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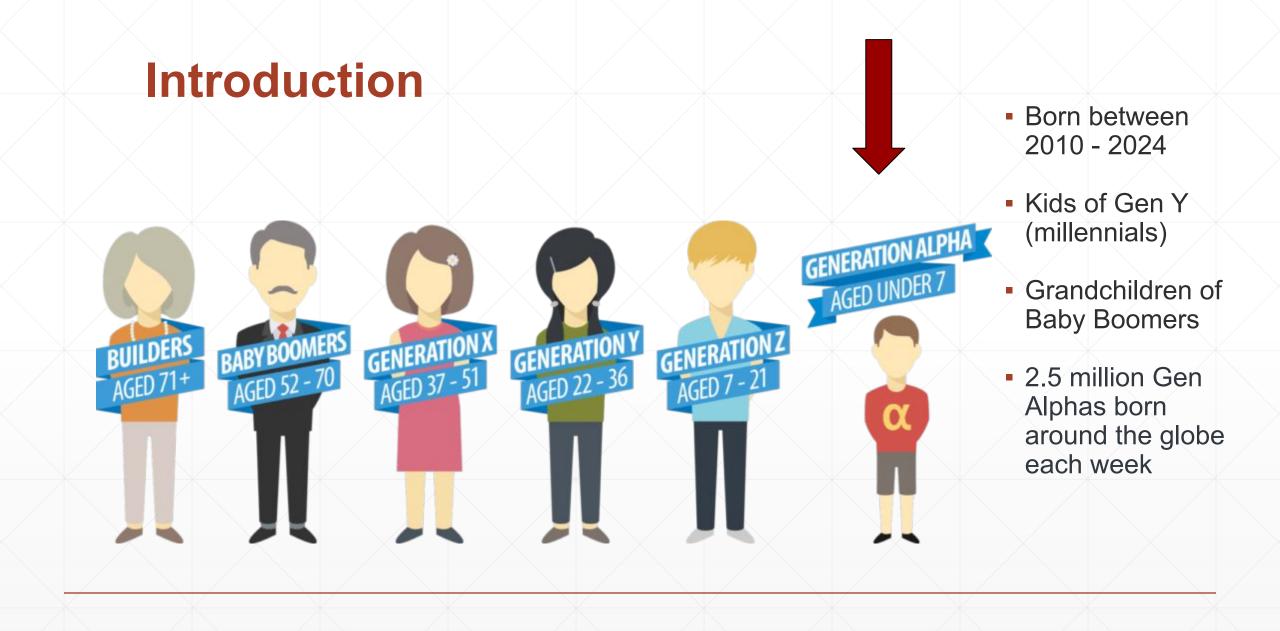
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Agenda

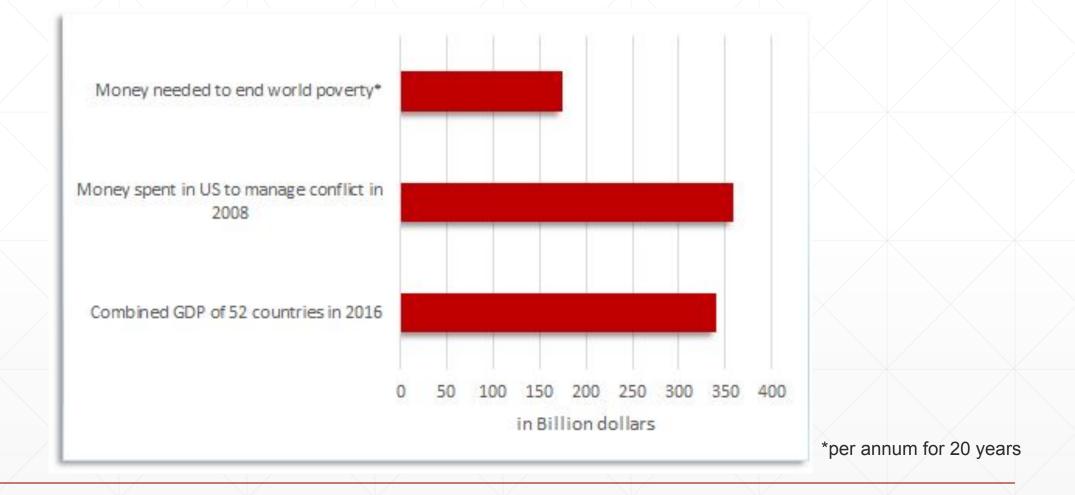
- Why research about Generation Alpha is important?
- Research Question
- Methods
- Results
- Next Steps



Why learn about Generation Alpha?

- Will enter higher education and workforce in a decade.
- Will work alongside millennials and Gen Z.
- Educational Institutes and Corporate workplaces need to be prepared to cater to their needs and avoid potential conflict.
- Conflicts are Costly!
 - In 2008, \$359 billion spent in managing conflict Just In US.

Just for Perspective...



Research Question

What behavioral characteristics will Alpha generation possess that will impact their learning, social interaction and workplace?

Research Methodology



 Effects of genetics and surroundings

Major Results

Personal Traits

- Feeling of non belongingness to family (due to older parents)
- Loneliness & Depression (smaller families, increased digitization, virtualization)
- Stress (increased parental expectations, increased divorce rate)
- More self sufficient
- Education
 - Gamification- The primary method of imparting knowledge will be related to gamification of objects and ideas.
 - Increased formal education
 - Increased paid childcare education

Major Results (cont.)

- Workplace
 - Younger, exceedingly multiracial workers (more babies born in families of minorities, continued higher fertility rate in minorities)
 - Lower learning curve for technical skills
 - Virtual Social Interaction instead of face to face.
 - Increased work life and productivity (due to most advanced healthcare and increased lifespan)

Suggestions

Revolutionize higher-education core curriculum.

- Include advanced technology courses as well as learning methods
- Fund Augmented reality and Virtual reality research to make it easily implementable in education sector and workplaces.
- Plans to increase face to face interaction.
- Social Behavior Learning don't expect Alpha Gen to learn this on their own!
- Spend money, adapt early, avoid chaos, save money!

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Next Steps

- Conduct large scale study
 - Reach out to more Alpha kids (schools, childcare)
 - Do more surveys
 - Conduct Focus Group Study
- Find more underlying causes that might affect the Alpha Generation
- Relate findings to previous generations
- Repeat...

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