# **What is the difference between today's generation and old generation?**

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| * Old generation were blessed to breathe a cleaner air and enjoy more beautiful and eye-soothing beauty of nature. * No T.V, No Internet, No Smartphones. Hence more time to spend with family. More fun. More issues discussed. Better unity in family. Thus, joint families thrived. Hearts were together. Feelings were more real. * Outdoor games dominated. “*My grandfather tells me often that even in scorching summer afternoons, he was dragged indoor forcefully.”*Such was the craze for outdoors. This kept them more physically fit and healthy. * Clothes have seen a great change. Men, wore pants, women, wore dresses. In church, your best Sunday clothes were worn. No jeans, no hats. Jeans represented the poor or the farmers. Hats indoors showed disrespect. Skirts above the knee gave the wrong image for women. Today, people wear pyjamas to go shopping. * Old generation were lucky to have those strict punishments. They reminded them never to repeat the same mistake even in dreams. And yes, it prevented those pre-mature minds suffer the disadvantage of experience. *Cricket bats, shoes, wooden spoons, belts, slippers, broomsticks and many other things were used by my mother to punish me.* * Ladies used to make home cooked meals*.*This made children have great tasty stuff to eat at home as a family unit. Instead, today, we eat take out and processed food on the go. * Morals were held very high. Quite a bit more than today.   Yes, we have developed techniques and ideologies today. But I feel yesterday's generation has lot more to cherish. |  |  |
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| **Old Generation:**  Amit, a 15 year old boy and his father are watching a movie on television. A scene has made them uncomfortable. Amit stood up immediately and went into his bedroom saying, “Hey papa, I just remember I have homework.” (He lied just to make it comfortable for him in front of his father, for both of them).  **New Generation:**  Amit and his father are watching tv and a scene came that made HIS FATHER uncomfortable, so his father stood up immediately and went into his room pretending that he forgot something in his room.  And what about his son?  Amit started laughing at his father and said loudly from there “ C’ mon dad, that scene is over, now you can come ”(And laughed). |  |  |
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| **Today’s generation- changed totally in opposite direction.**  The age of Androids is here. Humanity acting like robots. Why do I say this, you might ask? Well robots are programmed to do a job, regardless of the effects. They can only imitate emotions, but don't have them. Can't think for themselves. They are codependent for information, checks & balances, & to receive new jobs.  Humanity has become reliant on machines for every aspect of life. We're imitating caring about our children. Yet, we hand the majority of the child's education & supervision over to machines (phones, t.v., computer, game systems) & other Androids (teachers, coaches, child care services) that must teach preprogrammed lessons.  **Big business vs.** Humanity  **Big business:** you help yourself to get ahead of others.  Humanity: you help others catch up with you.  **Big business**: take what you can when you can  Humanity: take what you need, & leave the rest for others.  **Big business**: spend time & energy to buy needs for yourself  Humanity: work together to have time & energy  **Big business:** dog eat dog competition  Humanity: equal cooperation.  **Big business:** spend time away from family to support family.  Humanity: spend time with family, to support family.  **Big business:** buys what the heart desires.  Humanity: content living within their needs.  **Big business:** lie to avoid problems  Humanity: avoid problems by telling the whole truth.  Dog eat dog, *survival of the richest*, creatures of habit & comfort. |  |  |
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| This generations mistakes will live forever.  If you are my age (40 but looking 30) you grew up while the internet was in its infancy. We were able to fool around as teenagers, make appalling judgement calls, take some racy photographs just for fun (the embarrassing thing was to evoke the images), drink too much and pass out on a friend’s couch. After these cringe worthy years were behind us we could happily move on with our more mature life.  Teenagers today are not so lucky. Their first pictures and cute stories were posted on social media by their parents. Potty training, crying, anger, all things dear that mom thinks is cute to plaster across the internet for everyone to see.  As teenagers they behave stupidly, as teenagers should. But now, thanks to the internet and mobile phones they cannot just take it as a learning experience. Once pictures and stories reach the internet they start to live their own life. Try getting rid of something that can be downloaded and shared, forever exposing the young, thoughtless hormonal you. |  |  |
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| Well, one is older than the other obviously.  Beyond that there is not a lot of difference in character, each generation is shaped by its experiences and events that it has no control over.  My parents were shaped by the Depression of the 30’s, WWII, Korea, and The Red Scare.  It affected them in many ways that I, a child of prosperity did not really understand.  My generation was affected by Vietnam, the questioning of authority following the Vietnam - Watergate debacle.  We’re cynical in ways our parents never were.  Younger kids are affected by the rise of technology unlike any the world has ever seen.  Each generation builds on what the last generation did or did not do.  For my parents, television never took the place of a good book.  For me, television was everywhere and, our shared memories are of news clips - man on the moon Martin Luther King’s assassination, riots, Woodstock, and so on.  Kids today look back with affection towards Sponge Bob and the Power Rangers and video games are often a greater presence in their memories than news events.  Humanity stays the same but is shaped differently by events and circumstances. |  |  |
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| A person can be identified physically if he’s of this generation or the previous one (Obviously!!!) but what matters is the thought process of that person, it cannot be identified only with the **looks**. Let’s dig a little deeper.  First of all, today’s generation cannot be categorized under any banner. As every day is a new beginning, a new evolution and a new chapter in one’s life. Some who were mature, take a turn back to become something else and vice versa.  If I had to distinguish between them it cannot be good or bad, it has to be what have they done for the society and how they intend to make it better, be it - one step at a time. |  |  |
