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- ★ **preferred name (if not your username)**
- ★ **What song do you know all the words to?**



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Building thriving financial futures through Hip Hop pedagogy

Money Moves: Innovate with Hip Hop & Finance



Discovery through
Hip Hop Pedagogy
& Design Thinking



Building
Financial Resilience
Beyond Financial Literacy



Developing
Understanding to Navigate
Financial Systems



Creating Community for
Intergenerational Action
& Advocacy

HISTORY OF ME

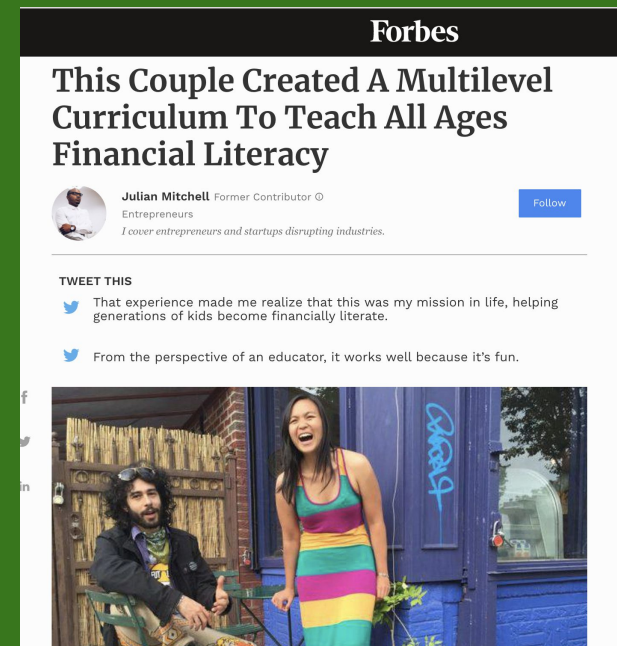
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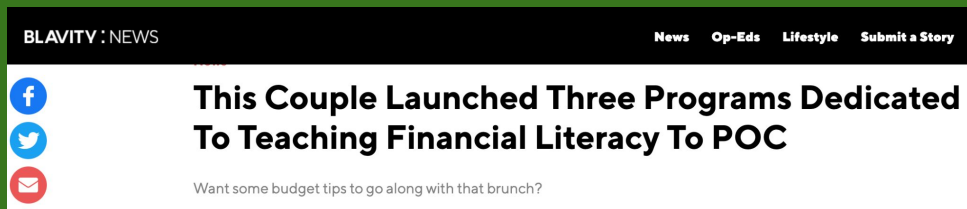
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Create Action & Pockets Change: Building Financial Resilience & Transforming Communities



How to Make Budgeting Fun

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What is Pockets Change?

Pockets Change uses hip hop pedagogy to teach students, educators, and families how to liberate their communities through personal finance

Pockets Change is the winner of the 2022 award for innovation in financial education



Congratulations to the winner of our 3rd annual financial education song contest!



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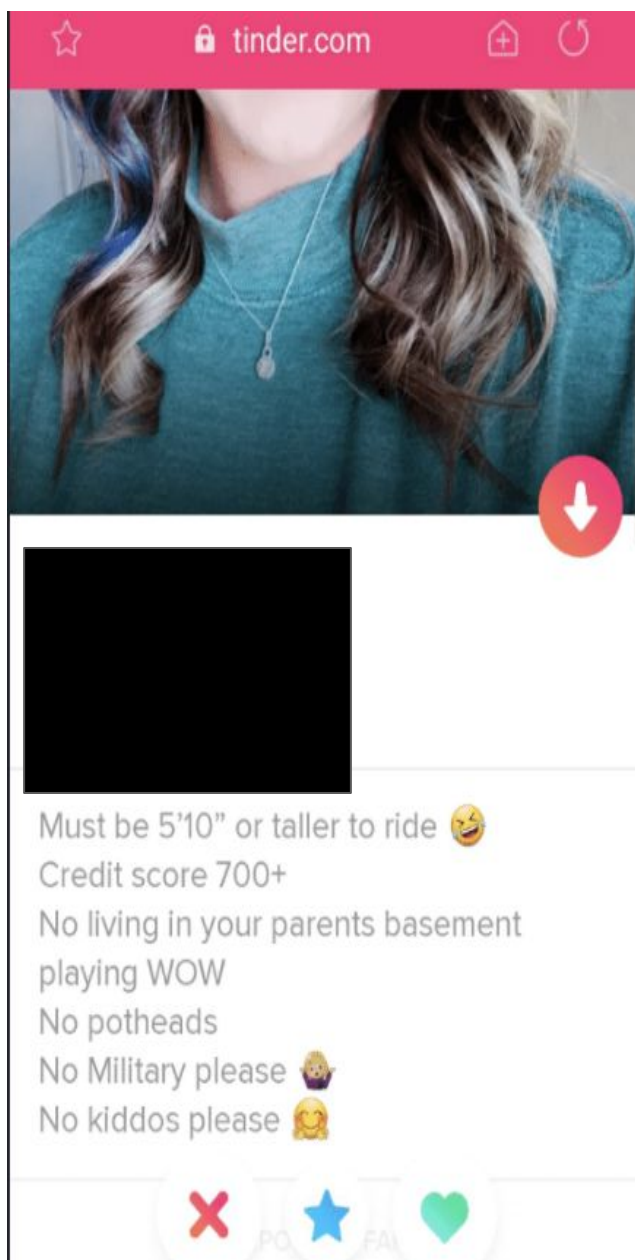
Get ready to use lessons
for students to:

