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Millennial Politics — A Y2K Disaster for Dems?

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A May 2016, research report published by Pew Research posited in its headline: “Millennials match Baby Boomers as largest generation in U.S. electorate, but will they vote?”

Remember the “Baby Boomers” born en masse in the window of time from post-World War II (1946) through 1964? In the 2016 election cycle, this group, aged 52-70, will comprise just under 70 million eligible voters in this unmatched campaign year.

Surprisingly, the demographic swarm of those born from about 1981-1998 will have about 69.2 million eligible voters for the November election.

Your prolonged inhaled respirations were audible while processing the impact of that thought. In simple terms, if the turnout of these two demographics were 100%, many who still live in their parents' basements with an undergraduate major in Bowling Management with graduate studies in Cannabis Cultivation and Fermentation Sciences — all actual degreed programs available currently in the U.S. — would carry the same weight of the electorate as those born from parents of “The Greatest Generation.”

Exactly who are Millennials and why does their populace matter in politics?

Comedian Jeff Foxworthy gained notoriety with his one-line declarative observations, “You might be a redneck, if...” Let’s use his template to assist in this exercise.

You might be a Millennial, if... you watch less than an hour of TV programming in each 24 hour period.

...you have not read a newspaper in the last 24-hour window.

...you have played video games or watched a movie online within the last 24 hours.

...you only have a cell phone. Landline, what’s that?

...in the last 24 hours, you’ve received and responded to as many as 50 text messages.

...you sleep with your cell phone.

...you don’t place a priority on having a “high-paying career.”

- ...living a religious life is not very important to you personally.
- ...your parents were not married during most of the time you were growing up.
- ...you support government creating equity for all.
- ...you believe a big government is preferable to offer more services.
- ...you view homosexuality as a normal relationship.
- ...you oppose abortion as a legal choice, more so than your parents.

Overall, Millennials are ideological and driven toward the good of the community and equality. Materialism is not a priority, which serves as the reason many are slow to find full-time employment and “settle down.”

So very many of these Millennials created the bedrock base of Bernie Sanders' campaign against Hillary Clinton that **had to be derailed** by the influence of backroom politics, super-duper delegates of the DNC and pure media coordination to elevate Hillary to win the Democrats' nomination. An April Gallup poll recorded a monstrous 69% of Millennials surveyed were willing to vote for a “socialist candidate” for president. This response is simply a pathetic reflection of their abject lack of understanding or disinformation regarding wealth generation, the impact of free markets on pricing and availability of services and products or the role of investment and savings.

Let's pause a moment here to thank the faculty lounge leftists who've successfully brainwashed this generation to truly believe a state-driven economy surpasses the unmatched opportunities of open markets, competition and work.

But there's hope.

Bernie appealed to their pocketbooks because these economic socialists herald redistribution for the sake of equality, but they reject Democrats' increasingly strident support of abortion. Hillary Clinton wants abortion on demand, throughout pregnancy, without any limits.

According to a June 2016 poll by Students for Life, only 17% of Millennials surveyed share that view taught through indoctrination by the mainstream Democrats. Apparently the technology of 3D ultrasounds tends to shatter the narrative that a baby in utero is nothing more than a clump of cells. The thumb-sucking, kicking and facial expressions of the unborn child disprove the pro-aborts' screed of “women's health” and “reproductive choice” when a helpless child is denied its right to life.

Another blow to the party of Hillary is the acceptance of gun rights by these younger voters. In a January 2016 Cato Institute analysis of polling, Millennials were less likely to own a gun, but were slightly less supportive of restrictive gun laws (49% versus 56% for those over age 55 years). So their permissiveness of others' choices translates into the right to purchase and carry firearms for self-defense, a complete rejection of the DNC's zero tolerance for guns except for Hollywood popcorn flicks and bodyguards protecting elitist leftists.

The Millennial Generation appropriately fits into this never-before-seen turnout model expected in a presidential election. Donald Trump marches to no one's drum and has clearly dominated earned media and the Twitterverse. Hillary is not remembered in the same frame of reference as older adults since many of these Millennials were too young to remember Bill Clinton's presidency. They get to see Hillary as the inconsistent grandma who always seems to use her "outside voice" when making a point and is apparently highly allergic to the truth.

INC.com and Millennial Marketing made similar observations about the consumption patterns of this generation: They seek authenticity and reject advertisement over social media interaction. Nothing short of a forensic autopsy will be required following November's election. It will, however, be interesting to see where these votes go and if there remains in "science" in politics.