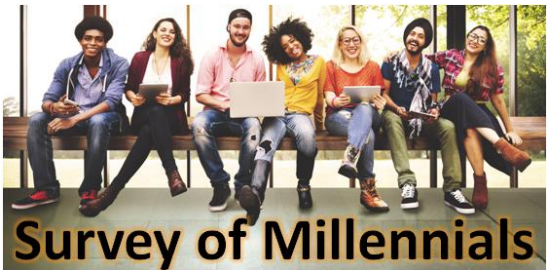
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Surveys from 2016-18

~ 2,500 Millennials surveyed in each poll

- **Two-thirds of youth fearful about America's future**
  - **67% Fearful**
  - **31 % Hopeful**
- **Greatest Threat to America is not from the *outside*, but from the *inside***
  - **67% Inside**
  - **31% Outside**
- **Half No Longer Believe in the American Dream**
  - **50% Agree: My life will not be better than my parents.**
  - **Only 15% Agree: America is headed in the right direction.**
  - **Nearly 50% Agree: Politics today are no longer able to meet the challenges our country is facing.**
- **Capitalism is supported by less than half, ages 18-29**
  - **42% support Capitalism**
    Among those most likely to vote: 52% support capitalism
  - **31% support Socialism**
    Among those most likely to vote: 41% support socialism
  - **11% trust Wall Street**
- **No Trust in American Institutions – the only Trusted Institutions:**
  - **51% trust the Military**
  - **52% trust their Local Police**
  - **All other institutions surveyed received votes of no confidence**
- **We need a new spirit of community – a sense that we are all in this together or the American Dream will continue to wither.**
  - **67% Agree**