- Grow financial knowledge 
- Build creative career skills 
- Win incredible prizes! 

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Why Should We Talk About Money?

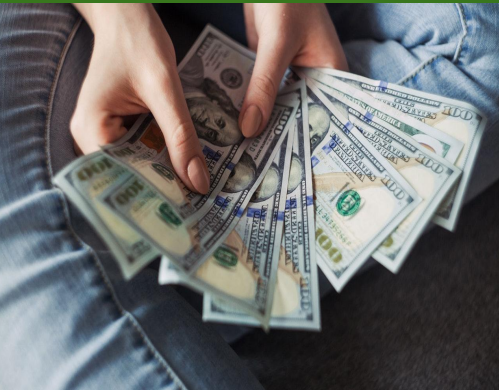




Taking control of your finances is a Revolutionary Act

You're part of a system that's designed to take you out:

- *Bad credit score?* Your landlord, employer, utility company, cell phone company, insurance company can penalize you
- *Didn't file taxes every year?* Can't buy a house, get a business loan, might owe back taxes
- *No estate plan?* All the work it took to accumulate wealth goes to lawyers and court fees



**You're not wrong,
you're not a fool,
you're not alone**

Safety is the intervention

Money is emotional, and we're going to get deep into our habits & practices, wants & needs

We're happy to stop and speak about any feelings or memories that come up

We invite you to be vulnerable, but also feel free to keep yourself safe, and 'turn off your screen' if you need not be perceived

There are no bad questions and we'll explain anything you ask





FIND A MONEY BUDDY!

WHY DOES SAVING FEEL SO HARD TO DO?





Hidden Costs and the Decline
of the American Middle Class

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DEVIN FERGUS

“Contracts have gotten exponentially longer than they were a generation or so ago. So here we are with more complicated contracts, more complicated legalese, while the American consumer has less and less time to deal with and read these materials.” - Devin Fergus

Is Greedflation Driving U.S. Consumer Price Increases?

U.S. Producer and Consumer Price Index (Jan. 1982=100)



Not seasonally adjusted. CPI: All urban consumers, city average. PPI: All commodities
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

The Racial Wealth Divide



The average wealth of white families is 10 TIMES the wealth of Black families (\$171,000 vs. \$17,000)



It will take 242 YEARS for the average Black family to catch up to the wealth of a white family today



1 out of 3 families of color have a net worth of ZERO OR LESS vs. 1 out of 12 white households

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85 WHITES AND NEGROES DIE IN TULSA RIOTS; AS 3,000 ARMED MEN BATTLE IN STREETS; 30 BLOCKS BURNED, MILITARY RULE IN CITY

*Fury of the Firing at Tulsa Is Shown
By Scars on Train That Passed Through*

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 1.—Evidence of the fury of the race clash was borne by a St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train which arrived here today from the East. Many of the windows in one of the coaches had been shot out and the sides of the coaches were scarred by bullets fired upon the train as it passed through the negro quarter in Tulsa early today. None of the passengers was injured.

J. E. Lucas, a traveling salesman, who arrived here today from Tulsa, gave a vivid account of the fighting in the vicinity of the St. Louis and San Francisco passenger station.

