



I believe that I am a millennial and I am proud to say so. During the 'You are not special' graduation speech, I came to realize that yes, I am a millennial. But so what? As millennials we are seen as narcissistic, untrusting of the system, lazy, would rather climb a mountain than the business ladder...and I see nothing wrong with that. In Kelly Williams's Ted talk on millennials, she brings up the word entitled. Several times she brings it up, just like many of the articles on Millennials. Just like she said, I'm not going to argue that it's wrong. Because it's true. We grew up in a system that taught us that everybody wins, everyone is equal, with participation awards and trophies for all. So of course we became entitled, believing that every action deserved an award. So when the world suddenly says no? We tend to shut down, resulting in what people may call 'laziness'. Many people say we are a lazy bunch of people, a lazy crowd of about a million some people. Are we lazy because of this entitled system? We are growing up now, realizing that not everyone wins and the world is not so easy to take on.

We are young, we are growing up, and every single generation has done that. So why are we being stripped of what it is like to be young? Why scrutinize us? We are just like the other generations. Don't pretend like we aren't. Selfies could technically date back to the renaissance era. People would hire other people to paint pictures of themselves or carve a *marble statue* of themselves and you are all complaining about a few selfies on an iphone?

We are learning what it is like to love ourselves and yes, that can be considered narcissistic, but we are also learning how to use the system, hack it so to say. With people in Generation Like we look at how people can manipulate social media for benefit and profit. With people like Tyler Oakley, a popular youtuber and my personal favorite, we see how people benefit from 'narcissism'. Tyler makes videos of himself, posts it on the internet for others to see, chasing likes and subscriptions and gaining followers every single minute. But he's using the power he has to make his own business. Tyler makes money off of youtube as well as Taco Bell and several other industries that use him to exploit their product and inturn, Tyler, becomes more popular. Who doesn't want a discounted taco or a free book at Audible.com or even free food. I can get all of that just by watching a man be 'narcissistic' with his selfies and videos and podcasts.

According to the article 'Why Millennials will save us all,' we are life hackers. We want to do something and then we know what we are going to do next right away and no one is going to tell us differently. It can get annoying and obnoxious to some, but here we are, pushing and shoving our ways into the life that we have taken control of. We embrace the system and reject it all at once. We know it is horrible, so we've hacked it. We aren't trying to take over the Establishment, no, we grew up without one. We have have individual power due to technology. We can now start our own businesses without the help of outsiders. We are independent. And that is why people fear us.