

A World Where We Rule

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The future is always near and a time of change is arriving. There will be an era where the next generation will rule the world and shape it to the best of their ability. Especially the younger generations like Gen Z and Alpha. Being a Gen Alpha myself, I can tell you that we can exceed limits and create a world like no one has ever seen. Although we are just adolescents and young adults, we have experienced the world first hand and have endured many challenges such as Covid and countries waging wars with each other. Due to this, we have obtained a lot of knowledge about the real world and we are ready for it- to step up and become the future of this planet.

Since I was young, many things have happened to our world and I had to be involved in it some way or another. Technology is the basis of everything these days and so much has happened these past couple of years that have gravely impacted me. Before I could even go to school properly, Covid hit and we were in quarantine. I had to adapt fast and learn the basics of technology like how to use Google Classroom or learn about social media. Some people my age had experienced family deaths during this tragic time, but they didn't quit. Despite the depression, anxiety, and PTSD, they took one step forward at a time and made it through.

Social media has a colossal influence on kids my age. We have been on screens before we were 7-8 years old and AI has taken over society and changed it drastically. ChatGPT, CoPilot, all of those websites have a heavy influence on kids as well as TikTok and SnapChat not to mention the influence of video games. Kids revolve around technology so much that it's a part of their life. As high of a chance as there is bad, the next generation can use this to their advantage and govern the world in a positive way.

These ongoing wars between countries have also affected how kids perceive the world in both positive and negative ways. I can't see my family in India in person due to the breakout. Kids are being separated from their families, robbed of their loved ones, and everything they know has been dilapidated. This can cause severe PTSD and therapy won't be enough.

However, these types of situations can also make kids more aware. They now know what it means to experience violence first hand or lose at the hands of war. Children and adolescents now know the “real world”.

People may say that “Oh, you’re just kids. You wouldn’t understand,” or “Kids can’t understand emotion. They’re too young.” However, that isn’t necessarily the case. We have grown to modify and blend in faster than older generations. The article “Hopes and Dreams for the Run of Gen Z” states that, “That’s what helps us adapt to significant changes in life compared to older generations. We have open minds, imagination, and free will, and we can accept change,” (Sass, 1). This shows that though there have been some instances where things go wrong with us, or past experiences show that we can build the future into a place of hope and where people can express themselves. I can say from my experiences that this generation has been through a lot from a young age, but that can help us grow. Help us develop into good human beings that have potential.

To sum it all up, I hope for a future where people my age can govern and construct a world of peace, prosperity, and development. When I have kids, I want them to love their country, their world, and do the same in return. They won’t have to go through the same problems we did growing up. We made their childhood into a flourishing adulthood where they won’t have to worry about major issues and conflicts. A time of peace and happiness.