

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

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DECEMBER, 2019
COVID-19

WAS DISCOVERED IN WUHAN, CHINA. THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION DECLARED THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK A PANDEMIC ON MARCH 11, 2020.

WHAT HAS GENERATION Z EXPERIENCED?

Pt. 1

2013 *Black Lives Matter Protest Begins*



In 2013, Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi created a Black-centered political movement aimed to protest police brutality and systematic racism, following the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting of Trayvon Martin back in 2012.

2016 *2016 Presidential Election*



One of the most bitterly divided political contests in our nation's history ended when Republican candidate Donald Trump, a businessman and TV personality, won the presidential election. Trump capitalized on widespread discontent among white working-class voters, targeting undocumented immigrants and political correctness. Hillary Clinton, the first female presidential nominee of a major U.S. political party, won the popular vote by over 2.8 million votes, however Trump won by electoral vote, 304-227.

2017 *#MeToo Movement Begins*



After a New York Times article exposed long-rumored accusations of sexual harassment and assault against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein made by dozens of women, including many famous actresses, millions of people came forward to express solidarity with the accusers and shared their own experiences with sexual assault, harassment and sexism. Widespread media coverage of #MeToo led to the resignation or firing of numerous prominent figures.

Covid-19
HITS A NEW PEAK EACH YEAR
- FROM NEARLY 300,000 TO 1.2 MILLION PEAK CASES IN A DAY

NEW VARIANTS LIKE
Alpha Delta
- MORE CONTAGIOUS
- UNVACCINATED PEOPLE ARE AT RISK.
- STILL MORE TO LEARN

AND MORE RECENTLY
Omicron
- 30X MORE CONTAGIOUS THAN OTHER VARIANTS

1,000,000

500,000

Jan. 2021
Jan. 2022

GEN Z'S MENTAL HEALTH

90%

OF GEN ZERS REPORTED THAT THE PANDEMIC AND INFLATION HAD INFLUENCED THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD RETIREMENT SAVINGS.

91%

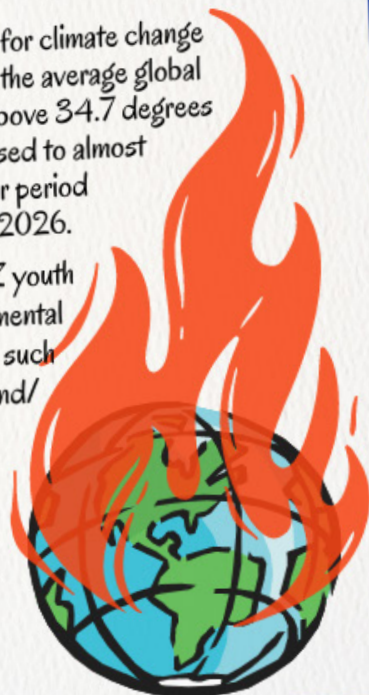
OF GEN ZERS SAID THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED AT LEAST ONE PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL SYMPTOM BECAUSE OF STRESS, SUCH AS FEELING DEPRESSED OR SAD

GENERATION Z REPORTED THE MOST MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS ACCORDING TO THE CHC

According to NOAA's Annual Climate Report, land and ocean temperature has increased at an average rate of 0.14 degrees Fahrenheit (0.08 degrees Celsius) every decade since 1880.

The worst projection for climate change is that the chance for the average global temperature to rise above 34.7 degrees Fahrenheit has increased to almost 50% for the five year period between 2022 and 2026.

Roughly 75% Gen Z youth have experienced a mental health-related issue, such as anxiety, stress, and/or feelings of being overwhelmed as a result of reading, seeing, or hearing news about climate change.



FOR A MAJORITY OF GEN Z YOUTH, GUN VIOLENCE, MASS SHOOTINGS AND SCHOOL SHOOTINGS ARE SIGNIFICANT SOURCES OF STRESS. 75% OF GEN Z REPORT MASS SHOOTINGS AS A LARGE SOURCE OF STRESS, AND NEARLY 72% SAY THE SAME ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SCHOOL SHOOTINGS OCCURRING.

Pt. 2

WHAT HAS GENERATION Z EXPERIENCED?

1995-NOW

There have been nearly 1,000 terrorist attacks in the past 20 years



Terrorism in the U.S. has fluctuated annually, from 60 in 1995, to 17 in 2010, and jumped all the way up to 103 in 2020. The total U.S. fatalities from terrorist attacks have added up to 3,658.

1999-NOW

More than 311,000 students have experienced gun violence in school.



In the past two decades since the Columbine massacre, there have been 337 recorded incidents involving gun violence in schools. 185 children and educators have been killed and another 369 have been injured.

2000-NOW

Increase in Death by Suicide



The CDC gathered that over 12 million adults seriously consider suicide, and over 1 million of those people attempt suicide. In 2020, Suicide was the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-14 and 25-34. Young people who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual have higher rates of suicidal thoughts and behavior compared to their peers who identify as heterosexual.

2016-2020

Impeachment of Donald Trump



Through Trump's many controversies, his presidency ended with 2 impeachment attempts for Abuse of power and Obstruction of Congress. More recently getting investigated by the FBI for numerous criminal acts during his presidency which involved mishandling of classified documents.