

# SYMPOSIUM

## “YOUTH POLICY RESPONSES TO THE CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES FACED BY YOUNG PEOPLE”

#youthpolicy17

12-14 June 2017  
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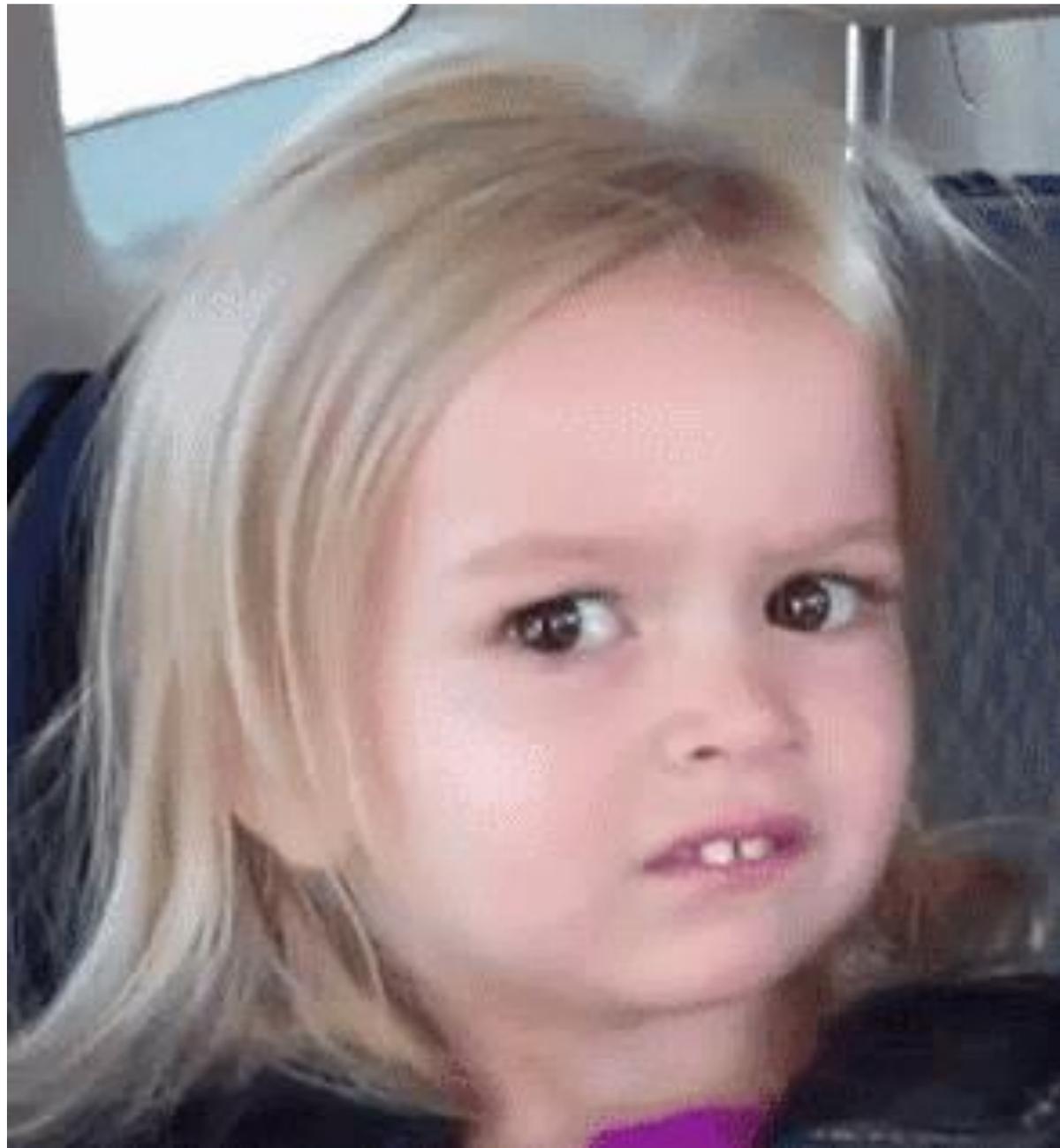
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## *Avoid the Smartphone Slump*



*The Art of*  
**MANLINESS**  
EST. 2008

The evolution of cell-phone Use from a **habit to an addiction.** [3]



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We determined that the higher the attention span, the lower is the time spent on Online Social Networking. [2]

Results revealed **negative relationship** between time spent by students on OSN and their **academic performance**[2]

**48% of the respondents** agreed that they tend to use smartphone for about **5 – 7 hours per day on social communication sites** [1]

