

TOPIC PROPOSAL - HAVING BABIES PROS AND CONS

Why is this topic significant for you right now? : The need is - I want know if having a baby is gonna be worth it - it is a permanent and life altering decision to decide whether or not to have a baby and I need to know the facts - what are the pros and cons of having a baby and who else my age is going to be having babies? Is the birth rate declining or is that just the vibe? this is a relevant topic because its financially impactful and everyone on the planet has gone through this decision making research process.

What are you hoping to learn about this topic between now and the end of this semester? What are the pros and cons of having a baby right now? Who is having babies right now? Does genZ want babies? I expect to end the piece with a "yes babies are worth it" or "no they are not" by compiling research for both sides of the argument. My intended audience will be other people my age, To prepare for this website/ research topic - I will research birth rate statistics and the trend with those, and then I will continue with the financial cost of raising a baby per year and the rate of average pay and then I will calculate the costs and the financial success of if babies are achievable. Then I will look at time and personal life left over on average from having children - I will look at opinions from parents - are they happy with having kids?? or I will look at opinions of adults who are old and don't have any kids - are they happy with their decision?? or are they lonely?? who takes care of them when they are old?? Much of my research will be obtained from academic journals and articles provided by Columbia's library website; I will also seek valid sources through jStor and news articles as well as tiktok! I will also be checking out some podcasts and see if there is anyone through that medium who has joined in on this conversation. I will also be looking into how the economy has changed and how the amount of people who want to have kids reflects that, if at all.

Who might you interview about this topic and why would you choose them? As for interviews I will be interviewing multiple people really vaguely

- At least 4 moms or people who would be mom age and do not have kids
- At least 4 people my age (18-25)

This is because I want a wider array of opinions because it is such a huge decision i want to talk to people who have had babies and people who might be on the fence about having babies and why so and also talking to people who are mom age but chose not to have kids and why they chose that - if possible I will also try to interview

- At least 2 nurses / doctors knowledgeable about pregnancy

I am already writing a research paper for my english 2 class on this topic so I will be able to transfer the interviews and information between both projects.