Electricity Committee
Millennials and Boomers: Centuries Apart?

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About AARP

AARP, with its nearly 38 million members, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities, and protection from financial abuse.

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Our utility positions

- AARP is fighting to save you money on your utility bills.
- AARP has fought for affordable and reliable home energy and telephone services for consumers for more than 20 years, at the federal level and in states across the country. In each instance, we have worked with a variety of groups – consumer advocates, senior organizations, businesses, and even utility companies themselves – to make the case for affordable and reliable energy and telecommunications services. Our work is always non-partisan,
- **We are fuel neutral.** AARP policy is “fuel neutral,” meaning we do not advocate for or against nuclear, coal, gas, wind or solar. AARP does oppose excessive costs and unfair financing schemes whether for fossil fuel or renewable technology.
Who are Boomers/Millennials?

Millennials have surpassed Baby Boomers as the nation’s largest living generation, according to population estimates released this month by the U.S. Census Bureau. Millennials, whom we define as those ages 18-34 in 2015, now number 75.4 million, surpassing the 74.9 million Baby Boomers (ages 51-69). And Generation X (ages 35-50 in 2015) is projected to pass the Boomers in population by 2028.

• Source: Pew Research Center, April 2016
Projected population by generation

In millions

Note: Millennials refers to the population ages 18 to 34 as of 2015.
Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of U.S. Census Bureau population projections released December 2014 and 2015 population estimates

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
Millenials see technology and “connectedness” as part of their identity.

“In nearly every focus group I have done of young people, whenever I’ve asked what makes their generation special, they inevitably bring up their own comfort with technology. Every major corporate or PR firm research study on young adults that I have ever been a part of or have a chance to review names connectedness and technology aptitude as a core defining attribute of this generation. Being a connected, technologically savvy candidate is a necessary though not sufficient condition these days for being acceptable to young voters.”

“During my years of marketing to baby boomers, I’ve learned that the baby boomer generation spends as much time online as do watching television. It might surprise you to learn that 96% of baby boomers use search engines, 95% use email and 92% shop for products and services online rather than shopping in stores and shopping malls.”

Boomers vs. Millennials: Boomers are still ahead in purchasing power

“The 50-plus and 60-plus populations clearly playing a larger role in consumer spending and older consumer are going to become more significant as these trends intensify,” says Wayne Best, chief economist of Visa. “Paul Davidson, USA Today, July 17, 2017. There are a lot of them. The 90.7 million Americans 55 and older last year made up 28% of the population, according to the Census Bureau.”

“There are 80 million millennials in the US. They outnumber boomers (76 million) and Generation X (60 million). But while millennials, those born from about the mid-1980s to 1995, hold the “power,” boomers hold the money,” according the Oracle content strategist, Mia McPherson.”

“Boomers Still Wield Mighty Retail Power,” Catherine Salifino, Sourcing Journal, October 12, 2107.
Key Question: Will Millennials Value Connectedness Over Cost?

• “More specifically, the millennial customer wants information, services and products that meet the criteria of the three “Cs”: cheap convenient and cool.”

Millennials and Price Sensitivity

• Millennials want to be connected and in control – but they are still very price sensitive. See: “The Cheapest Generation. Why Millennials aren’t buying cars or houses, and what that means for the economy,” Derek Thompson and Jordan Weismann, the Atlantic, September 2012.
Boomers and Millennials: Different but Similar

• Boomers and Millennials may be different in how they communicate with businesses, but they are still very price sensitive.

• AARP research has consistently shown that both Boomers and Millennials want fair utility prices.
Questions/Comments

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Spotlight on Millennials

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## Key Research Questions & Objectives

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<td>What are Millennials’ attitudes regarding renewables, electric vehicles and other Smart Grid-related technologies?</td>
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<td>What do Millennials think of their electricity service provider?</td>
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<td>What energy-related programs and offerings might interest Millennials?</td>
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One interesting thing about Millennials is that they’re more interested in almost everything.

