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The Face-down Generation

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You?

I was born in the 1980s.
The post-80s generation.
The 20th century.

You were born in the 2000s.
The oh-ohs/00s generation.
The 21st century.

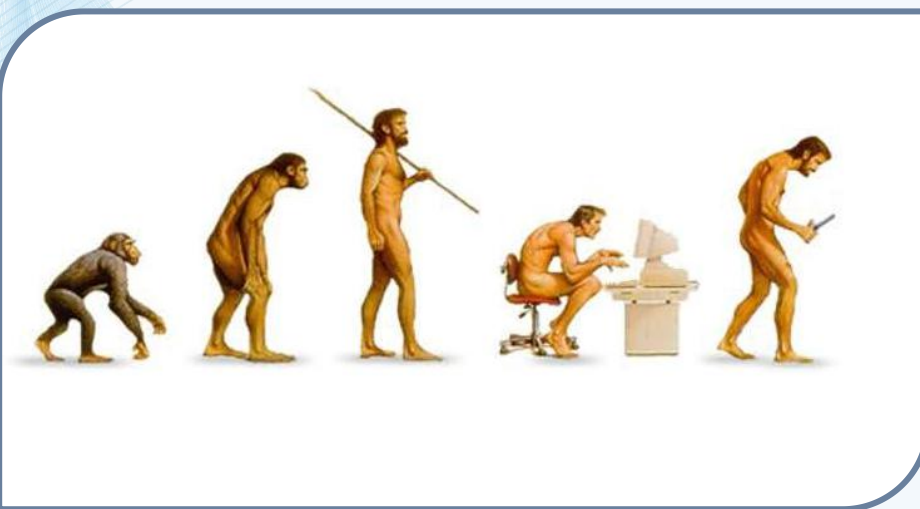
energetic out-going
optimistic humorous

young creative connected
global smart good-looking

? What do other people think about your generation?



the face-down generation



Some adults **worry** that you're more interested in the screen in front of you than the world around you. They think of you as the "**face-down generation**" because you use your phone so much and they wonder how you will deal with school, friends, and family. **Are today's teenagers too busy texting and taking selfies to become successful in real life** — or "IRL", as you would say?

What do you think about the question?

worry

be a face-down generation

be isolated from the outside world

Today's teenagers are too busy texting and taking selfies to become successful in real life.

Other adults **worry** that today's youth are spoilt (宠坏的) and don't want to face the challenges of adult life. Many children born in the 1990s and 2000s were raised by “**helicopter parents**”. They were always there to guide and help them with a busy schedule filled with homework and extra-curricular activities such as dancing, drawing, or sports. With parents who do everything for them, today's youth seem to prefer to live like teenagers even when they are in their 20s or 30s.

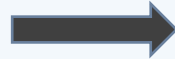


helicopter parents



be spoilt & refuse to face the challenges of adult life

worry



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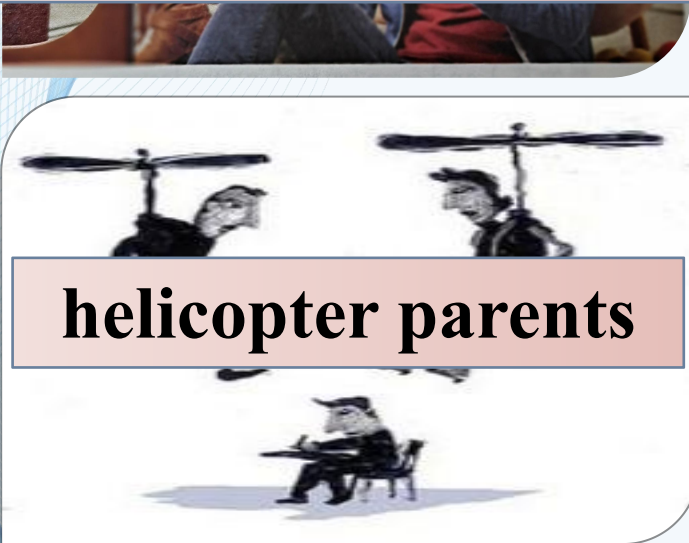
What is Helicopter parent?



Helicopter parent is a colloquial(口语体), early 21st-century term for a parent who pays extremely close attention to his or her child's or children's experiences and problems, particularly at educational institutions. These parents rush to prevent any harm or failure from befalling them and will not let them learn from their own mistakes, sometimes even contrary to the children's wishes. They are so named because, like helicopters, they hover closely overhead, rarely out of reach, whether their children need them or not.



face-down generation



helicopter parents

Does the face-down generation need a heads-up?

Does the face-down generation need a heads-up? Well, **probably not**. The **fact** is that many of today's teenagers are better educated and more creative than past

Are today's teenagers too busy texting and taking selfies to become successful in real life?(P2)

ever volunteer to help their communities. There are also brave young people such as Malala Yousafzai, the teenager who won the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize for pushing girls' rights to go to school.

fact

be better educated

be willing to become leaders

be more creative

volunteer to help their communities

be enthusiastic

be brave and young



So if you're one of the oh-ohs, there's reason to **be hopeful about the future**. Things are looking up for the **face-down generation**. Chances are that you will do GR8 (great) and LOL (laugh out loud).

hope

Things are looking up...

Chances are that you will...

To be a positive, diligent and creative face-down generation.

face-down generation

What can you do when you keep your face down?

concentrate on the homework

be absorbed in reading

focus on the note-taking

keep one's mind on study

devote oneself to inventing something

be lost in thinking

be busy solving the difficult problems in various subjects



Roy(Wang Yuan)and Jackson Yee(Yi Yangqianxi), members of the Chinese teen idol group TFboys, both made presentations at the United Nations Youth Forum, focusing on the importance of the universal quality education for every child and caring for left-behind children.



They promote the positive energy of youth, and set correct and positive examples for the young generation in China.





Marley Dias

The 14-year-old founder of [#1000BlackGirlBooks](#), an international movement. Marley was recognized by TIME, as one of the 25 most influential teens in 2018.



Zuriel Oduwole

World's Youngest Filmmaker

She gave a speech to the United Nations last year about the topic of climate change.

As one of the oh-ohs, what will you do at present and in the future?

☆explore the interests

☆make plenty of friends

☆learn a new language or a new skill

☆enjoy a movie or travel to a distant destination

Surge on, young generations!

☆make contributions to the communities, the cities or even the country

☆turn the traditional into the modern, the classic into the popular, the academic into the public, the national into the international.

☆create a brilliant future for all the people in the world

Individual



Society



World

The best scenery in a country is its young generation.

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