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Editorial:

I am not going to lie. These past few weeks have been the hardest and saddest moments of my life. COVID-19 has infected all of us in a way, mentally at least. We have to deal with unprecedented things and face unexpected change. I am a soccer referee, Georgia Soccer has closed all games. I'm a Boy Scout, my troop has shut down and we do meetings over Zoom. I'm an avid Christian, I never expected to watch a Sunday service through Facebook Live or meet with my friends at church through an iPhone, a Surface, or a computer. I run a newspaper, never in a million years did I think that, of all things, a worldwide pandemic would disrupt our schedule. I have amazing friends and a wonderful girlfriend, I didn't think that my daily conversation with them would be through a phone.

Sure everything is different and we have to change. But it is the fact that we are changing that makes all the difference. Let's look at the examples in my life. Boy Scouts, not meeting in-person but figured out how to meet virtually. My church, not congregating together but still allowing us to worship as a spiritual family. This newspaper, not meeting in Mrs. Biesiadecki's room at 4:05 on Thursday but we meet through Zoom anyway. I chat with my friends while keeping us safe at the same time.

I know it's cheesy but I remember that Mr. Roger's quote: "Look for the helpers. You always find people who are helping." Now, more than ever that quote means something. We hear Mr. Roger's famous words uttered following horrible events in our news. After mass shootings, fatal accidents, horrible calamities, now we are faced again with those words in the time of a disease.

I have Instagram and I do what I can to look for the helpers on social media, in the news, in my community. People everywhere are doing what they can to help us through this time. Police officers pulling over doctors and then giving them masks, healthy younger people getting groceries for

their elderly neighbors, celebrities using their platform to boost aid to various industries.

I look for the helpers and I don't have to look far, I see them everywhere. That is why I am proud to be an American. That is why I am proud to be a citizen on planet Earth. Humanity is not our ability to talk, walk, and think logically. Humanity is our ability to recognize an issue, understand someone else's perspective, and care for them. Other animals do this too. Elephants have been researched and found to comfort grieving relatives. Dolphins form tight bonds with their pod and help them. But humans, we care for those we don't even know. We look at the people being kind and we become inspired by the spirit of ourselves.

I tell you, we are not Americans by blood or by citizenship. We are Americans by spirit. We are citizens not just of Fulton County, or Georgia, or the United States of America. We are citizens of this planet, our planet. We are citizens of this universe and its many planets, stars, and galaxies. We are members of a community, a community that helps everyone. One that helps not just the rich, but the poor. One that helps not the members of one's own community but the others around it. One that helps everyone, regardless of skin, race, origin, or status. One individual may advocate for someone but somewhere else there is another, and another.

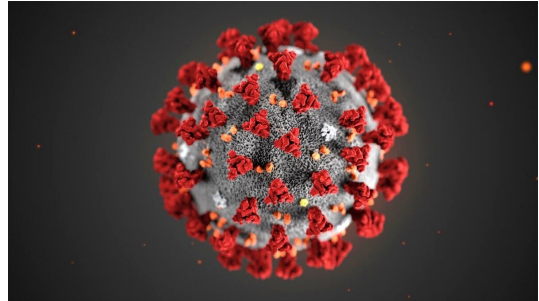
We, as a community, as members of the human race, work and strive to help each other. It could be the things like socially distancing to protect the grandparent who lives with you. It could be things like getting groceries for the elderly so they don't endanger themselves. It could be giving money to support industries.

Whatever it is, we will get through it and we will survive. It may take time to rebirth society but we will do it. With faith in each other, with community, with love, we will get through this horrible pandemic and we will come out again as prosperous members of our race, the human race.

Coronavirus Special Coverage

By Luke Netto

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The COVID-19 pandemic has swept the world. Many countries have reported cases and deaths from Vatican City (The Holy See) to Argentina. The coronavirus has a mortality and transmission rate higher than that of the seasonal flu. With the first case of COVID-19 reported in Wuhan in China, this virus has spread rapidly, infecting politicians, celebrities, and everyday people. While older people and people with underlying health conditions are at a higher risk, young people can get sick too.

COVID-19 has interrupted our daily lives to an extent of which we could never have dreamed. Toilet paper hoarding. Coughing on police as a way to break the law and terrorize others. Hospitals running out of necessary supplies. All of these and more are scenarios that just months ago we would never think would happen. While other major media outlets like the Associated Press, the New York Times, the Washington Post, Fox News, and CNN report on this, we are just going to provide simple information.

