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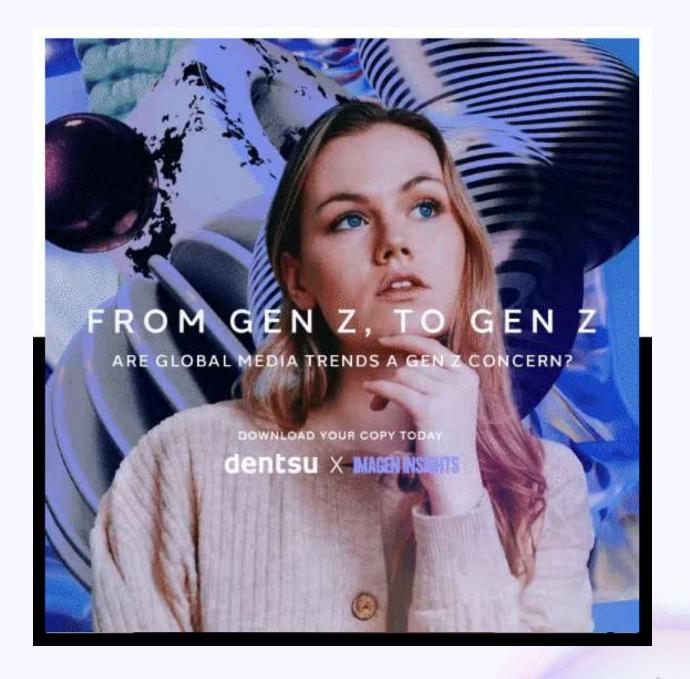
The Pace of Progress 2024 Gen Z Media Trends

This presentation features highlights:

The Pace of Progress: dentsu 2024 Gen Z Media Trends report.

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Gen Z Who?

Born 1997-2012

Aged 12-27

AND THEY ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

32%

They make up around 32% of the global population (24% in Croatia), a considerable market segment that cannot be ignored.

The youngest adult generation, around a quarter of the workforce, with growing purchasing power.

Considered the most critical group of consumers for setting trends, including fashion, technology, entertainment, etc.

By 2025, online shoppers from Gen Z will outnumber those in Gen X.

Gen Z Who?

...a generation defined by firsts

The first truly digital-native and the most digitally connected generation.

The most ethnically diverse generation in history.

The youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner, and the youngest ever billionaire.

Set to become one of the most valuable generations in history.

And, with the oldest being just 27...



Gen Z Who?

...but, a generation

Addicted to online platforms and technology (even for social interactions and dating)

High rates of depression and mental health issues (societal pressures, economic uncertainty, social media leading to feelings of inadequacy)

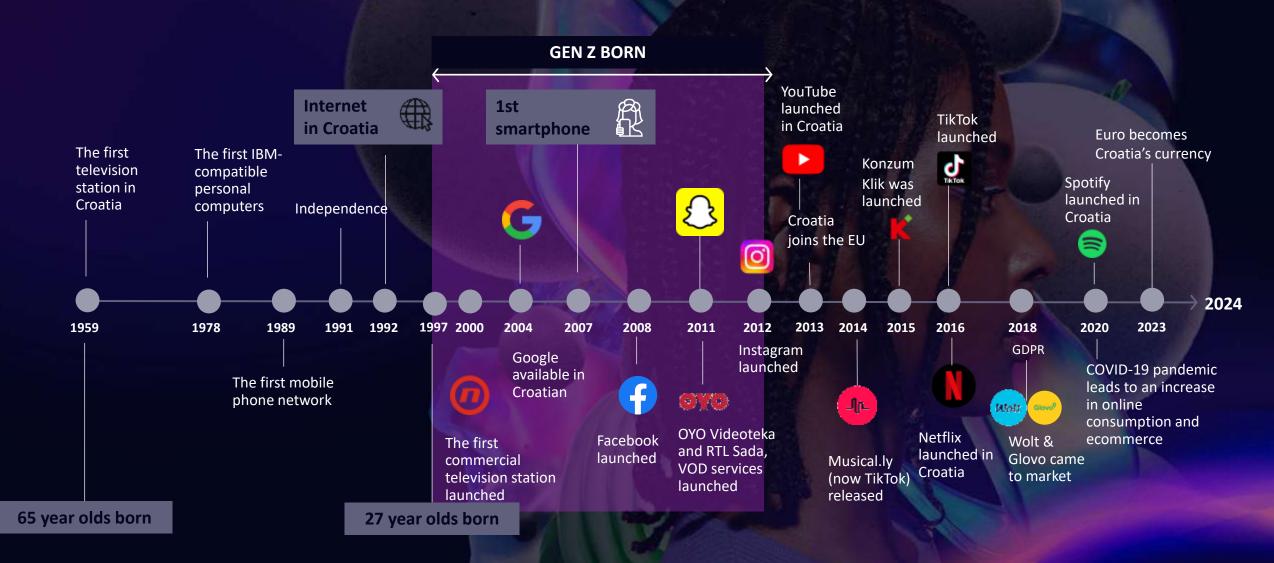
Highly educated but facing financial challenges: student debt, high housing costs, and job market volatility

Increased social anxiety and communication issues
Shaped by the pandemic, anxiety is a struggle (need help to communicate openly)



Source: CCS Panel, dentsu_Consumer Vision 2035 - Global Edition

Gen Z – Born, raised, and lived in completely different worlds than older generations



It is getting harder and harder to catch the attention of Gen Zs

Information overload - with so much content available, standing out is difficult.