"Pullman cars standing in the yards were fired on and the windows shattered," he said. "Passengers left their berths and lay flat on the floor in the aisles."

"There was a lull in the firing when a passenger train pulled in and women and children alighted. Then the firing began again."

"Bodies of three negroes were lying in front of the station when the train arrived."

SERIES OF FIERCE COMBATS

Angered Whites Surround Negro Quarter and Set It on Fire.

THOUSANDS FLEE IN TERROR

Passing Trains Hit by Volleys in Battles at Railway Stations.

TROOPS RUSHED TO CITY

Governor Comes to Investigate

WIRTH TELLS WHAT MARLBOROUGH WILL

THINGS DON'T JUST GO AWAY

HISTORICAL RACISM IS WHY YOU RELY ON TIPS TODAY

For workers regularly making more than \$30 a month in tips, employers can currently pay as little as \$2.13 an hour



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“N**es take tips, of course; one expects that of them—it is a token of their inferiority. Tips go with servility, and no man who is a voter in this country is in the least justified in being in service.”**

Inspire (v): to breathe in

Share in Chat : How does this image make you feel? Does it remind you of a conversation with a loved one, student, or yourself?



What About Will-Power?



The Marshmallow Test

- Study designed to predict child's willpower and ability to delay gratification at an early age
- **Why** did some children eat the marshmallow right away and others could wait for the 2nd marshmallow?
- Theory was that ability to delay gratification leads to greater personal responsibility which leads to greater success in life

The Marshmallow Myth

Not a predictor of personal responsibility but of socio-economic class

The failed replication of the marshmallow test does more than just debunk the earlier notion; it suggests other possible explanations for why poorer kids would be less motivated to wait for that second marshmallow.

For them, daily life holds fewer guarantees: There might be food in the pantry today, but there might not be tomorrow, so there is a risk that comes with waiting.

And even if their parents promise to buy more of a certain food, sometimes that promise gets broken out of financial necessity.

**If we get to see tomorrow
I hope it's worth all the wait
It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday
And I'll take with me the memories
To be my sunshine after the rain
It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday**





HUGE acknowledgment to our
interpersonal neurobiology teachers,
who have asked to remain anonymous,
for this transformative information

*Anything in italics is a direct quote from
them*

Explicit vs. Implicit Memory

- ★ **Explicit memory** - the conscious retrieval of past information or experiences, **lives in the mind**
 - i.e. birthdays, stories, grocery list, appointments
- ★ **Implicit memory** - unconscious, or automatic memories, **lives in the body**
 - i.e. brushing teeth, driving a car, knowing all the words to a song

Explicit vs. Implicit Memory

***Explicit memory** fires off in your brain/body at **~5-60 bits** per second*

***Implicit memory** fires off in your brain/body at **~11 million bits** per second*

Explicit vs. Implicit Memory

Money can represent a lot of implicit memories you may not be able to readily access

If you start to feel uncomfortable, ask yourself where you feel it in your body and **honor that**

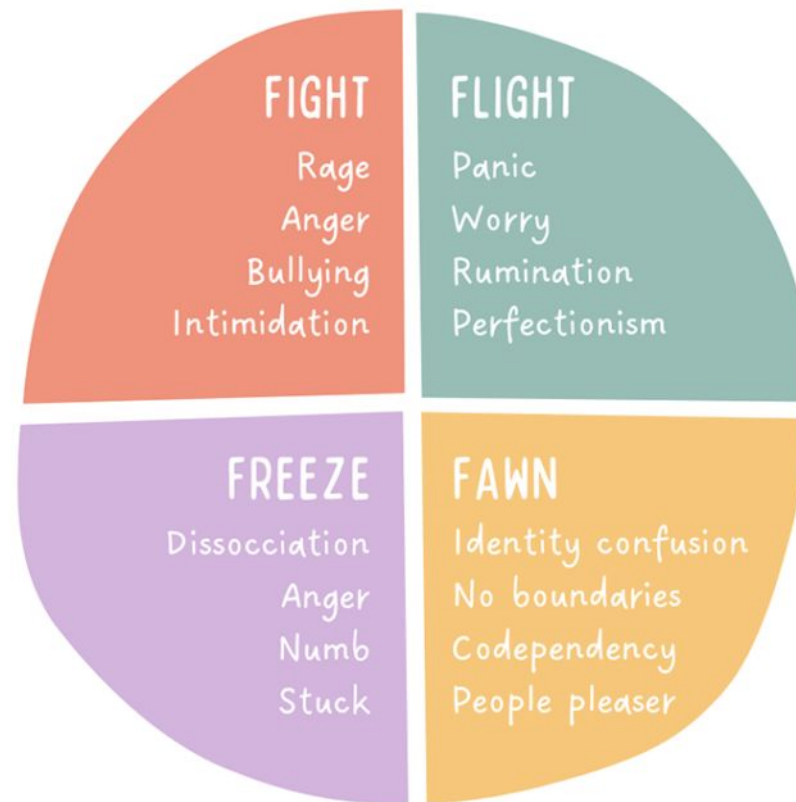
Are you a one marshmallow kid?

