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"the most interconnected, well-educated and open-minded generation to date"
Millennials: Technology = Social Connection

Millennials in many countries are more open than their elders on questions of national identity

BY BRUCE STOKES | 2 COMMENTS

Millennials On Track to be the Most Educated Generation to Date

Study: BRIC Millennials are a global, interconnected generation

Will Pailey, 8 November 2013
"digital natives"
"drivers and spotlight of international development"
With Africa in spotlight at G7 summit, Secretary-General Guterres urges investment in youth

Historic day @UN: #UNSC adopts first ever resolution on Youth, Peace & Security #Res2250 #Youth4Peace @UNYouthEnvoy
11:36 AM - 9 Dec 2015

Secretary-General, on International Day, Says He Counts on Youth to Be ‘Torchbearers of Sustainable Development’

ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE

Recognizing the importance of engaging the largest youth generation in history, Secretary-General Ban made it a top priority to work with and for young people, including appointing an Envoy on Youth and supporting 17 “UN Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals.”
CHALLENGES
"the flip side of the coin: inequality, vulnerability, misinformation"
"one-size does not fit all"
Membership in Organizations: Europe

- Church or Religious Organization
- Humanitarian or charitable organization
- Environmental Organization
- Political Party
- Labor Union
- Sport or Recreational Organization
- Art, Music or Educational Institution

Legend:
- Blue: Inactive Member
- Red: Active Member
"distrust towards institutions"
Geoffrey Clarfield: The United Nations is losing staggering sums to corruption, mismanagement and bad decision-making

70 years and half a trillion dollars later: what has the UN achieved?

The United Nations has saved millions of lives and boosted health and education across the world. But is it really any surprise that it is still beset by corruption and scandal?

UN Secretary-General Selection Process 2016 Goes Public Amid Peacekeeping, Corruption Scandals

BY LYDIA TOMKIW ON 04/13/16 AT 11:57 PM

United Nations Continues Pattern of Irresponsible Actions and Non-Transparency

Corruption at the heart of the United Nations

An investigation has concluded that the former head of the United Nations' oil-for-food programme in Iraq took kickbacks to help an oil company win contracts. Another senior UN official is accused of soliciting bribes. The report is a severe blow to the organization.
THE WAY FORWARD
"going back to the values"
Instead of opposing interests to sentiments and reason to passions, how can we offer principles of identification which represent a real challenge to the ones promoted by others?
WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DETERMINED
to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, AND FOR THESE ENDS to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, (...)
"creating the right spaces"
- conventional politics
- economic growth and distribution
- military and social security
- social control

- traditional institutions
- formal organizations, institutionalisation

- social and cultural
- quality of life
- individual self-realisation
- human rights, peace, environment
- civil society and collective action
- personal autonomy and identity
- grassroots
- informal, spontaneous, integrated
- local and issue-centred
"providing the right support"
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