In the poll below, we had a respondent ask why there is so much hype around the COVID-19 pandemic compared to the H1N1 (swine flu) pandemic. Simply, the COVID-19 pandemic is deadlier. H1N1 had a mortality rate of 0.02%, the coronavirus reportedly has a death rate of 3.4%.

What you need to do to help people is to “flatten the curve”. Unacast, a company that uses phone GPS to track location, published a map that tracks the social distancing by state and county. Fulton County is rated an A for following social distancing guidelines. Fulton County as a whole cut the average mobility of itself almost in half. Unfortunately, some people refuse to follow the guidelines or even believe it is a serious thing. Celebrities with platforms that can reach out to thousands have posted some insensitive things or even done them. Vanessa Hudgens, the lead actress from the High School Musical series, posted a video about how death is inevitable and people should stop caring about the coronavirus. She has since apologized for those comments. Parties have held massive parties that are places where coronavirus could infect hundreds of people. Kentucky was the location of an infamous “coronavirus party”, a party in which parties have fun to mock the coronavirus. This party had a guest who tested positive for COVID-19. Some people say that racist and stigmatic terminology calling COVID-19 the “Wuhan virus” or the “Chinese virus” has caused horrible effects on people of Chinese race or origin. Entire Chinatowns have been deserted.

Luckily, in this time of trial and issue, people come through with positive actions and words. A brewery promised free drinks to people who proved that they shopped in Chinatown. Celebrities have donated millions towards efforts for coronavirus. People buy groceries for their elderly neighbors.

If you want to contribute to the coronavirus relief effort and keep people healthy and safe follow the guidelines posted by the CDC and the WHO. Socially distance yourself and if you think that you're sick, stay home.

On March 26th, Governor Brian Kemp ordered that all schools stay closed until April 24th. President Donald Trump declared a national emergency on March 13th. Please fill out the following survey [here](#). More resources on coronavirus can be found on the Northwestern Monthly website at nmsnewspaper.weebly.com.

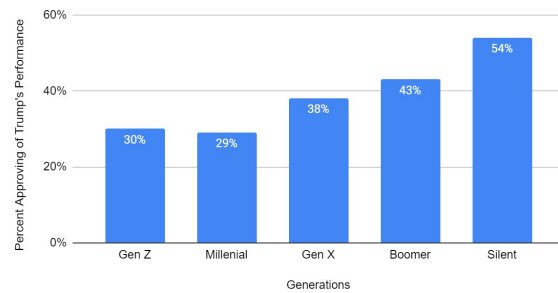
Sudoku!

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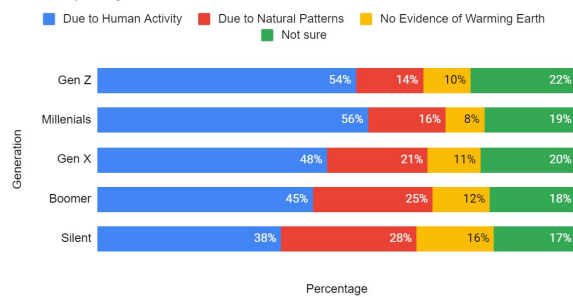
Generation Z: What is Gen Z? The Oxford Dictionary defines Generation Z as “the generation reaching adulthood in the second decade of the 21st century, perceived as being familiar with the Internet from a very young age”. Generation Z comprises kids born from 1997 to 2012. That means that the oldest Gen Z'er is 23 and the youngest is 8. Pew Research Center was the group to notice the shift in culture between Millennials (the generation born between 1981 and 1996) and the new generation, our generation. A Morning Consult poll taken in June 2019 found three key defining traits about Generation Z: Motivated, Generation Z is motivated to make money and have a career; socially conscious, Generation Z is up to date with news and understands social issues very well and is more liberal because of this; and individualistic, Generation Z is like older generations in that they see their personality by their actions rather than who they are. The Morning Consult poll asked Gen Z adults what the three most important personal values were. Gen Z adults said that honesty, reliability, and commitment are the most important.

Generation Z, while not acting as a major voting force, is still a driving political, social, economical, and cultural power. Business Insider found that 59% of the members of Gen Z rated social media as a chief news source for them. Because of this, it seems that Gen Z is much more united on various social stances than other generations preceding them. After the Parkland shooting in 2018, survivor Emma Gonzales, then 18, got more than 1.6 million followers on Twitter and spread the message about gun control. The Pew Research Center found that 54% of Generation Z believed climate change was caused by human action. Gen Z Republicans are much more different than their predecessors. Among Republicans in Generation Z, only 18% believed climate change was caused by natural patterns. People who identified as Republican among Millennials, Gen X'ers, and Boomers thought climate change was caused by natural patterns in 30, 36, and 42%, respectively.

