Over, Millennials : Generation Z is disrupting world as we know it, Time Magazine

- new forms of work : **freelancing** => **precarity under the guise of flexibility**
- **the Gig economy** : workers are freelancer and are linked to new technologies (Uber → no health insurance) + difficult to have a minimum wage
- Consequences : **purchasing power** has not increased + worse living conditions (One consequence is the drop in nationality rates in the UK)
- doing less traditional work-for-pay than previous generations
- Gen Z help baby-boomers to use new technologies and baby-boomers help Gen Z with traditional tasks

Generation gap and education : millennials

- The internet: free access to education to all (MOOCs = Massive Open Online Course)
- consequences: many students drop out
- face-to-face education is essential
- having a degree is still a key to have more opportunities in job market

The Intergenerational unfairness narrative :

- Gen Zers think that their parents' generation is selfish
- Gen Zers think that Boomers were lucky and rich: they entered the strongest labour market and they provided liveable wages
- Now there is a drop of natality rate explicated by a decrease in purchasing power.
- But Boomers have made meaningful contributions to society, championing feminism, civil rights, gay rights, building the technology industry.

Should Boomers be blamed for the climate crisis?

Are Boomers responsible for the today's woes?

Ageism : la discrimination par l'âge

Downtrodden : les opprimés

Intergenerational : intergénérationnel

Purchasing power : le pouvoir d'achat

Unfairness : l'injustice

Woes : les malheurs

Stress : accentuer

Pit something against something: opposer/affronter qqch à qqch

Mickey mouse jobs : petits boulots

Face-to-face communication : communication direct

attention span= capacité d'attention