Millennials: Unmoored from Institutions

Percent who consider themselves political independents

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* Age ranges are for 2014
Source: Data points represent totals based on all Pew Research surveys of the general public conducted in that calendar year.
How the Generations See Themselves

% saying ... describes them very well

- **A supporter of gay rights**
  - Millennial: 51%
  - Gen X: 37%
  - Boomer: 33%
  - Silent: 32%

- **A patriotic person**
  - Millennial: 49%
  - Gen X: 64%
  - Boomer: 75%
  - Silent: 81%

- **A religious person**
  - Millennial: 36%
  - Gen X: 52%
  - Boomer: 55%
  - Silent: 61%

- **An environmentalist**
  - Millennial: 32%
  - Gen X: 42%
  - Boomer: 42%
  - Silent: 44%

Note: Percentages reflect those who rated each description 8-10 on a scale of 1-10 where “10” is a perfect description and “1” is totally wrong.
Growing Support for Same-Sex Marriage across Generations

% of each generation who favor allowing gays and lesbians to marry

Source: Data points represent totals based on all Pew Research surveys of the general public conducted in that calendar year
Growing Support for Marijuana Legalization

% saying use of marijuana should be made legal

Note: Generational lines shown when significant sample is available.
The Young/Old Voting Gap, 1972-2012

% voting for Democratic candidate

Note: From 1972 through 1988 oldest age category is 60 and older.
Millennials Less Trusting of Others

% saying that, generally speaking, most people can be trusted

Question wording: “Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?”

Source: General Social Survey data, 1987-2012