

WHAT IS THE IDENTITY OF GEN Z?

Gen Zers, also known as Zoomers (a play on Baby Boomers and Zoom video conferencing software), are considered to be people born between 1996 and the early 2010s. This new generation has grown up in an age of rapidly changing technology and an evolving political climate. As a young generation, we have the opportunity to determine what we'll be known for, just as Baby Boomers are known for holding the highest paying jobs and millennials are known for putting avocados on their toast. According to a survey of Creek students, 47.5% believe that our generation can be identified by social movements like Black Lives Matter and the push for LGBTQ+ rights, while 22.5% believe that our personal beliefs about topics like sexuality and religion are what separates us from our elders.

“Every single person is different and that is what unites us, as well as morals. Equality is not a belief, it is an obligation.” - **Anonymous**

“Through shared experiences.” - **Anonymous**

“TikTok, memes, and trends.” - **Anonymous**

“Through the things we fight for.” Kaylee Testerman ('23)

How do past generations challenge identity?

“Millennials were brought up with an overabundance of hope. They were told that they could conquer the world, but, generally, they didn't find that to be true. We in Gen Z already know that the world is pretty screwed up, so we just have to fix it. A tall order (thanks Boomers), but we're not going into things blindly.”

- **Kalisi Loveridge ('22)**

What is identity to you?

“Who a person truly is. It's your character, your attributes, your ideologies.”

- **Lorcan L. Boyd ('22)**

“A state of existing and being known. For example: to you my identity could be that I'm small and more feminine in mind, or identity can mean its literal definition as in WHO YOU ARE, name and all.”

- **Anonymous**



How can our movements change personal beliefs?

“I think that the more progressive a movement is, the more willing conservative people will be to listen and maybe change their mind on the topic.”

- **Claire Conrad ('24)**



How do past generations affect our current movements?

“They criticize us for doing something and being different and more inclusive for everyone and tarnish important issues just based on age of those standing up because they completely forget what they did, like 'Flower Power.'”

- **Raewyn Murphy ('24)**

What's Gen Z's identity?

“We are a generation who's always grown up with access to all kinds of knowledge and people, and as a result we are more empathetic and accepting, but we also never knew true privacy and were exposed to less savory things very young.”

- **Anonymous**