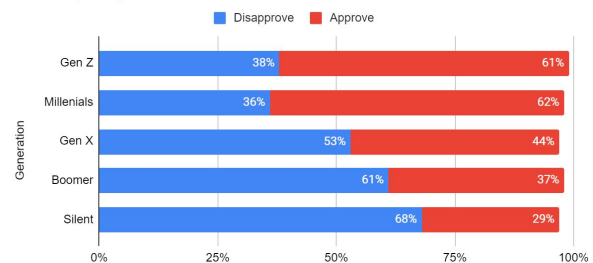
The Opinions of Trump's Performance Across Generations
Data Compiled by Pew Research Center in Fall of 2018



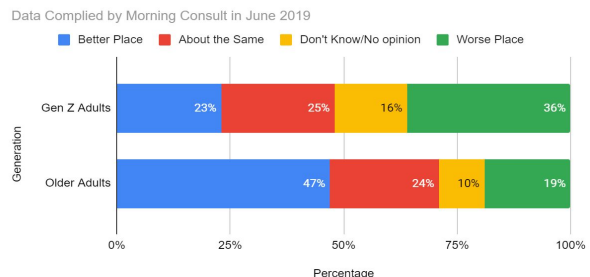
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Approval of NFL Protests by Kneeling Across Generations
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The Opinions of How Older Generations Left the World Across Generations
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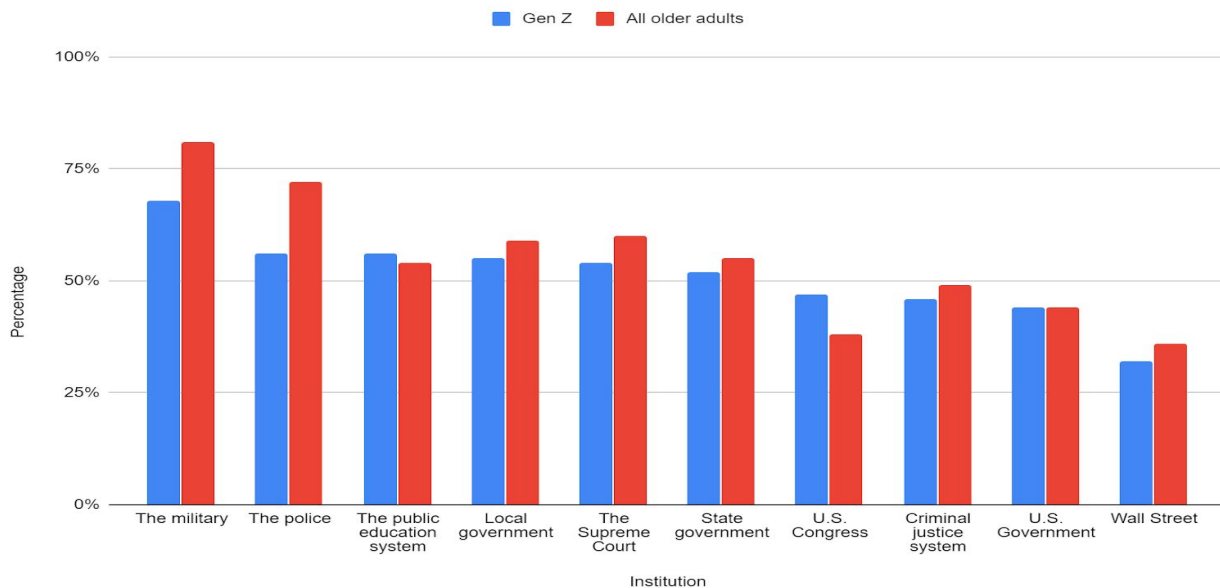


The debate and polling site Tylt found that 70-80% of Generation Z supports legalized marijuana. Gen Z is the most diverse generation by far with 52% of Gen Z identifying as non-Hispanic whites, according to Pew. 62% of Gen Z believes diversity is good for society. With Millennials, about the same; Gen X is lower at 52%; Boomers at 48%, and Silents at 42%. Gen Z is also in favor of adding more options than man or woman with 59% supporting a third option. Millennials are split at 50%. The charts above show Generation Z compared with other generations. In the trust chart, it shows the percentage of people who trust those organizations or people. In the opinion of the President's job chart it shows the percent who approve of President Trump.

