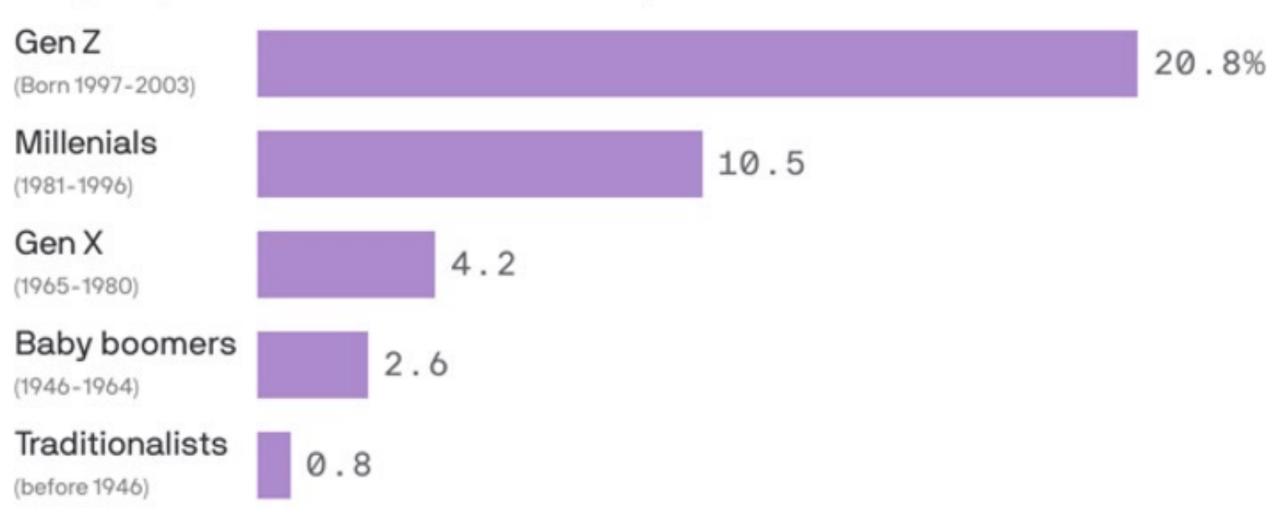


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The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next. Abraham Lincoln

Americans who self-identified as LGBTQ in 2021, by generation

Surveys of 12,416 U.S. adults conducted between January and December 2021



Children – Greatest Blessing from the Lord

Psalm 127:3-5 - Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.
⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.
⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

• **Proverbs 17:6** - Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers.

Spiritual Warriors – Prayer Warriors

Put on the Whole Armor of God
 Pray for Our Children
 Set the Example
 Get Into the Battle

Put on the Whole Armor of God

• Ephesians 6:10-11 - Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Battle Armor is Heavy



Understand the Battlefield

• Ephesians 6:12 - For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Stand Firm in Your Armor

• Ephesians 6:13 - Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

The Armor of God

• Ephesians 6:14-17 - Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

Belt of Truth – God's Word

- John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
- 1 Corinthians 1:20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Breast Plate of Righteousness – All the Commandments of God

• **Psalm 119:172** - My tongue shall speak of Your word, For all Your commandments *are* righteousness. (NKJV)

Shoes for Feet – Willing to Travel

- Matthew 10:16-20 Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.
- Acts 23:11 The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome."

Shield of Faith

• Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.



Helmet of Salvation

- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- **Philippians 2:9-11** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Sword of the Spirit

- Isaiah 55:11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
- Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Prayer

• Ephesians 6:18 - praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Marry someone who will go to war with you in the SPIRIT against the ENEMY