

**“You
can’t say
that! It hurts my
feelings!”**



‘Generation snowflake’ —the supposedly thin-skinned **millennials*** — has been a ubiquitous insult in 2016. But many are saying the term trivialises young people’s concerns. Are they right?

***a person reaching young adulthood around the year 2000**

Literacy

Two weeks ago, a London university voted to ban newspapers The Sun, Daily Mail and Daily Express from its campus on the grounds that they promote 'fascism and social divisiveness'. Last week an arts college in Massachusetts removed the American flag 'to acknowledge the grief experienced by many' following the election of Donald Trump.

Literacy

In recent years stories like these have hit the news almost every day. A ban here, a protest there. Sometimes a famous person is 'no-platformed', or a university introduces a new 'safe space'.

To many older people, the new language of 'micro-aggressions' and 'trigger-warnings' seems strange and foreign. In the Western world, where free speech has been the most fundamental right of all, anger has been heaped on a younger generation that is seen as over-sensitive and incapable of coping with conflicting views.

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A SNOWFLAKE DICTIONARY

Trigger warning

distressing material coming up



Microaggression

offensive behaviour expressed subtly

Safe space

a place where some discussion topics are not allowed

Intersectionality

the idea of belonging to more than one minority

No-platforming

banning people from public speaking



A dictionary for our time: many have said that young people are 'out of control'.

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Thus the term 'generation snowflake' came into being. Snowflakes are delicate and unique, like the caricature of the young Westerner in 2016. The insult's message is simple: 'stop complaining, stop being offended by everything and grow up'.

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Do the
Snowflakes have
a point?

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Agree to disagree

Absolutely, say many young people sick of being criticised for vocally expressing their opinions. In a world that is showing dangerous signs of becoming less tolerant, it is up to millennials to uphold standards. There is nothing wrong with calling out racism, sexism and other forms of prejudice.

Agree to disagree

That is true, but there is a lot of difference between criticising people and wanting to ban them outright. The irony is that, while fighting for 'tolerance', generation snowflake are furiously intolerant of those who dare to disagree with them. This is dreadful preparation for later life. Society should ignore the pleas of these sensitive youngsters for censorship and tell them to stop moaning.

Should there be
any limits on free
speech?

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adjective of the day

divisive

tending to cause hostility or disagreement between people

Because the topic of immigration reform is so **divisive**, it has completely separated the nation.

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Noun of the day

Fascism

extreme right-wing, authoritarian, or intolerant views or practices.

***Fascism** is one of the most destruction and oppressive forms of government today*

Literacy

WE HAVE TO UPHOLD
A FREE PRESS AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH.
BECAUSE, IN THE END,
LIES AND MISINFORMATION
ARE NO MATCH FOR THE TRUTH.

~BARACK OBAMA



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