Socialization

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**Socialization**

The world is developing and progressing rapidly. During the past 50 years, the lifestyle, habits, and choices of people have changed largely. People are divided into generations based on different factors. The Boomer Generation, born during 1943-1960, Generation X, born during 1961-1981, and the Millennial or Generation Y, born during 1982-2003, are some of the generations in the United States.

**Comparing the three generations in Socializing**

The life-long process of acquisition of norms and values, acceptance of societal beliefs, and awareness of the societal values to adapt in society are known as Socialization. The Baby Boomer generation is highly optimistic, but not very much social. They do not socialize for making new friends, rather their reason for socialization is for the satisfaction of their curiosity and making them feel like a significant part of the improving world. According to Generation X, socialization can be traditional and untraditional. Traditional socialization is interacting with the known people through social media, joining different clubs while untraditional socialization is the interaction with unknown people, and making friends with them. The more numbers of friends and followers on Facebook or Instagram, the more significant socializing is. Generation Y is ruling the digital world. Their real-life activities and pastimes both are related to socializing, and they believe that socialization is necessary to live. This generation is making new friends, finding online jobs, online shopping, or setting up meetings, faster than ever before.

**Generalized other**

Generalized other is a communal experience that means all other people in our life. The baby boomers are morally confused and are unadventurous. They do not believe in the concept of making new friends or interacting with strangers. They are individualistic and value older relationships than involving into new ones. Generation X is also known as the divorce generation. They focus more on money rather than on art and end up relationships instead of fixing them. The exposure to globalization in the Millennial Generation has made them materialistic. They have no time for close relationships due to excessive use of technology, but they are very much engaged in interacting with new people, and making new friends

**Peer Group**

Peer group is a group of individuals of similar interests, age, status, etc. Baby Boomers are very free-spirited and open in their peer group. They use technology not to make new friends but for remaining in contact with their peers. They value their peer relationships a lot. Generation X is the generation that is now taking place of the Baby Boomers. Their work and jobs are becoming their priority, but they tend to be connected to their peer group around the clock. The Millennial is very much influenced by the peer group. Their lifestyle is affected by peer choices, and they give much importance to peer relationships.

**Anticipatory socialization**

Anticipatory socialization means the social interactions in which non-group members take different values and norms and interact with each other in the group they want to join. Baby boomers have a strong sense of community. They like to be included in different groups and collaborations to use their skills and experience. Generation X is tolerant to changes in society and is flexible. They would adapt well if they are involved in some group and learn new things, but they believe in accomplishing things on their own. The Millennial is not afraid of the changes; rather they are in favor of the anticipatory socialization. They are independent thinkers, but they foster cooperation and teamwork.

**Conclusion**

Every generation is different from the others because of age, educations, hobbies, and interests, and the categorization of generations is based on these factors. Every generation has different attitudes, and ways of thinking, and this process goes on and on in life. These generations hold great differences from each other and come up with a different way of looking at life and its choices.

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