**Our bodies protect us whether our
conscious mind knows it or not**

For some people, spending money as soon as you get it can be your body's way of saying:
"someone is going to take this from me, so
I'm going to spend it before they do."

Having savings might not feel safe

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Remember that it's ok to want to dress nice.

AND ALSO: Societal pressures ranging from mom passing down Jim Crow era advice to look nice for safety, to the hustlemode 'fake it to you make it' crowd and the 'no jeans or workboots' respectability politicians.



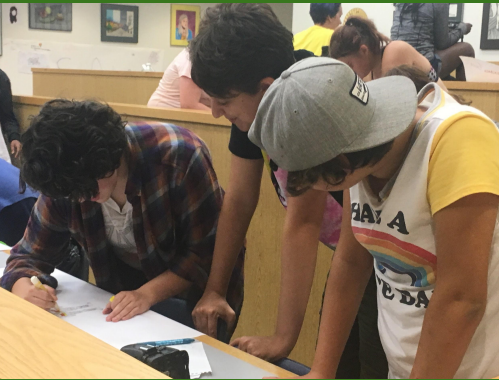
Bas-ket-ball

Basketball Beatbox for Your Classroom

- ★ Step 1: Say “Bas-ket-ball”
- ★ Step 2: Notice the muscles you use the most when you say “Basketball.” Emphasize them and say **“Bas-ket-ball”**
- ★ Step 3: Take a deep breath using your diaphragm. Imagine your belly being filled with air (like a basketball) expel that air and say **“Bas-ket-ball”** again
- ★ Step 4: What’s the worst form of communication? Words. Words are just window dressing for the rhythm and tone that is inherent to all of us. Take the window dressing off and say the rhythm of the word without the word. In other words, say **“Bss-ssktt-Boh”**
- ★ Step 5: That middle part, “ssktt.” Say it again. That’s your transition, place that in between saying **“Bss-ssktt-Boh”** and you’ve got a beat. Now try it.

What's your art?

