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Key Words: Generation Z, Technology Acceptance Model (TAM).

1. Introduction

Dimock, M. (2019), President of Pew Research Center, suggests how generation gap provides insight as a tool that analyses changes in views over time. It can provide a way to understand how different formative experiences (such as world events and technological, economic and social shifts) interact with the life-cycle and aging process to shape people's views of the world. Technology, being one of the key drivers of change, is also influenced by the generation that adopts it and develops it. The Generation X (those who are born during the years 1965-1977) is the generation that has been credited with moving the Internet into the mainstream (Reisenwitz, T. H., & Iyer, R., 2009). Generation Y (those who are born during the years 1977-1994) is the first generation to use email, instant messaging, and cell phones since childhood (Tyler 2007; Tyler 2008) and finally Generation Z (those who are born after 1994) is naturally digital. They cannot live without Smartphones, Internet, Google, Facebook and Mobile apps. The evolution of technology and its exposure to generations has changed the lifestyle and perceptions of people. These generations differ from each other in adoption of digital financial transactions. A Study

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