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What I Hope Your Generation Knows about Mine

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In my experience interacting with other generations, both within and outside the Spokane GOP, I often hear my generation, Gen Z, dismissed as lazy and overly sensitive. Perhaps my offense at that proves the latter point. But these stereotypes miss what many young people are searching for and prevent meaningful conversation across generations on both sides. Here's what I hope other generations know about mine; Gen Z deeply values truth, community, and meaningful work.

Gen Z Wants the Truth

We grew up surrounded by advertising, curated identities, political spin, and constant online performance. Because of that, many of us can spot fake messaging quickly. We are drawn to honesty, transparency, and people who mean what they say. GOP leaders, you should know that polished talking points matter to us less than authenticity. A lot of us aren't offended by truth; we're just tired of manipulation.

Gen Z Wants Community

We've inherited and embraced an isolated culture of screens, loneliness, and shallow connection. Since 2020, we have become one of the loneliest generations. In youth ministry, I often see unchurched kids drawn to the church because they are craving friendship, family, and a place to belong. We are hungry for mentorship and real relationships. Conservatives who build community will speak louder than those who only criticize culture. We want life with people. What kind of community are you building that would draw us in?

Gen Z Wants Purposeful Work

Gen Z is often called lazy, but many of us are discouraged, especially in a state where rising costs and failed policies make it harder to get ahead. We want work that matters, opportunities to contribute, and a clear path forward. We respect discipline, entrepreneurship, and craftsmanship when they are modeled well. We are not afraid of hard work, but we are tired of work that feels pointless.

At the end of the day, whether you agree with me, Gen Z is the future of the Spokane GOP. We have our weaknesses, like any other generation. But again, my volunteer experience has shown me that this generation is tired of being lied to. We're tired of not having leaders we can trust. We want to create meaningful change through meaningful work. We're looking up to you to light the way.