Hip Hop Pedagogy



Hip Hop Elements

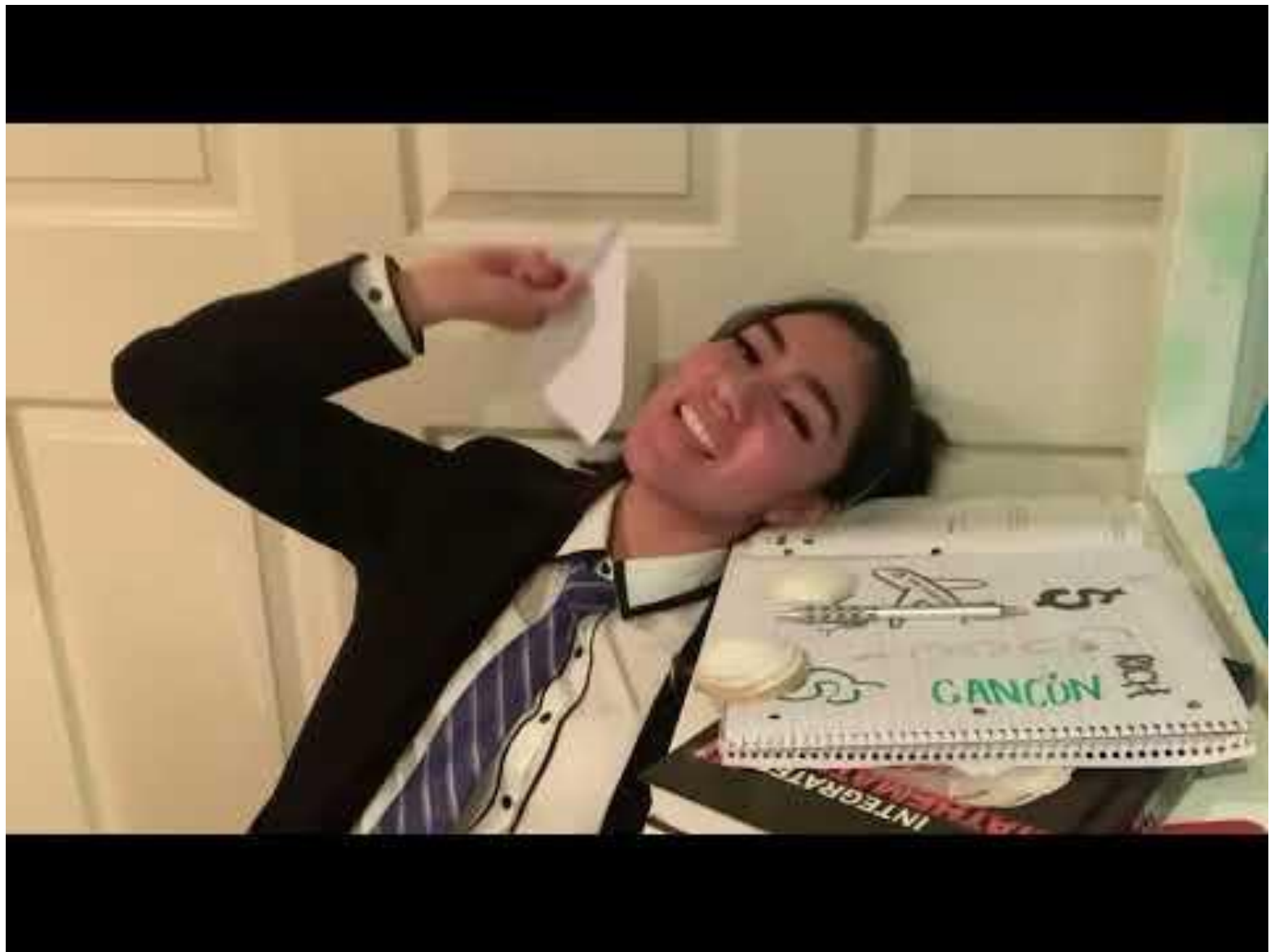
MC - voice, community, way to commune and share stories, mantras, mnemonics

Beatboxer - rhythm, sharing energy, set the table, make room for others

B-Boy- break dancing, organized movement, start of Hip Hop dance battles instead of stabbing/fighting,

DJ - remixing, repurposing, sampling, sequencing, love of tools, mixing and matching to bring the whole story together, photography, art, etc

Graffiti Writer- visual art, expression, rebellious introverted expression (vandalism part), marginalized voices, slower recognition but deeper retention



“Money Means” Cleo de Jay

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Money Personality



What's Your Money Personality?



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Money Buddy



Which Phrase Do You Relate To More?

- A. I think more about the money I have now, it's not real until it's in my hands.
- B. I'm usually spending money in my head before I even get it.

Money Buddy



Which Phrase Do You Relate To More?

- A. I tend to plan ahead.
- B. I tend to deal with things as they come.

What's Your Money Personality?

AA

The Complicator

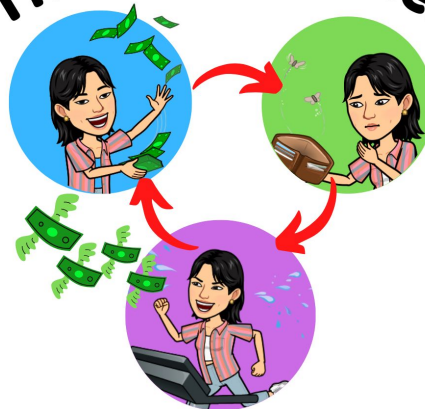


More money, more problems!

Net
Worth

Proactive

The Paper Chaser



More money, NO problems!

Cash
Flow

BA

The Contemplator



I'll take care of it tomorrow...

AB

Reactive

The Money Monk



Money changes people, man...

BB



The Complicator

"More Money, Mo' Problems"



JANINE T.

Traits to Keep:

- Has a plan for EVERYTHING ✓
- Sets goals
- Budgeting is your best friend ✓
- Strong attention to detail

Traits to Work On:

- Easily overwhelmed ✗
- Anticipates the worst
- Lack of structure = stress ✗





The Contemplator

"I'll Take Care of it Tomorrow"



Melissa C.