STIMULATION JUNKIES

BE RELEVANT OR DIE

8 Secs

AVERAGE ATTENTION SPAN OF Gen Z

35%
Using Adblock

software (mobile or PC)

1,3 secs

to lose their ad attention

YOU HAVE 8
SECONDS OF GEN Z
ATTENTION,

BUT ONLY 1.3
SECONDS TO WIN
OR LOSE THEIR AD
ATTENTION

Short formats and quick, visually engaging content easy to digest

Mostly on digital/social, TV is not the thing, but streaming services like Netflix are popular.

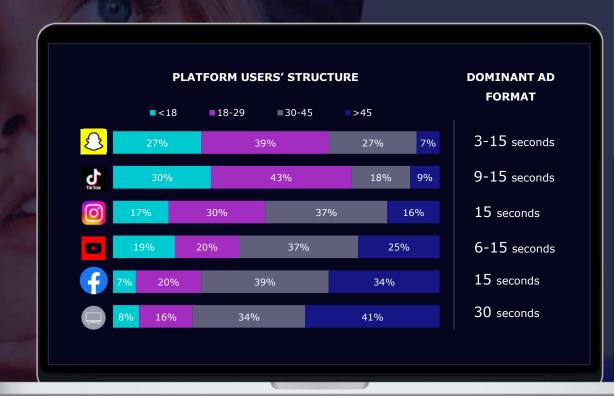
They hang out on TikTok and follow influencers on Instagram. "Facebook is a bit for millennials".

They even search for information on Instagram and TikTok, rather than Google



according to Unilad, 40% of Gen Z looks for information on Instagram and TikTok instead of Google

Content consumption is quick, with minimal attention spans – favoring platforms with the shortest video formats.



TikTok influenced other platforms to imitate features like Instagram Reels, Snapchat Spotlight, and YouTube Shorts.

Engaging Gen Z requires a personalized approach

Gen Z seeks short-form videos, interactive content, and influencer-driven engagement.

Captivated by entertainment, coolness, and celebrities,

but above all, content that reflects their values.



They seek entertaining content reflecting their values, regardless of where it's produced

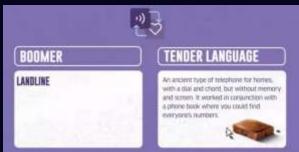
GEN-Z TALK

Humor that has to be understood, talking in memes and Gen Z language words

TikTalk or "internet accent"? Gen Z's TikTok accent

Milka - "Generation Ungap," Dentsu Creative Bucarest, Romania







WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

Digital natives with a special connection to tech devices and possibilities

Empathize With Digital Counterparts



Thinks that by 2035 relationships with AI companions can be as fulfilling and rewarding as human-to-human relationships

Yes to tech, yes to AI, but not at any cost...

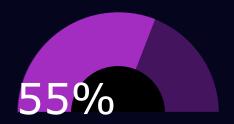
They are cautious about its impact on creativity, privacy, and human relationships.

Aware of the compromises this brings in terms of attention and personal information.



Authenticity, transparency & privacy

PRIVACY



Gen Z-ers state they always set the highest privacy settings on their social media and applications.

But, ready for exchange – receiving some value for giving data

AUTHENTICITY & TRANSPARENCY - "Be real" or die

Gen Z-ers seeking authenticity, transparency, and genuine values & interactions

- Be Real's rise and fall reflect a preference for authenticity and the challenge of maintaining user engagement.
- 36% of Gen Z have boycotted a brand within the last year (Survey Monkey)

Seek a more honest and healthier online environment



Open, activist & socially responsible

ACTIVISM & INCLUSIVITY

High openness and acceptance (sex orientation, no body shaming, no diets, anti-stereotypes, "fluid" & undefined id)

SUSTAINABILITY & CSR

Seek ethical practices, environmental sustainability, and social justice.



It is important for companies to provide information about how their products are made (e.g., workers' conditions).

NO to fast fashion - resell clothing revolution (80% buy second hand)

But, environmental activism is NOT synonymous with Gen Z – there are those truly disengaged in social and environmental issues



Sensitive about the consumption of planet resources

WHAT ARE THE GEN Z VALUES THEN?

Give value in return

INSTANT GRATIFICATION

Raised in an era of fast-paced technology and instant access to information, some Gen Z have a preference for immediate results and struggle with patience.

EXPECT TO BE REWARDED



Gen Z-ers state that they are happy to watch ads online if it means they can access interesting content for free.

1 in 2

Wants to be entertained and receive rewards for engagement with a brand



Thank you!

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