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Last Wednesday, the [New America Foundation](#) hosted an event, [The Latest Generation](#), that examined new research about the political and civic engagement of Millenials and how they might shape public policy in the years to come.

TDI Board Member and [CIRCLE](#) Director, Peter Levine, co-authored one of the papers that was discussed, "The Millennial Pendulum: A New Generation of Voters and the Prospects for a Political Realignment." The other paper that was discussed and released at the event was, "Yes We Can: The Emergence of Millennials as a Political Generation."

These new papers examine the complexity underlying this cohort's attitudes towards a range of subjects.

The event's description bills them as "Confident and consensus-oriented, Millennials instinctively trust large institutions such as corporations and government bureaucracies. Traditionalists when it comes to family and country, they are nonetheless strongly pro-gay marriage and anti-war. Coddled by "helicopter parents" and coming of age amidst the senseless carnage of Columbine and 9/11, they are risk-adverse and yet drawn to promises of bold change and lofty challenges."

You can read and download both papers, as well as video and audio of the event [here](#).