Interest in 18 energy-related technologies and services

Technologies
- Smart appliances
- Residential rooftop solar
- Device remote control
- Electric vehicles
- Smart home concept
- Community solar
- Onsite storage

Savings Opportunities
- Energy usage reports
- Savings suggestions via app or web
- Electricity usage tracking & alerts

Programs
- Peak shifting program
- Energy evaluation with incentives
- Peak time savings program
- Appliance evaluation with incentives
- Prepaid billing plan
- Time-varying rate plan
- Green power plan
- Automated heating/cooling service

Non-Millennials

Millennials
#1: Treat me like the individual I am

- Millennials are most commonly classified as Green Champions
- Millennials are more likely to be classified as Green Champions than non-Millennials
- Millennials are more likely to be Savings Seekers than non-Millennials
#2: I will contact you using any means you make available

- Millennials are more likely to make contact

- Although they prefer digital channels, they will use whatever channel is available and convenient

AND

They’re more likely to use multiple channels to communicate with their providers
Willingness to pay for energy-saving equipment or services

- Energy evaluation with recommendations & incentives
- Appliance evaluation for energy efficiency & incentives
- Automated heating/cooling service
- Savings suggestions via an app or website

Non-Millennials  Millennials

0%  25%  50%  75%  100%
#4: I like you and trust you, but don’t think I won’t jump for a better offer

Potential influence of provider endorsement on adoption of energy-related technologies

- Makes you more likely to adopt
- No impact on your likelihood to adopt
- Makes you less likely to adopt
- Don’t know

Electricity provider preference

- Your current electric utility
- Another utility company
- A telecom or internet...
- A company that installs...
- Some other company
- Don’t know
#5: I’m satisfied with my energy provider, but banks and online retailers provide better customer service

### Satisfaction with current electricity provider

- **High Satisfaction**
- **Moderate Satisfaction**
- **Low Satisfaction**
- **Don’t Know**

### Best providers of customer service

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#6: I shop around for the best value, so help me understand your offer and how it benefits me

Types of smartphone apps

- Location Sharing Apps (e.g., Swarm, Find My Friends, etc.)
- Banking & Finance (e.g., Venmo, PayPal, Wells Fargo Mobile, etc.)
- Restaurant Reviews (e.g., Yelp, Foursquare, Urbanspoon, etc.)
- Social Media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.)
- Navigation (e.g., Waze, Google Maps, Apple Maps, etc.)
- Transportation (e.g., Uber, Lyft, Via, etc.)
- None of the above
- I do not use any apps

- Non-Millennials
- Millennials
#7: I want renewable resources and am willing to invest in them

Importance of renewable energy & reducing GHGs

- Important, and would pay $10-15 extra per month
- Important, and would pay $3-4 extra per month
- Important, willing to pay more ($3-4 extra per month) but...
- Important but at no additional cost
- Not important
- Don't know

Non-Millennials and Millennials:

- Millennials are most commonly classified as Green Champions
- Millennials are also more willing to pay to achieve their “green objectives”
"The lesson that utilities can learn from other high-performing service providers is that to excel you need a culture that puts customers and employees first," said John Hazen, senior director of the utility practice at J.D. Power.

"And because customer expectations continue to increase, you need to have a mindset of continuous improvement to keep up."

JD Power Residential Customer Satisfaction Study, July 2016
More than half the Millennial respondents felt that access to real-time energy usage data was important for making better energy management decisions…

And they are more willing to pay extra to get access to data
#10: I depend on my digital devices, appliances, and tech “toys”, so give me technology I’ll want to use

Millennials are more likely than non-Millennials to own four or more digital devices, use three or more apps and have six or more appliances in their homes.
Millennials shine the light on the path forward

- Millennials are engaged and “ambidextrous”; you should be too.
- Millennials are adept at change, and are willing to support it financially.
- Millennials are inquisitive and information hungry: take advantage of it.
- Millennials are enthusiastic about energy and sustainability; engage them now.
TECHNOLOGY AND MARKET CHANGES CONTINUE TO FUEL THE NEW ENERGY REALITY

GLOBAL SWITCHING ECONOMY
- $6Tn of an estimated value in revenue

HYPER-RELEVANCE
- 2.5EB of data are produced every day

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SCALE
- 85% of executives reported they will be investing in AI technologies over the next 3 years

DER VALUE POOLS CONVERGE WITH IOT
- $2.9Bn invested in 130 individual distributed energy companies since 2010

PEER-TO-PEER ENERGY MARKETPLACES
- $7Bn of estimated Blockchain-enabled DER marketplace value

ROBOTIC AUTOMATION MARKETCADENCE
- 47.1% CAGR will be reached during the period 2016-2024

ACCELERATED INTERACTION PLATFORMS
- 60Bn messages sent daily by 3 billion active users