Traits to Keep:

- Very informative
- Trust in your own abilities
- Quick thinker
- Doesn't sweat the small stuff



Traits to Work On:

- Involved in chaotic situations
- Skeptical about new ideas
- Takes on many responsibilities





The Paper Chaser

"More Money, NO Problems"



Traits to Keep:

- Can easily spot new opportunities
- Go-getter!
- Keeps multiple streams of income
- Extremely motivated



Traits to Work On:

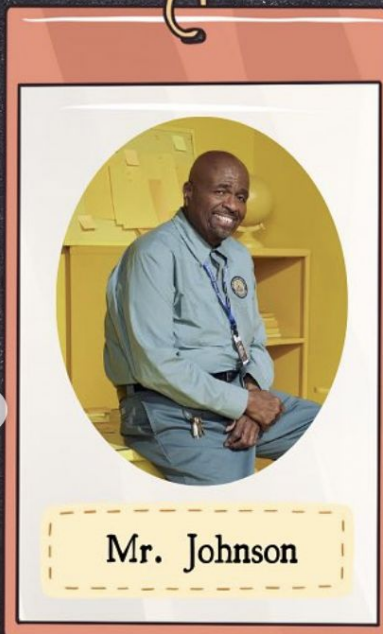
- Has trouble saving money
- Struggles to think long-term
- Confuses "purchase" with investment





The Money Monk

"Money Changes People..."



Mr. Johnson

Traits to Keep:

- Realizes that money is not the root of everything
- Essential to the community
- Values the people around you
- Selfless

Traits to Work On:

- Sometimes self-righteous
- "I have to do everything myself"
- Slightly cynical



Disorder or Adaptation?

***Disorder** is something is wrong with me that needs to be fixed. Inherently splitting and hierarchical, even for our internal system*

“I’ve made so many financial **mistakes**”

“I’m so **bad** with money”

“Why **can’t** I just get my money together?”

“I **should** have known better”

Disorder or Adaptation?

Adaptation is

I have a wise system at every level that is always doing the best it can to help me survive and thrive, given my neurobiological pattern/constraints and level of interpersonal support

Acknowledge Existing Adaptations

Adaptation can look like:

“Dealing with money makes me **anxious** so my system shuts down to **protect me** when I have to think about it”

“I’ve had a number of bad financial experiences and have a hard time **imagining** what a good financial experience could feel like”

“I have **more** than my parents ever had so I want to be **grateful** for whatever I get”

Creating New Adaptations

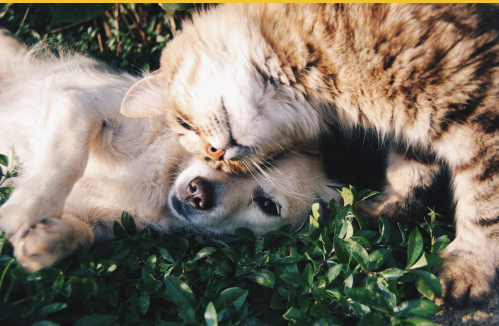
Adaptation is “As these implicit pains and fears resolve, the protections will naturally find present-oriented ways to express as well”

“I feel **seen and heard**, so now I can go back and face that banker”

“My net worth does not equal my **self worth**”

“I give myself **permission** to not be perfect in my financial life”

MONEY BUDDY



Prompts & Reflections

- Write about a time your money personality superhero-ed your way out of a tough financial situation.
- Write about a time you felt at your worst and how did that show up in your money personality? Where do you feel this memory in your body? How did you come back from that place?
- Write about a time when you've felt in flow with your money personality, when you were at your most shameless. Where do you feel that memory in your body? How can you access this feeling more often?
- How does your money personality feel most seen?
- List 1 practical thing you can do to find flow with your money personality





**Follow on Instagram for more
Money Personality tools**

Webcomics, Videos, Money Personality Guides and more!

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**Where do you get your
finance information?**

Media and Money Stories



Stats for Financial Education: Where We Get Our Information

A study from the University of Cambridge titled *Habit Formation and Learning in Young Children*, bears this out, explaining that many basic concepts relating broadly to later financial behaviors—things like budgeting, delayed gratification, and saving—will typically be in place.¹Habit Formation and Learning in Young Children. University of Cambridge.

