Millennials Are Ready to Transform Healthcare

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Congratulations, Millennials. We are now the largest generation in the healthcare workforce. We are the generation of design and innovation. We are the generation of no voice in healthcare.

It's been recently reported that we make 20% less than our parents did at this stage of their life.¹ Add that to growing student loans,² growing stagnation of wage increases,³ and our limited interest of politics, and we've got a very difficult set of circumstances to overcome.

Let's not forget to mention that Millennials may also be inheriting major economic and environmental challenges over the next decade.

And if you are a Millennial on the fast track to success, understand that most of your colleagues are not, which should be of personal concern to you. The ripple effect that the previously mentioned challenges have on future growth and development of our work force stands to become a direct challenge to the development of your career, from promotions to available jobs in your profession.

The notion that Millennials are living in their parents' basements⁴ is not because we aren't motivated; it's because we are stuck with so many constraints we can't afford to rent the attic.

To young professionals, including me, all of these realizations are extremely frustrating. A bachelor's degree isn't what it used to be. Meaning, a bachelor's degree in your field no longer qualifies you for an entry-level position in your career. You'll need work experience and very good contacts. Work experience you likely must

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Millennials: Let's utilize all methods for getting our voice heard in the public sphere of healthcare, new and old. Let's engage local community health councils, and promote digital media that highlight views of our generation. Take every single comment you hear declaring Millennials as "lazy" or "not willing to accept things the way they are" and emphasize that our information-driven mind-set is key to the growth of healthcare consumerism, and our ability to look past the status quo to solve complex challenges is paving the way to major healthcare improvements. Millennials believe the best way to improve the world is to understand it first. And given the right tools and a little time, we can fix major problems.

Give us a voice and we will transform healthcare. ■■■

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