



Each Generation Imagines Itself To Be More Intelligent Than The One That Went Before It, And Wiser Than The One That Comes After It.



Become a High Road Leader

- 1. Do you value others?
- 2. Do you bring people together?
- 3. Do you close the gap between people?
- 4. Do you give more than you receive?
- 5. Do you give first?
- 6. Do you treat others better than they are treated?



Objectives







WHO IS IN THE WORKFORCE?

MANAGE THE GAP

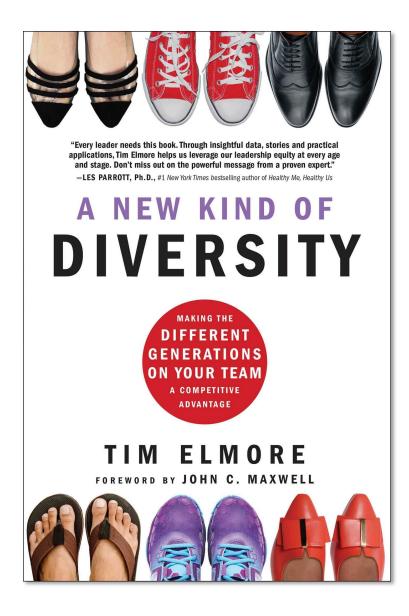
BRIDGE THE GAP



A generation gap is defined as the different thoughts and worldviews held by different generational cohorts.

Historical Events
Cultural Influences
Formative Years







Why Is This So Hard?

Cognitive

Conative

Affective

Age - Generation

Environment

Life Experiences



Who Is In The Workplace (And In Your Life)



It's Easy To Stereotype:

- 1. All Builders Are Antiquated.
- 2. All Baby Boomers Are Stubborn.
- 3. All Gen Xer's Are Skeptical.
- 4. All Millennials Are Narcissistic
- 5. All Gen Zer's are Fragile Snowflakes.

HAVE YOU EVER FELT STEREOTYPED?



Builders/Silent Generation (79-95)

- ✓ Be grateful that you have a job
- ✓ Know

World War II

✓ Resp

Great Depression

✓ We this

- ✓ I work to make a living and accumulate wealth
- ✓ Don't brag.... Be humble



ugh

Boomers/Pigs in a Python (60-78)

- ✓ I want better than my parents
- ✓ We
- ✓ Mak
- ✓ My
- ✓ We

Economic Expansion Vietnam War

- Civil Rights Movement
- ✓ My retirement might disappear if we don't protect it.
- ✓ Technology is something we are learning



Busters / Gen X (42/59)

- ✓ Technology is exciting
- ✓ Med
- ✓ We
- ✓ Rela
- ✓ I am

Economic Uncertainty Social Change - AIDS Family Dynamics

✓ Skeptical of the future



Millennials / Gen Y (24/41)

- ✓ Life is a cafeteria
- ✓ Tech
- ✓ I car
- ✓ Wor
- ✓ Rela
- ✓ YOL
- ✓ Cha

Rise of the Internet

Social Media

Terrorist Attacks

Recession

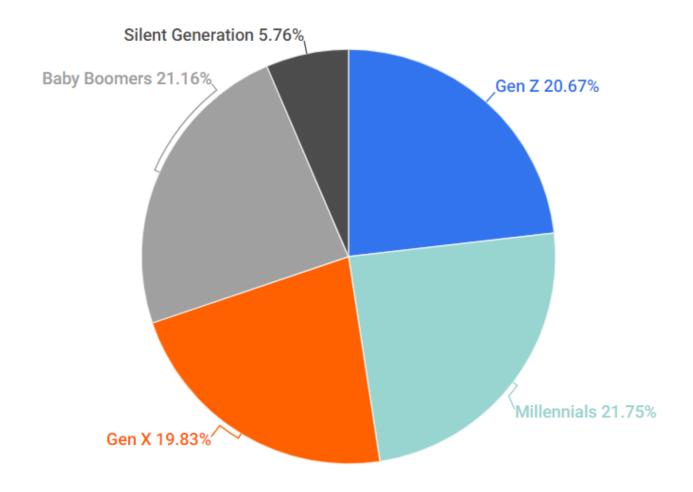


Coronials / Gen Z (9/23)

✓ I am coping and hoping ✓ Tech ✓ Boss ✓ Wor ✓ Rela ✓ FON ✓ Mud



SHARE OF US POPULATION BY GENERATION





Manage the Gap



John C. Maxwell

No matter what the circumstances, if we want to be good leader, we must come to the table, sit in the middle without choosing a side, listen to others, and work to bring people together.



Managing the Gap Begins With:







RESPECT: HONOR OTHERS UNLIKE YOU.



CURIOSITY: HUNGRY TO LEARN AND GROW.







Connecting with Builder Generation

- Ask them questions about their history in the workforce.
- Face to face, in person communication is best.
- Show your value by doing the work.
- Listen with your ears, observe with body language.
- The written word is gold.
- They are excited about working with a team.