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Accenture identified five new pervasive consumer trends
TOTALLY DIGITAL? MAYBE NOT
THIS TIME IT GETS PERSONAL
MAY THE BOTS BE WITH YOU
A DIGITAL, CUSTOMER CENTRIC, OPERATING MODEL IS KEY TO DELIVERING DIFFERENTIATED CUSTOMER PLAYS

COMMODITY-CENTRIC SUPPLIER
Lean and mean low-cost commodity provider

ENERGY MARKETPLACE ENABLER
Facilitating transactions in the energy system

CONNECTED LIFESTYLE PROVIDER
Partner of choice for the new energy consumer

ENERGY DISRUPTOR
Automated energy markets

DIGITAL OPERATING MODEL
INTERVENTIONS ARE REQUIRED FROM ALL KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE NEW ENERGY CONSUMER

“ENERGY PROVIDERS”

Pursue CUSTOMER CENTRIC approach

Create innovative INVESTMENT STRUCTURES and attract new market investors

Develop non-business as usual and DIGITAL CAPABILITIES, and expand ECOSYSTEM

Build upon CUSTOMER TRUST and support the rise of the new energy consumer

Facilitate STANDARDIZATION, interoperability and data exchange

“REGULATORS & POLICYMAKERS”

Set digital transformation North Star and take REGULATORY STEP CHANGES to achieve

Enable and encourage DIGITAL INVESTMENTS, allowing forward-leaning compensation models

Assign new RESPONSIBILITIES across the value chain

PLAN SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT with consent from all market players

Ensure an efficient deployment of EMERGING TECHNOLOGY through targeted support
Backup
# NEC 2017 SAMPLE DETAILS

### # Interviews by country

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### Gender

- **Women**: 51%
- **Men**: 49%

### Age

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**Regulated markets**: Brazil, Canada (some provinces), China, Malaysia, Singapore, United States (some states)

**Competitive markets**: Australia, Canada (some provinces), France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Portugal, Philippines, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States (some states)

Notes: *Sample representative of the urban population.
## UNITED STATES 2017 NEC SURVEY RESULTS

### American consumers spend more time interacting in both digital and non-digital channels

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### SLEEPING GIANTS

**American “sleeping giant” users are more likely to prefer a low-cost brand**

- **In the US = 35% of the sample**
  - 80% More likely to prefer a low-cost brand
  - 54% Amongst the rest of respondents

- **Globally = 36% of the sample**
  - 69% More likely to prefer a low-cost brand
  - 59% Amongst the rest of respondents

### ACTIVE DIGITAL USERS

**American active digital users are more likely to switch in the next 12 months**

- **In the US = 31% of the sample**
  - 61% More likely to switch in the next 12 months*
  - 32% Amongst the rest of respondents

- **Globally = 27% of the sample**
  - 38% More likely to switch in the next 12 months*
  - 26% Amongst the rest of respondents

MOVE AHEAD WITH NO REGRETS: SEVEN STEPS TO ACCELERATE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

- Create new business and ecosystem management capabilities.
- Set up the right organization and KPIs.
- Build a digital workforce and foster digital leadership.
- Automate customer operations by deploying RPA and AI in operations at scale.
- Enable agile at scale.
- Digitize customer journeys.
- Become relentlessly customer obsessed.
CONSUMER INTEREST IN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES HAS CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY

2010
- Technology recycling
- Loyalty program
- Home generation (DER)
- Smart meter
- Time of use tariff

2012
- Home energy efficiency products
- Home generation (DER)
- Energy saving consultations
- Connected home
- Energy management devices and services

2014
- Home energy efficiency products
- Energy saving consultations
- Home generation (DER)
- Connected home
- Energy management devices and services (with back-up energy storage)

2016
- Connected home (integrated with mobile app)
- Energy management devices and services (with automation)
- Home generation (DER)
- Automated energy supplier switching service
- Electric vehicle

* Back-up energy emerging in 2014 and analytics driven home energy management applications becoming common in 2015-2016.
DIGITAL OPERATING MODEL
Promoting people-first, speed and experimentation

NEW LEADERSHIP STYLE

NEW WAYS OF WORKING

PEOPLE AT THE CORE

RIGHT GOVERNANCE

DIGITAL FOUNDATION
Applying new methods to the DIGITAL WORKFORCE, NEW IT, and NEW PARTNERSHIPS
Tracking transformation: Measure WHAT MATTERS MOST
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