Overall, Generation Z is a new and powerful generation unlike any generation we've seen before. Powerful experiences have shaped our generation's way of thinking. Social media has become a way for our generation to experience a tight knit opinion that we share. Experiences like schools shootings and climate disasters have shaped the way we think as a whole. We stand united on many fronts even when the color of our skin, the party of ourselves, the gender we choose, the people we love are different. And, we, Generation Z, born from 1997 to 2012 are and are ever becoming an economic, social, and political force in America. We are different from Millennials, our older siblings and relatives. We are separated from Generation X, our parents, teachers, and nurturers. We stand alone from Baby Boomers, our grandparents. We are unaligned with the Silent Generation of our eldest family. We are Generation Z and be prepared, because this is our country too and we are going to be changing it forever.

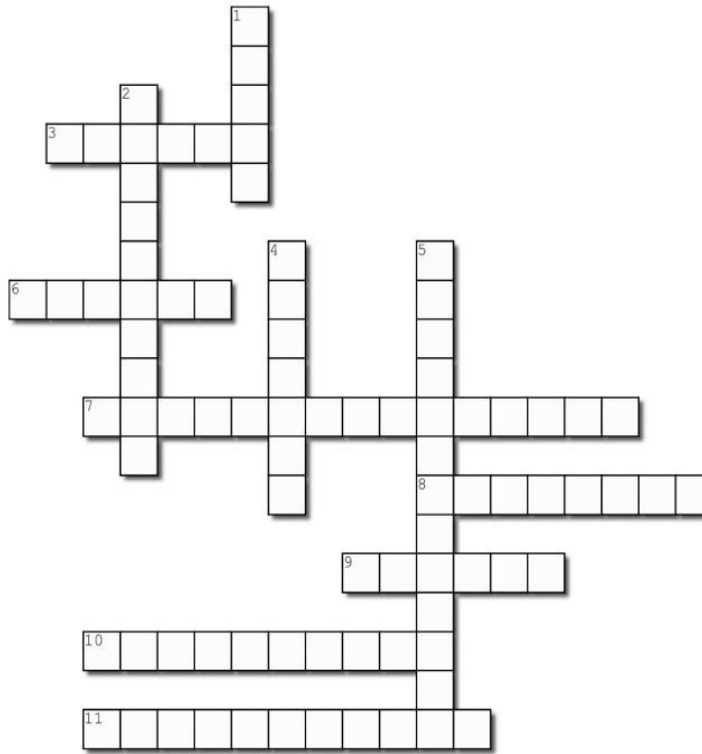
Trust of Various Institutions Across Generations

Data Compiled by Morning Consult in June 2019



All polls and information taken from outside sources,

Quarantine Crossword!



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

3. Portuguese country whose president has tested positive for COVID-19 (not Portugal)
6. U.S. House leader who negotiated a coronavirus aid package
7. The worst cruise of your life, but at least it ended on an island?
8. The nicest actor, but he has COVID-19
9. HHS says not to go on one of these
10. Period of enforced isolation
11. Not Bud Light virus

Down

1. Full lockdown
2. State where another coronavirus cruise ship was docked
4. Headquarters of the CDC
5. Prime Minister of our northern neighbor, his wife is sick so he is self-isolating

A crossword for you to do while you're stuck at home!

Opinion: Why Isn't Everyone Social Distancing?

In the earlier coronavirus article it mentions all the various numbers that should make you start to worry about COVID-19, yet it seems like some people just won't take matters seriously. In the days leading up to St. Patrick's Day, bars, restaurants, and pubs were full with happy and ignorant customers looking for food and alcohol. What kind of selfish people would risk others' lives for a bit of beer? I talked with a medical professional who specializes in severe respiratory ailments like COVID-19. I found out that droplets of bodily fluid like mucus and saliva that exits the body through sneezes and coughs can contaminate people. Those contaminated droplets can contain COVID-19 for 2-3 days on surfaces. All it takes is to pick up those droplets and touch your face and suddenly you have coronavirus. The main way to help the coronavirus situation is to avoid enclosed places with lots of people. Given these facts, why would anyone go to a crowded bar, risking the lives of others, all for a St. Patty's Day drink? Don't risk the lives of your parents, grandparents, and neighbors. Stay home and do not make the situation worse by defying precautions requested by prominent and intelligent medical professionals. It is estimated that 3.6% of the United States population suffers from immunosuppression or weakened immune systems. These people are at a greater risk from COVID-19. That means that, if using that percentage, approximately 382, 227 people in Georgia would be at a higher risk of COVID-19. The U.S. Census predicts that almost 17% of Georgia's population is 60 years old or older. Some people may take the coronavirus situation too seriously and take masks from people who actually need it. (By the way, masks don't prevent COVID-19, just the spread of it from people who are already sick). Don't be ignorant or stupid. Be smart and help "flatten the curve".

