

# *The Coming Revolt of Gen Why!*

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When Thomas Jefferson wrote that “a little rebellion now and then is a good thing,” he didn't necessarily mean all-out revolution, but he certainly meant at least a normal swing of the social, political and cultural pendulum from one generation to the next.

Right now, one of those swings is long overdue. I'm talking about the revolt of Gen X, Y, and Z against the depredations inflicted upon them for the past 47 years.

Until now, my own “Silent Generation” was the biggest put down of a generation. After suffering through major crises like the Great Depression, World War II and Korea, we spent still more years living under the shadow of the bomb. And then came Vietnam. We thought our “silence” was just the price we had to pay for following “the greatest generation.”

That was before they started giving generations labels like Gen X, Gen Y, and now Gen Z – also known as “the millennials” – as if they were visitors from a planet called “millenia”.

But far more serious things have been happening to this new generation than being put down as a “Brand X” kind of generation. In fact, they are paying an incredibly high price for following in the shadow of the “Boomers.”

You have to look at the facts to see why Gen X, Y and Z should seriously consider changing their name to “Generation Why!” and start demanding “Why!” these things have been inflicted upon them without their consent. Here are just a few examples:

- ◆ **Since 1967, our national debt has grown 3 times faster than our Gross Domestic Product. Debt has gone up 63 times vs. just 20 times for GDP.** Meanwhile, youth unemployment has soared to record highs. Yet the biggest burden of all that debt will fall on today's young people as the Boomers slide into retirement.
- ◆ **Today's young adults are leaving college with student loan debt as high as \$40,000 to \$100,000.** That's even bigger than their parents' first mortgages when they started out. Such debt forces young people to postpone starting a family and buying a home by a decade or more. Then we wonder why housing hasn't fully recovered.
- ◆ **Liberal free trade policies have sent millions of jobs overseas** while technology has eliminated millions more, reducing demand for all but the most highly skilled technical workers. Meanwhile, colleges keep turning out social studies majors, while illegal immigration floods the market for unskilled workers. That leaves many no place to turn but part-time jobs and a spare room in their parents' basement.
- ◆ **The Federal Reserve keeps the stock market climbing** with low interest rates, while ordinary folks get crushed between low interest on savings and sky high credit card rates. For banks and the financial markets, it's win-win, but for Main Street and small business, it is lose-lose. How can this new generation survive in this environment?
- ◆ **Dog-eat-dog competition** between big box retailers and internet monoliths make it impossible for many small businesses to survive and prosper. The result is less competition and fewer job opportunities for all.

- ◆ **Gen Why! has also seen America turned into a discount outlet for the world** while millions of manufacturing and technical jobs have been shipped to China, Japan, India, Korea, southeast Asia, and Latin America. As a result, we are facing the longest, most persistent period of structural unemployment in our history.
- ◆ **Nobody has been hurt more than America's minorities** by unrestricted immigration and savage competition for so-called “low wage,” entry level jobs that have always been the first step up the economic ladder for previous generation.

***Compounding all of this are birth rates that we haven't seen since the lows of the Great Depression. Thanks to abortion, and more efficient birth control, we have had***

**57.7 million** abortions since 1967

**25.8 million** more missing future births as an echo effect of those abortions

**124.1 million** births prevented by more efficient birth control

**207.6 million** is the grand total of missing births since 1967

**That adds up to a huge loss in our current population. If not for this attrition, the U.S. would have at least 525 million people and a GDP of \$28 trillion today.**

You just can't have such people losses without serious damage to the entire economy. Every great economy = *people x (money + resources)*. Take people out of that equation and your economy quickly plummets, which is just what happened to the former Soviet Union after 50 years of abortion rates as high as 300 abortions for every 100 live births. Even today, Russia is still in a state of irreversible decline when it comes to population.

***The question for today's younger generation is: How can we survive if we continue the destructive anti-people policies we have pursued for the last 47 years?***

The answer to that is unequivocally, “We can't!” Certainly not based on the lessons of previous economic cycles and basic economic analysis using widely accepted tools.

### **The Greatest Generation**

The “greatest generation,” for example, was a product of high birth and immigration rates prior to 1926. Without them, we would not have had the manpower to fight and win World War II.

Indeed, if abortion had been legal since 1900, we would have arrived at 1940 with 30% less population and a 30% smaller industrial base. In that case, it would have been laughable to think we could have fought and won a world war across two oceans and served as “the arsenal of democracy” for allies in Britain, France, China, and the Soviet Union.

### **The Great Depression**

The Great Depression, on the other hand, was marked by the lowest birth rates in our history, so low in fact that economic recovery would have been impossible without the enormous industrial demand created by World War II.

Births had peaked in 1926, and began dropping after that due to Margaret Sanger's highly effective birth control campaigns and the hard times that followed. In addition, new laws sharply reduced immigration. By 1930, America's population growth had slowed to a snail's pace – just 0.7% a year over the next 10 years.

