

Generational Values and Their Effects on Leadership

Objectives

Awareness

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- Respect and appreciation
- Value of generational differences
- Recognizing the similarities

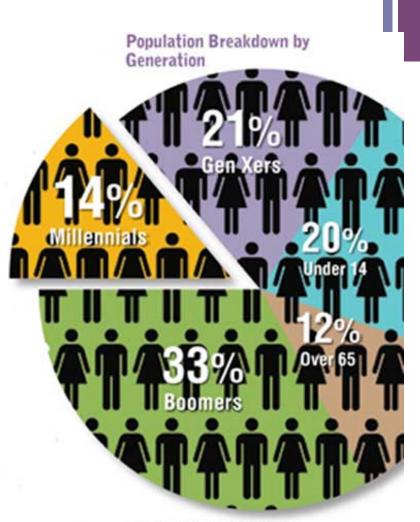
Generational differences "different times different perspectives"

Funny Generational Differences Can you relate?



+ Generations of our time

- GI: 1901-1924
- Silent: 1924-1945
- Baby Boomers: 1945-1964
- Gen X-ers: 1965-1979
- Gen M (Millenials, Gen Y, or Baby Echoers): 1980-2002
- Gen Z: 2003-present



Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. Data released May 2007.

WORKPLACE CHARACTERISTICS BY GENERATION				
	Veterans	Baby Boomers	Generation X	Generation Y +
	(1922-1945)	(1946-1964)	(1965-1980)	(1981-2000+)
WORK ETHIC & VALUES	 Hard work Respect authority Sacrifice Duty before fun Adhere to rules 	 Workaholics Work efficiently Desire quality Question authority 	 Eliminate the task Self-reliance Want structure and direction Skeptical 	 What's next Multitaskers Tenacity Entrepreneurial Goal oriented
WORK IS	An obligation	An exciting adventure	 A difficult challenge A contract 	 A means to an end Fulfillment
LEADERSHIP STYLE	DirectiveCommand and Control	ConsensualCollegial	 Everyone is the same Challenge others Ask why 	CollaborativeCreative thought
FEEDBACK & REWARDS	 No news is good news Satisfaction from great work 	 Don't appreciate it Money Title recognition 	 Sorry to interrupt, but how am I doing? Freedom is the best reward 	 Whenever I want it, at the push of a button Meaningful work Cool perks
MESSAGES THAT MOTIVATE	• Your experience is respected (seniority)	You are valuedYou are needed	Do it your wayForget the rules	• You will work with other bright, creative people

A Comparison of Generational Differences in Endorsement of Leadership Practices with Actual Leadership Skill Level

DISCUSSION

Q 1: What are the three key initiatives the article lists to focus on?

Q 2: Why do you think these are important for leadership development?

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Q 3: Why is it helpful to know there are more similarities than differences?

Case Study – In Good Company

Find two examples of generational differences in each movie clip.

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- Identify different values in each generation.
- What different perspectives can you identify in their approach to work?



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Making an Ad Sale

A Christian faith perspective on generational differences

I Timothy 4:12

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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

I Timothy 5:17

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching."

Using generational differences as opportunities

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Each generation goes further than the generation preceding it because it stands on the shoulders of that generation. You will have opportunities beyond anything we've ever known.

- Ronald Reagan-

 Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

- Henry Ford-

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How does this change your perspective as a leader?



Let's learn from each other!