GREAT (GEN Z) EXPECTATIONS: HOW TO WIN TRUST, LOYALTY & PARTICIPATION

COMING OF AGE IN A RADICALLY <u>New World</u>.

- Like in other disruptive moments in history, Gen Z is navigating profound social, political and environmental transformations.
- Their world is defined by instant access to information, polarized politics and a social media-powered desire for validation, identity and belonging.
- In the context of so much change, Gen Z is taking a stand on issues, speaking out and harnessing their claim to the diverse and inclusive future they want.

THEY EXPECT YOU TO TAKE A STAND - PUBLICLY.

- In the past, brands have shied away from taking a stand on issues of social justice and racial discrimination for fear of offending consumers.
- Today, Gen Z consumers **expect** brands to take a public stance on social issues in order to be able to feel comfortable buying from them.

THEY EXPECT YOU TO BE <u>Purpose</u> Driven.

- Gen Z is 3X more likely to say that the purpose of business should be to "serve communities and society" rather than simply to "make good products and services."
- According to a Kantar Monitor survey 68% of consumers said they expect brands to be clear about their values and take a stand on them:

42%
31%
22%
GEN Z
GEN X
BOOMERS

SILENCE IS COMPLACENCY. TAKING A STAND BREAKS THROUGH.

- "For Gen Z, silence is complacency. This generation isn't afraid to take a stand on issues and they expect the same from brands. Gen Z expects brands to bring an honest perspective on today's challenging topics, and they recognize that if you are going to say something meaningful, not everyone will agree."
 - Raphael Bemporad, Founding Partner, BBMG

BE BRAVE.

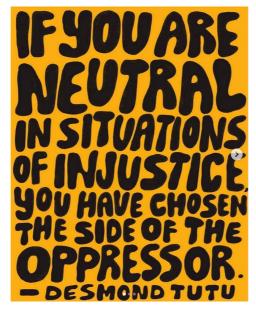
Stand up for Gen Z's authentic values and beliefs - don't chase what's easy or what's popular.





as we rest our heads
tonight,
breonna taylor's killers
walk free









MAKE SPACE.

Reimagine the role of Gen Z from passive consumers to **active co-creators** who help shape conversations, shift culture and fuel authentic connection.



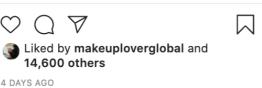
WELCOME ALL.

Stand up for, design for, and celebrate those in our society who have been overlooked, marginalized, or left out.



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MEAN IT.

Act as platforms for individual growth, passionate pursuits and networks of support as Gen Z defines their personal journeys as workers, citizens and consumers.

Posting once or twice, here and there and then going back to "business as usual" won't fly! **Gen Z is watching** and they know when your efforts are not genuine and treated more like the "trend du jour."



TAKE ACTION.

The period of "listening and learning" is over. Declare clear strategies for action, improvement and impact.

These changes cannot just be cosmetic. They must be addressed at the organizational level:

- How do you reflect a diverse voice and community if you don't hire from a diverse pool of candidates? This authenticity must be much more than skin deep.
- Seek out authentic voices to partner with and give them a platform.
- KEEP IT UP! This is must be a lasting brand shift, not a trend.

SECURE YOUR BRANDS PLACE IN THEIR FUTURE.

START WITH HONESTY

• Unveil that which unites your brand's reason for being with Gen Z's authentic needs, hopes and aspirations.

DEFINE YOUR PURPOSE

• Define your brand's north star and the values and ideals you'll fight for no matter what.

ACTIVATE YOUR COMMUNITY

• Design brand experiences that invite and inspire all of us to join forces and shape a future we can believe in and **be proud of.**

"IN THE END WE WILL REMEMBER NOT THE WORDS OF OUR ENEMIES, BUT THE SILENCE OF OUR FRIENDS."

- REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

THANK YOU