### **Baby Boom – Baby Bust**

Except for the war effort, real recovery didn't begin until 16 million men came home at the end of the war and launched the most incredible boom in births since the early days of the nation. Population growth hit 3.7% a year by 1955 – five times the growth rate during the Depression. As a result, the whole economy boomed – jobs, housing, manufacturing, education, health care, transportation, banking, and government as well.

After the Pill came along in 1960, births dropped by more than a million a year. Then Roe v. Wade arrived in 1973 to feed the abortion epidemic. By 1980, U.S. population growth rates had declined by over 70%. The so-called “birth dearth” was well underway.

However, it would be fair to say that the Baby Boom literally drove our whole economy until the Boomers passed their peak earning years in the mid-to-late '90s and started retiring after 2000. Two dramatic stock market declines followed in 2000 and again in 2007 as the Baby Bust generation took over from the Boomers as the chief drivers of the economy.

I was the only critic who predicted this crisis in the mid-1990's right down to the dates, based on this same fundamental analysis of the interplay between economics and demographics. Yet the evidence was there for all who wished to see it. Few did.

### **No Kids, No Future**

China's “one child” policy illustrates the problem. If couples are allowed only one child, that soon leads to what is called the “4-2-1-0” family structure. Four grandparents have just two children, and their two children have just one. The next step is zero or close to it. In other words, it would be entirely possible for this kind of economy to disappear in 4 generations. That's why China finally decided to ease its one child policy.

By contrast, I recently attend the funeral of a wonderful pro-life father who was survived by 7 children and 14 grandchildren with more to come. In other words, he and his wife are so far responsible for 21 descendants – increasing their contribution to the economy of the next generation by a factor of 10! That's how large families contribute to growth.

It's patently obvious that such families contribute far more to long term economic growth than families with one, two or no children. Sadly, we have already become an economy with the average woman having fewer than two children, which is below replacement level. That leaves inflation as the illusory driver of future economic growth.

These trends have done especially severe damage to America minority populations, which are aggressively targeted by Planned Parenthood. Fully 59.3% of all abortions occur to black and Hispanic women – contributing enormously to social breakdown in these communities. In New York City, 60% of black pregnancies end in abortion. No wonder so few black children can expect to grow up in two-parent households. Sex is easy, and abortion is easier.

This contributes directly to the sense of hopelessness in black communities like Ferguson, Mo. No kids, no future. No future, no hope. Life is cheap in abortion country, and all it takes is one life needlessly taken to trigger the kind of unrest that activists can exploit.

However, this crisis affects all of us, not just people in the hotspots that make the nightly news on television, or go viral on the internet.

***The big question is: can the U.S. – and today's younger generation – even survive if we continue the destructive policies we have pursued for the last 47 years?***

The answer to that is unequivocally “no” – unless we dramatically change course.

***And who, in fact, is going to bear the brunt of all this in the years ahead?***

Not the good-time Boomers who have had the greatest free ride of any generation in history, but their children and grandchildren who will still be working, paying taxes and carrying the burden of our exploding national debt well into the future.

The people who will pay are the Baby Busters who make up Gen X, Y and Z – plus their children and grandchildren. That's why it's time for “Generation Why!” to wake up and start demanding honest, down-to-earth answers to the real problems that are driving America's future. As Ronald Reagan once said, “There is no right and left. There is only up or down.”

And the path on which we have been traveling by surrendering to the slogans of the left wing “anti-people” people is headed just one way: down.

***Here are just a few things the Gen Why! Generation can do to protect their own future:***

- ◆ Raise “holy hell” with judges and politicians who tolerate the massacre of 1 million more American babies every year through abortion. This is far more damage than even the Jihadists will ever do to America. Tell them to stop funding the baby-killers to the tune of \$500 million a year. That's *your money* they're spending to destroy *your future*.
- ◆ Get rid of the charade of “no fault” divorce – especially for couples with children. This, along with pre-marital sex, has rendered more kids “fatherless” than any other practice. Yet 70% of those in jail come from broken families. This one step could dramatically reduce the number of people in the nation's jails within a decade or two.
- ◆ Demand to know why the rate of natural increase in Muslim countries is 5 times the rate of population growth in America and Europe. At that rate, in less than 50 years, they will overwhelm us and probably catch up with us technologically as well. Our war with the Jihadists may well be won or lost in the nation's bedrooms.
- ◆ Encourage others to wake up and smell the coffee before it is too late. We can no longer afford the luxury of refusing to talk about tough issues like abortion, birth control, and family breakdown. Ignore those who say economic and social issues don't mix.
- ◆ Look for the ***Gen Why!*** Page on Facebook and Twitter as soon as they get up and running. The whole point is to encourage honest, open discussion of the issues that will most affect your own and your family's future.
- ◆ Contact us here at Movement for a Better America to let us know what you think .

Peter Maurin, one of my favorite writers, once wrote: “What we need is a world in which it is easier to be good.” That's the other side of the coin from what Wall Street Whiz Charles V. Payne recently complained about on his TV show, when he said, “The problem is government making it impossible for people to do the right thing.”

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