

Opinion: Gen X – the forgotten generation

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I spend a lot of time discussing generational differences (which are, by definition, broad characterizations of groups of similarly aged people) and how best to handle them in the workplace.

Over the last couple years, most of the conversation has centered around millennials – the burgeoning, often hard to understand and newest generation of workers. I often receive a great deal of feedback on articles about millennials, particularly from baby boomer readers struggling to find common ground. But the conversation rarely lands on the smaller generation squeezed between boomers and millennials – generation X.

There are 65 million Gen Xers – generally defined as people born between 1965 and 1980 – in the workforce, increasingly poised to inherit key leadership roles from retiring boomers. In fact, Gen Xers already are leading some of the nation's top Fortune 500 companies, including Google, Dell and Sprint.

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