

Millennial Mindset

What is a generation? We talk as if there are gaps between them like a bar of chocolate. But people don't a couple and have children in time intervals. There is a constant flow of neonates. There isn't the last baby of one generation and a first baby of the next. At the grassroots-level, a generation is when quantitative change comes to refer to a qualitative change. Over time, a society transmogrifies and at this time, people draw an unclear line to divide people as generations.

Millennials have had a seismic shift from Gen Xers in terms of thinking, discipline (or lack thereof), behaviour and a lot of other things. Millennials have often thought of themselves to be the most elite. But lately, one can see that they are blaming the older generation for making the world a tougher place to live in. But the millennials don't have a halo over them. All the hate revelry is mostly on social media and it is spreading like wildfire. While the blame game of millennials is dead strong, what is the contribution of millennials exactly to improve the state of things? We have all been under the protective wings of our predecessors all along, safe and sound. Now that we are trying to take wing, we are facing the world and getting to face the turmoil first-hand, we are conveniently accusing others.

The world offered to millennials more than it did to anyone else before and that is not even debatable. We were not able to make the most of it and use our resources constructively. We went after material things. And it led us into a death spiral. And we're slowly realizing this fact We had all of the world's history to learn from. But still created a vile one.

The growth of growth requires a different kind of person. It is high time that we make amendments. Millennials are ever game for changing others and other things. But never open to changing themselves. But managing ourselves is more important as it is good individuals that make good societies and that is what makes the world a better place. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. So, we have to learn how to be a little more disciplined, a little more sacrificing. We may stumble, we may fall but in time, we shall rise.

So instead of blaming, we can take responsibility for things. Taking responsibility doesn't mean taking blame. It only means we have stopped passing the buck. It is responsibility that

can give us strength. We are a generation that has grown up listening to Sam Raimi's Spiderman movie telling us "With great power comes great responsibility". While I don't mean to disapprove this adage, I want to put across that its converse "With great responsibility comes great power" is also true. Power is never bestowed upon anyone. Power is earned. Only when we take responsibility for things can we get power. The only mettlesome will can give us strength. So, responsibility is primal. The buck should stop here. And this is the time to do so. It is when the chips are down that we have to be most civilized.

So instead of acting like we have been kidnapped by the system, we can take matters into our own hands. We can change the dystopic image of the world in our heads to a euphoric one and realize it.

No one chooses the historical circumstances of their birth. If Millennials are different in one way or another, it's not because we're more (or less) evolved than our parents or grandparents; it's because they've changed the world in ways that have produced people like us. And we didn't happen by accident. We were reared with much love and affection. Somewhere in the swing of things, the shift of focus changed from harm prevention to risk elimination. So, in order to have a chance at success, we stopped taking chances. This made it all the more difficult. There is no golden ticket to success, but we never stopped searching for it.

We have to forsake fear. Fear has stopped us from achieving. Fear is the enemy of success. Only when fear is faced, we can win, no matter the outcome. When we stare down fear and make our move, we will see that our worst imaginations don't actually exist in the real world.

When we rewire ourselves, we can be worth our salt and show that the youth are not hopeless but hoped lesson. Not useless but used less.

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