

Through a Zoom Call with my dad, Tim, I used the voice transcriber to capture the interview. It is shown below:

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Question 1:

My name is Tim Richardson, born in 1968. Generation X

Question 2:

“The Cold War impacted my childhood. The Cold War is a term given to a worldwide, geopolitical conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union. This war never involved direct, overt hostilities between the two principles. Instead, it was often waged by proxy armies in regions like Vietnam, Korea and the Middle East.

My father was an Arkansas farm boy who, due to his extremely high scholastic aptitude tests, was selected by the United States Air Force for language training. He learned to speak Russian in 1956 and spent the next 20 years intercepting Russian radio signals, mainly stationed in Japan, Okinawa and Alaska.

I grew up in Alaska on Air Force Bases listening to my dad spend time with his buddies during their off duty hours. Interestingly, due to the secret nature of their work and their intelligence service training, they never spoke of the nature of their duties. Instead, their conversation was on very mundane things like country music, drinking wine and water skiing.

It was only many years later, sitting at the dinner table, that I learned my father had been shot in the back by Russian security forces while on a secret mission while observing a Soviet military base on the Kamchatka peninsula.

Question 3

At work, I prefer face-to-face communication

Question 4:

Affluent

Question 5

The world is a better place; the moral arc of history is bending towards tolerance of different people, different religions, different cultures and different beliefs.

Question 6

Leadership is a process where a leader and their followers work towards a common purpose; the leader needs to show his followers why that purpose is also in their own best interest.”

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How does this generation vary from your generation? What differences do you see? What do you think that means for your leadership?

This generation differs from my generation based on the changes and challenges of their younger years. A big difference between the generations is the fact that the wars of their time affected them in a way that my generation does not feel. Our generation is surrounded by a plethora of new experiences, but the effects of war play virtually non-existent roles. For my leadership, the answer to question 6 has showed me a new perspective on how I should lead my team for the projects this semester.