Connecting with Baby Boomers



Recognize their experience and expectations.



Ask them to share their past roles. Show appreciation for what they offer.



Allow them to take charge of a significant responsibility, if they're able and willing.



Give them space and resources. Don't micromanage.



Call on them to give back and coach others.



Remind them of their younger years when they get impatient.



Connecting with Gen X



Listen and communicatee understanding. Build a genuine relationship.



Allow them to function outside the conventional office.



Be brutally honest with them. They know life is tough. Don't pretend it isn't



Give them places for authentic community.



Furnish a meaningful cause to embrace; let them lead.



When you give them boundaries, keep them minimal and explain them.



Influence through your relationship, not your position.



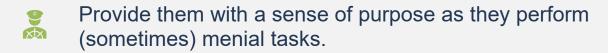
Connecting with Millennials

- Micromanage at first. (Offer consistent feedback)
- Let them share ideas. Listen.
- Launch a mutual mentor initiative.
- Communicate the importance of their work.
- Tell them the truth. Transparency
- Celebrate any and all progress.
- Manage by objective.



Connecting with Coronials





Give them short-term commitments they can keep and put wins under their belt.

Help them to focus on one meaningful objective and pull it off.

Encourage them to simplify their lives and remove some selfimposed pressure.

Discuss personal values with them and help them to become value-driven.

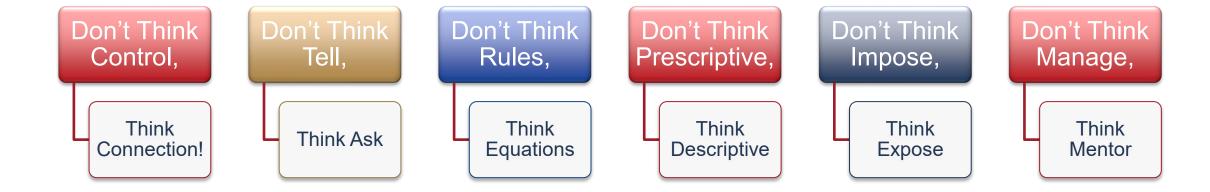
Build a relationship with them before expecting trust.



Bridge The Gap



Winning Their Hearts Without Losing Your Values.





WINNING THEM OVER



- 1. Trust Must Be Earned
- 2. Relationships Must Be Established
- 3. Incentive Must Be Cultivated
- 4. Ownership Must Be Given
- 5. Hope Must Be Offered
- 6. Mutual Understanding Must Happen



What If We Leveraged Each Other?

Builders often bring sage wisdom and fierce loyalty.

Boomers often bring stories, experience, and coaching.

Gen X often brings pragmatic and contrarian insights.

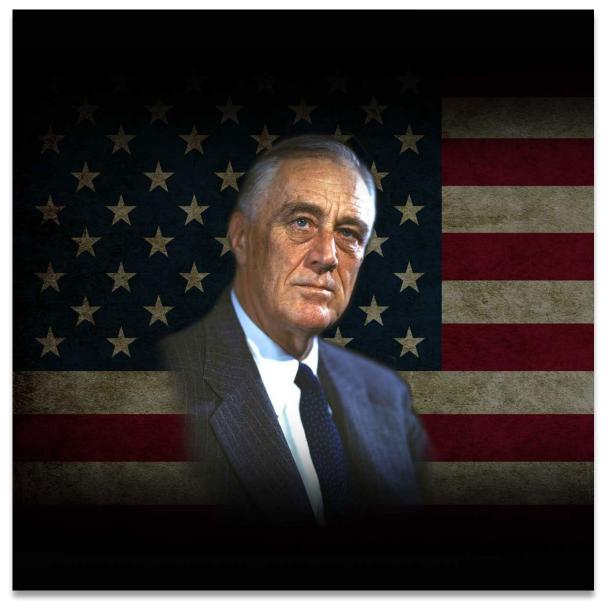
Millennials often bring confidence, hope, and energy.

Gen Z often brings a hacker mindset & entrepreneurial spirit.



Think and Communicate like President Franklin D. Roosevelt

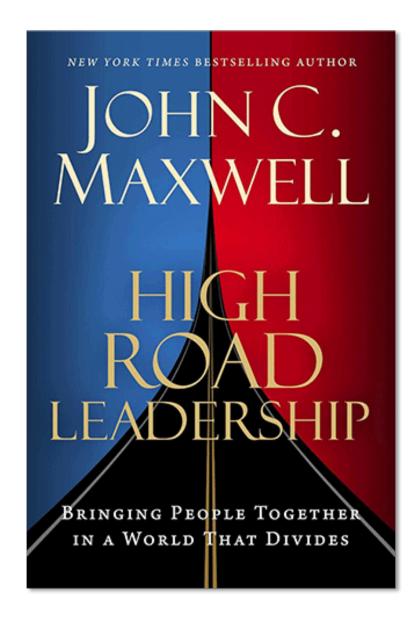
A Challenge for you.....















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