

More on Why Young People Become "Nones"

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As mentioned yesterday, the PRRI's American Values Survey examined the rise of the "nones," especially among young people. Here is another take, an essay I have been meaning to call attention to, that was published at The New Republic earlier this month: [Laura Bennett's takedown of what she calls "Generation Whine."](#) [1] I would only point out that the PRRI survey showed that those who self-identify as "nones" are less likely to vote. They not only go "bowling alone," they register their politics alone too. Conversely, many religious Millennials are much more likely than their parents' generation to get involved in civic society, helping out neighbors, donating time to charities, and voting. They may or may not "whine" and they may or may not define their generation, but who would you rather have as a neighbor?

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