MODERN HISTORIC EVENTS
BY GENERATION

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Q. *Please name the 10 historic events that occurred in YOUR lifetime that you think have had the greatest impact on the country. This could be one specific event, a series of related events or any other historic development or change that had an important impact on the nation.*

Millennials

1	Sept. 11	86 %
2	Obama election	47
3	Iraq/Afghanistan wars	24
4	Gay marriage	19
5	The tech revolution	18
6	Orlando shooting	17
7	Hurricane Katrina	11
8	Columbine shooting	10
9	Bin Laden	10
10	Sandy Hook	7
11	Boston Marathon bombing	7
12	Great Recession	7

Generation X

1	Sept. 11	79 %
2	Obama election	40
3	Fall of Berlin Wall/end of Cold War	21
4	The tech revolution	20
5	Iraq/Afghanistan wars	18
6	Gulf War	15
7	Challenger disaster	14
8	Gay marriage	10
9	Hurricane Katrina	10
10	Columbine shooting	9
11	Orlando shooting	9
12	Oklahoma City bombing	9

Baby Boomers

1	Sept. 11	70 %
2	JFK assassination	45
3	Vietnam War	41
4	Obama election	38
5	Moon landing	35
6	The tech revolution	26
7	Civil rights movement	18
8	Fall of Berlin Wall/end of Cold War	16
9	MLK assassination	15
10	Iraq/Afghanistan wars	11

Silent Generation

1	Sept. 11	59 %
2	WWII	44
3	JFK assassination	41
4	Vietnam War	37
5	Moon landing	29
6	Obama election	28
7	The tech revolution	27
8	Civil rights movement	18
9	Korean War	18
10	Iraq/Afghanistan wars	14

Note: Shown are the top 10 events mentioned, including numerical ties. While events are ranked numerically for ease of reading, not all differences between ranked events are statistically significant. Look to accompanying text to highlight significant differences.
Source: Survey conducted June 16-July 4, 2016.
'Americans Name the 10 Most Significant Historic Events of Their Lifetimes"