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| The internet.  Millennials and younger generations live a digital life in the internet (which of course, is a network of computers for information storage and communication) in addition to real life. To conduct daily life, young adults must constantly wade through a marketplace and horrorfest of information, misinformation, spam, and worse. Millennials feed particular pressure to keep up with advancing digital and physical technology in order to relate to peers, learn more, and (usually, but not necessarily) achieve more. There is also a need to maintain lines of communication and a personal brand to communicate one's value with the anonymous global network of people who may or probably may not notice them.  The internet has become a bit of a torrent of digital, commercially-generated distractions distributed and promoted like street crack cocaine--thrown daily into the face of any passersby. Many young adults face the awkwardness of the internet constantly shaping and changing their lives, which compounds the difficulty of establishing careers, families, dealing with unprecedented failures in the economy and political leadership.  In contrast, the older generation has never known the difficulty of being raised and growing up with such life-altering technologies, especially in massive economic recession. It's an experience unique to millennials that neither the generally internet-averse older generation nor the generally internet-addicted youth understand. |  |  |
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| Since there is no proper timeline and I don’t consider myself “old’, I am going to take myself and today’s generation and my parents as old generation.  Ever since I was a child, my friends meant the world to me. I had always shared everything with my friends and not my parents. I am not close to my parents. They know only about 20% of my life while my friends know things that I haven’t specifically shared with them.  Till the end of adolescence, I was very proud of this fact. All the time my mom asked me to behave well and share things to my relatives and family, I had always given a very smug face and never been interested in it.  It’s India and in India, relatives judge and gossip. And ultimately complain and point it out when time comes. So, I had always steered clear of it.  My parents are the opposite of me. They are very closely wound and bound with their relatives. The moment something as trivial as a cooking fail happens, my mom says it to all her sisters without fail. They are so closely knit with family whereas I grew up only to move away from them.  I often wonder if it is because of all the Hollywood movies I watched or the books that I read. I am 24 years old now, my friends have become busy with their own lives. They are there when I need them the most but not as much as my parents have their siblings and relatives.  As today’s generation, I have failed to learn the importance of family. As the “old” generation, they proved their values to be gold, regardless of the flaws. In the end, it’s not the money or fame but the relationships that we built that matters. |  |  |
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| As somebody who’s lived in both eras, times were better back then. Everybody who wanted one had a decent secure job, that most people expected to do for their entire working lives, with comfortable pay and benefits, and usually something of a career ladder. Prices, at least for everyday needs, were fairly low and stable. My college tuition back then was a couple hundred bucks a semester, and I could pay that myself, with beer money left over with a summer job in a local factory. People didn’t worry much about the future.  All that changed economically with the “Reagan Recession” of the 1980’s and, seems to have gone pretty much downhill from there. Jobs started to dry up, wages stagnated, factories closed, the cities started to crumble, and ethnic neighborhoods, particularly for minorities, morphed into urban ghettos. Maybe it was fueled by the war protests and race riots of a decade earlier, but anger and protest about just about anything and everything began to rise. I think we’re somewhere now in a process that started back then.  The other difference today is computers. My first computer in grad school was a thing the size of a two car garage in a big basement room. You sat at in a cubicle and typed out a stack of punch cards. Then you stood in a long line until you could feed your cards into a little slot on the machine. Then, you stood in another long line at the other end, until, if you punched all your cards exactly right, the machine kicked a sheet of paper into the tray, with the answer to one statistics problem. Any of the devices we carry around in our pockets today are exponentially more powerful and useful than that thing. Computers run everything in our lives today, and we don’t even know they’re there, just take them for granted. Another difference, though, is that people today seem to use their devices a lot for dalliance, amusement, mischief and miscommunication. We seem to be losing the concept, that the things in our lives are tools, to do a job, or make it easier. Computers steal our work, and in the process seem to make the extra free time more frivolous and unproductive. |  |  |
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| Every generation has unique experiences as it ages. There may be war or peace at age 20 or there may be depression and hunger at age 30. Whatever those experiences are, they shape the members of that generation. As a generation ages it tends to lose the elasticity for dealing with those experiences and become more concerned about keeping the status quo (everything stays the same). So, my suggestion is that generations are not really different, they just have different experiences at different age points. |  |  |
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| I guess there are really three generations. The first is the people born around the World War II era. Then there is my generation, born around the 70's and then those born around 2000 or so. All three generations went through technology and value changes. Parenting also changed during these times. People are how they are raised generally.  WWII - Have values they learned from their parents and they stick to them.  1970s - Keep some values that they learned, ignore others.  2000 - No values what so ever. |  |  |
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| Today’s generation has all of history, including ours, upon which to builds its foundation. As such that addition should make it one with a potential and option to be “better” than ours. And if they fail to do so that is our fault, not theirs, as we were the ones who bore them, raised them and hopefully instilled in them their values, hopes and dreams. |  |  |
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| More intelligent but less motivated compared to less intelligent but more motivated.  Intelligence increasing is natural and part of evolution but the decrease in motivation is society's doing. |  |  |