Things to do in Quarantine

Streams to watch:

1. [The Metropolitan Opera](#)
2. [Museum Tours](#)
3. [Shedd Aquarium streams/youtube](#)

Links to Activities to Try:

1. List [HERE](#)
2. Things to do with a family [here](#)
3. Instructions on making hand sanitizer [here](#)

Music/Artists to listen to:

1. You Need to Calm Down and ME! by Taylor Swift
2. Hamilton (We know this musical about a Founding Father recently celebrated its 5 year anniversary but it is still an amazing show. The musical itself says it is for ages 10+. There is some strong language and events revolving around an affair in Act 2. Violence is a common theme.)

Shows to Binge:

1. DC's Legends of Tomorrow (A comedic and action packed addition to the CW universe.) Stream this show on the CW as well as Netflix. Common Sense Media rates this show for ages 13+.
2. Sherlock (On Netflix, a thrilling and explosive plot with 4 seasons and over 24 hours of watch time, based on Sherlock Holmes novels). Common Sense rates this as a 14+ show.
3. The Mandalorian (While a short show, this wild west-Star Wars show is entertaining.) Watch this on Disney Plus. Rated 10+ on Common Sense.

Click [HERE](#) for a Quizizz about April!

What If The General Presidential Election Needed to Be Postponed?

A Constitutional and Legal Look at the Elections and the Power of the President

By Luke Netto, Co-Editor

Coronavirus fears have caused speculation regarding whether or not President Trump could postpone the general election while states have moved back the party nominations. Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, and Ohio have all postponed their primaries. So, let's cut to the chase, regardless of political affiliation, could President Trump postpone the general election for president? Short answer: no. Long answer: Possibly. The 20th Amendment to the Constitution dictates that if a president isn't chosen by noon on January 20th, the time that presidential terms end, the Vice President elect will be the acting president until someone qualifies. Congress must, by law, provide a case if neither the president or the vice president qualify. Let's break this down, shall we?

Currently, our president is Donald Trump, a Republican up for re-election. The vice president is Mike Pence who is most likely to be on the ticket with Trump. There are currently two other candidates from a major party, the Democratic Party. Those are former Vice President Joe Biden (Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders dropped out in mid-April). For Donald Trump to postpone the general election between the nominees of the two major parties, the Republicans and the Democrats, as well as the other less prominent parties (Green, Libertarian, Constitution) he must go through nearly impossibly difficult political maneuvers. To pass a law, Congress must pass an identical bill in each house. We are currently under the 116th Congress which is split politically in each house. The House of Representatives is ruled by the Democratic Party with about 53% of the seats held by Democrats. The Senate is controlled by the Republican Party by 53% as well. For President Trump to move Election Day he must figure out a way to convince his own party as well as his opposing party to change the election date. This must pass in both houses. In the House, Democrats control the floor and they would, unless a severe emergency happened, most likely refuse to change the date of the election. The Senate may vote for a change. The law they would amend would be Title 3 of U.S. Code § 1. As I've said before, this would be incredibly unlikely. The election could not constitutionally be moved past January 20th of 2021.

So, could President Trump change the date of the election? Most likely not. Political scholars, both conservative and liberal, agree that he could not change Election Day without the support of Congress. With two different parties controlling two different houses of Congress, the possibility of a change in the presidential election is extremely unlikely.

*Since International Pretzel Day is coming up on April 26th,
here is a soft pretzel recipe!!!*

Click [HERE](#) for Soft Pretzel Recipe!

Time: 30min

*Ingredients: Warm water, 1 packet of yeast, melted butter,
brown sugar, salt, and flour*

Special tools: Mixer

Spring Dessert Recipes



Click [here](#) for coconut macaroon nests!



*Click [here](#) for vegan lemon poppy seed
muffins!*



Click [here](#) for spring bumble bee cake!



Click [here](#) for gluten free lemon bars!

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