Oversatur  
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WEEKLY WORLD

# NEWS

June 15, 1993

60p

**Space creature survived  
UFO crash in Arkansas!**

# HILLARY CLINTON ADOPTS ALIEN BABY



**OFFICIAL  
PHOTO!**

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**VERY  
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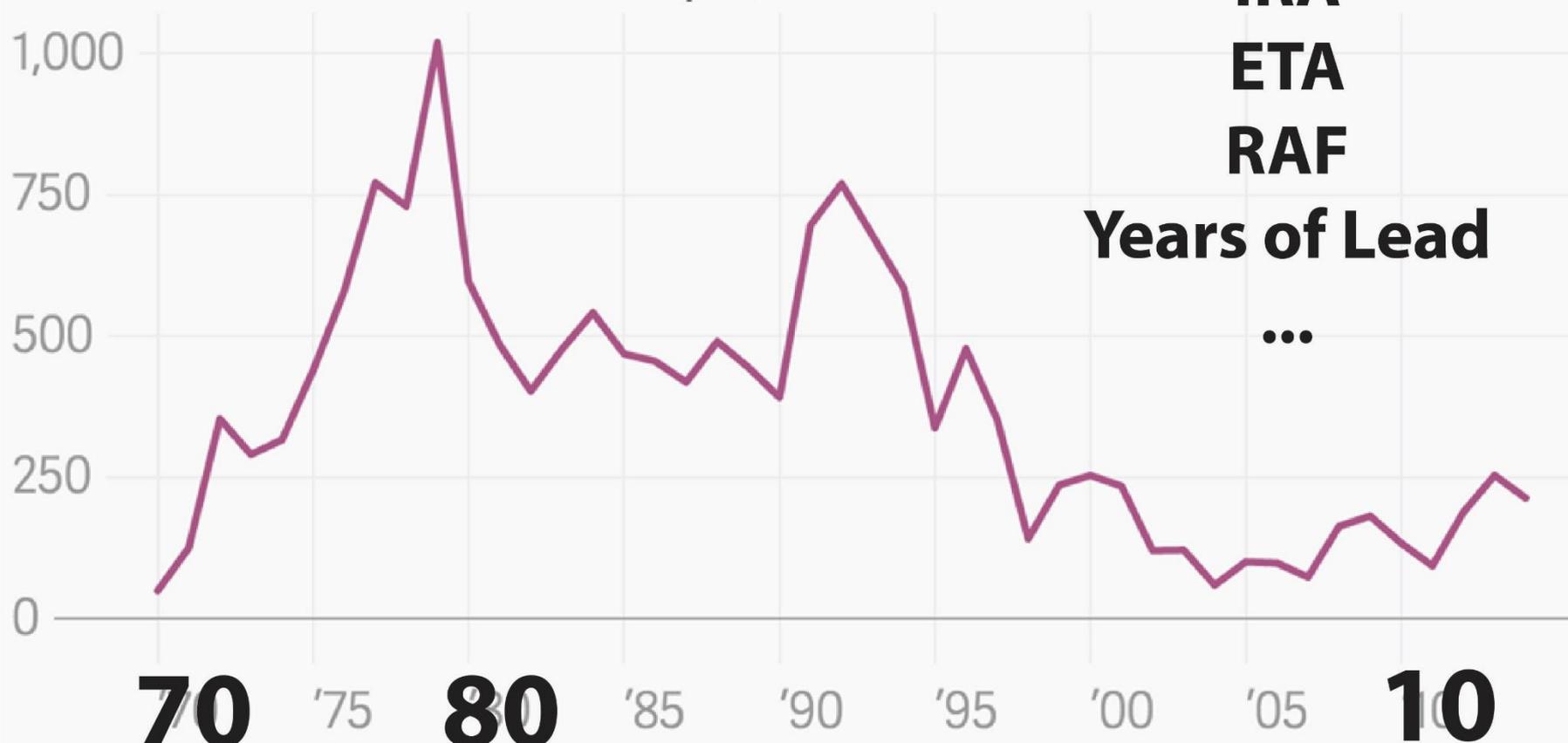
**Secret Service building special  
nursery in the White House!**

Negativity + anxiety +  
oversaturation

=

disinterest + lack of  
empathy + being lost

# Terror attacks in Western Europe (1970-2015)



**IRA**  
**ETA**  
**RAF**  
**Years of Lead**  
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△ T L △ S | Data: Global Terrorism Database

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## Technology

- \* How to use technology
- \* Reflect upon information
- \* Educate about danger and perks
- \* Ensure presence of a framework to deal with the aftermath of technology

## Youth Participation

- \* Platform to utter frustration and questions
- \* change structures to promote the opportunity of change
- \* From youth for youth
- \* Bridge between the EU bubble and young people

## How to make people give a fuck

- \* Listen
- \* No hiding behind political jargon, and power play
- \* Think out of the box
- \* Use new approaches and change old power structures

- \* Youth are the solution — not the problem! Nothing about us, without us, is for us.
- \* “We all benefit by having young people exposed to the ‘way things are done’ in a democratic society. [But it is] time... to ‘tap the power of youth’” — Hans Bernard
- \* “[...] For society to attempt to solve its desperate problems without the full participation of even very young people is imbecile.” — Alvin Toffler

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