



SYMPOSIUM

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

#youthpolicy17

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smart phone

Avoid the Smartphone Slump



The Art of
MANLINESS
EST. 2008

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



smart phone

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
ated

WEEKLY WORLD

NEWS

June 15, 1993

60p

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

HILLARY CLINTON ADOPTS ALIEN BABY



**OFFICIAL
PHOTO!**

fake

**VERY
FAKE
NEWS**



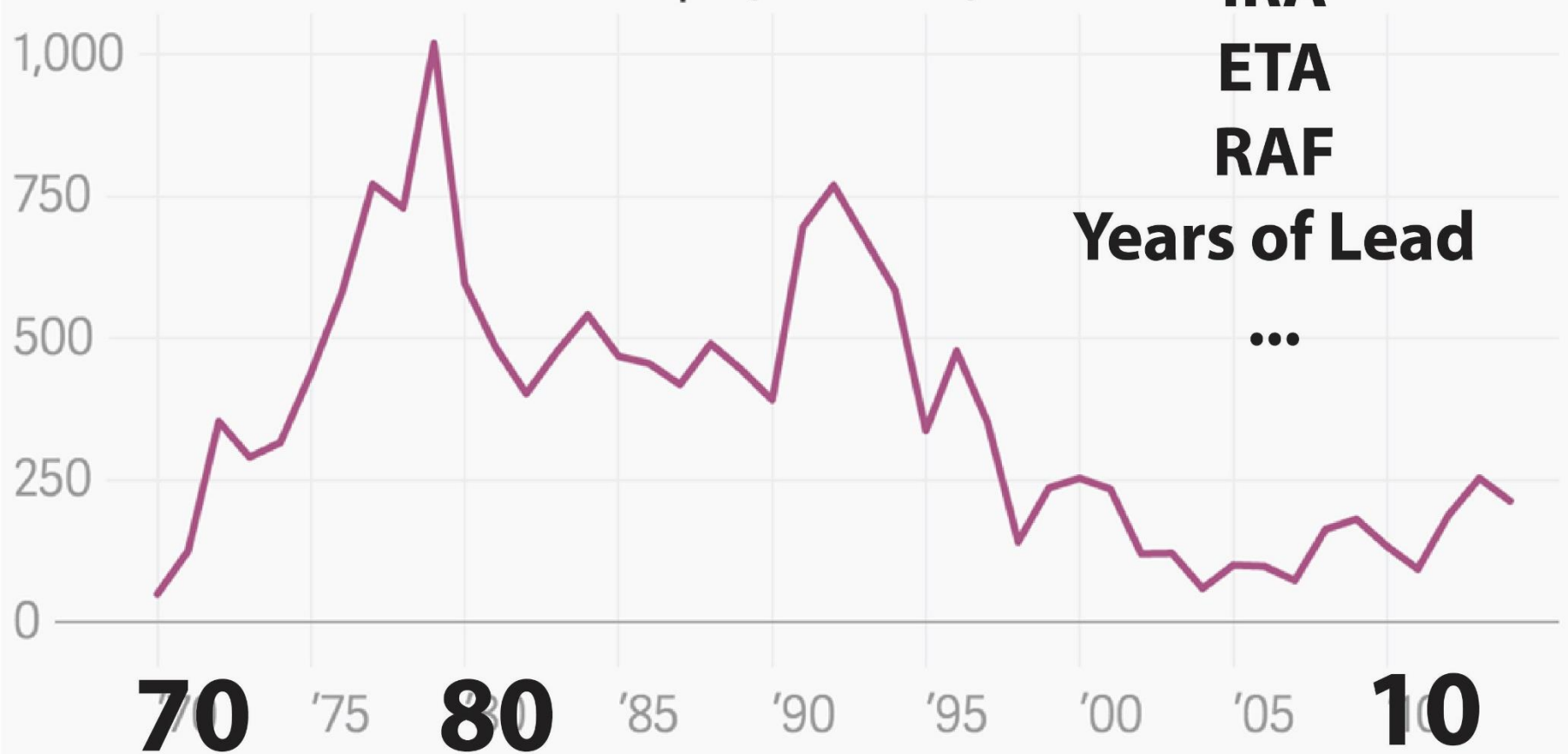
**Secret Service building special
nursery in the White House!**

Negativity + anxiety +
oversaturation

=

disinterest + lack of
empathy + being lost

Terror attacks in Western Europe (1970-2015)



IRA
ETA
RAF
Years of Lead
...

ATLAS | 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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