

Opinion Pieces

Choose TWO of the following opinion pieces to respond to:

#1) As you read the following article, in conjunction with your textbook reading, think about the potential psychological impacts that people in this period of development may experience that is perhaps, different from what generations prior have experienced. What are some qualities within contemporary society that could be generating different experiences and outcomes for the **Emerging Adult**?

[Trends for Emerging Adulthood](#)

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<https://www.apa.org/monitor/jun06/emerging.aspx>

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#2) Again, in conjunction with the information you have gleaned in your textbook reading, please summarize your thoughts/comments about "gender dysphoria" during adolescence and the idea of sex reassignment especially as it pertains to a minor.

<https://www.the-scientist.com/news/reevaluating-sex-reassignment-55850>

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<https://sciencebasedmedicine.org/rapid-onset-gender-dysphoria-and-squelching-controversial-evidence/>

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[Reality star Jazz Jennings](#)

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#3) Read this article about a woman in her 40's who is experiencing the "Sandwich Generation" effect...a scenario that more folks in "middle adulthood" are living than not

(including your PSY205 instructor!). Given your understanding now of the physical/cognitive/socio-emotional development occurring during these years, how do you think an individual may be impacted (for better or for worse) in this context?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/11/parenting/sandwich-generation-costs.html>

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#4)

https://www.ted.com/talks/laura_carstensen_older_people_are_happier?utm_campaign=tedspread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare

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Have you ever given any thought to whether you will feel "happier"/more content the older you get? Jot down your opinion to this question first and then view the TED talk above. Follow your viewing of the Ted Talk, write about whether or not your opinion changed.