The same University of Cambridge study goes on to explain that each child's development and learning is highly dependent upon the physical and social environment in which they live, noting that "children, being essentially social learners, acquire cultural practices effortlessly and gradually assimilate 'values, attitudes, standards, norms, knowledge, and behaviours that contribute to financial viability and well-being.' "

Translation: your kids observe your money behaviors, patterns, and attitudes, and learn through imitation from a very early age. Social context also shapes economic beliefs, attitudes, and values, leading to different levels of knowledge and financial behavior.

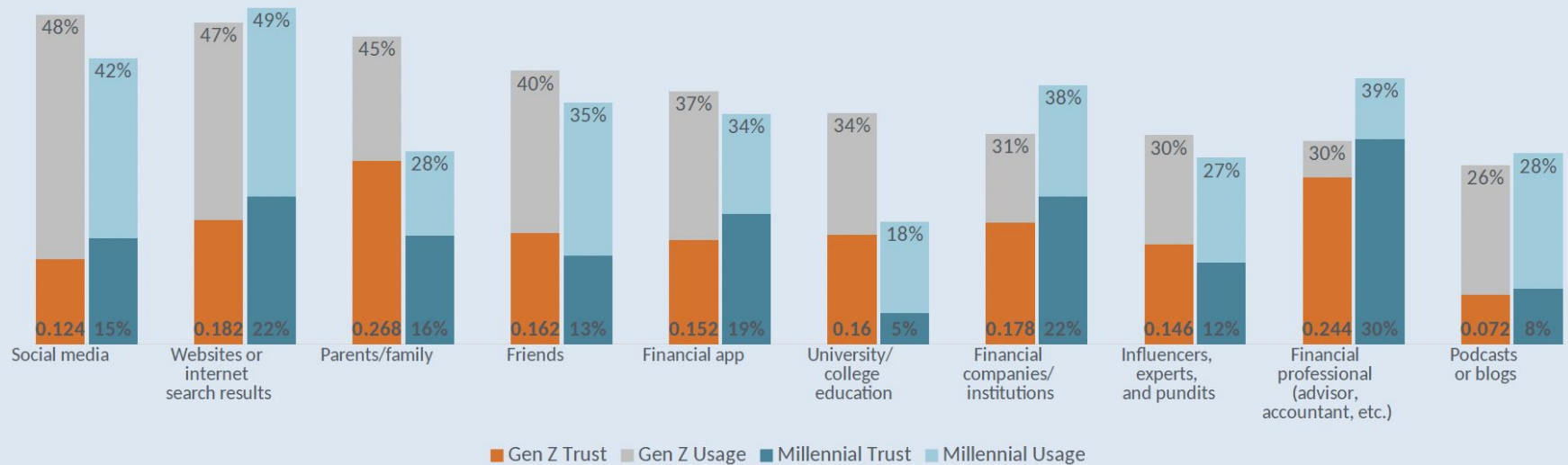
Stats for Financial Education: Where We Get Our Information

**79% of young
adults** get financial
advice from social
media.



Younger investors collect investing information from diverse sources, but trust is limited

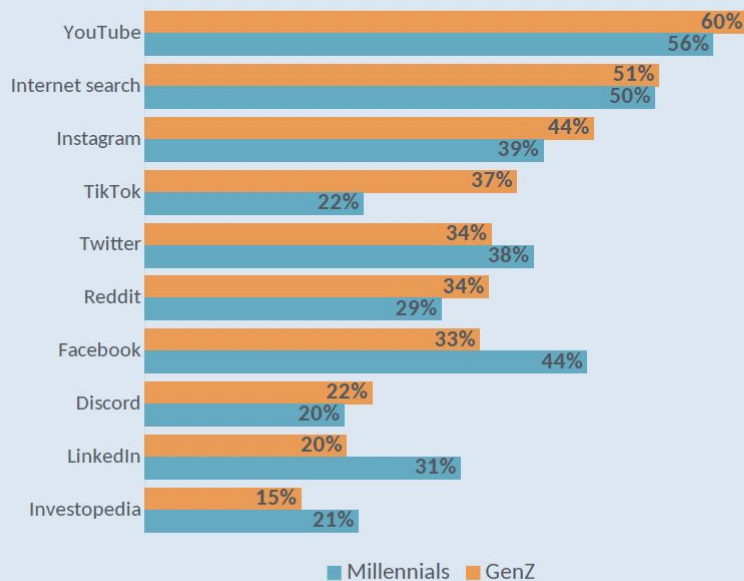
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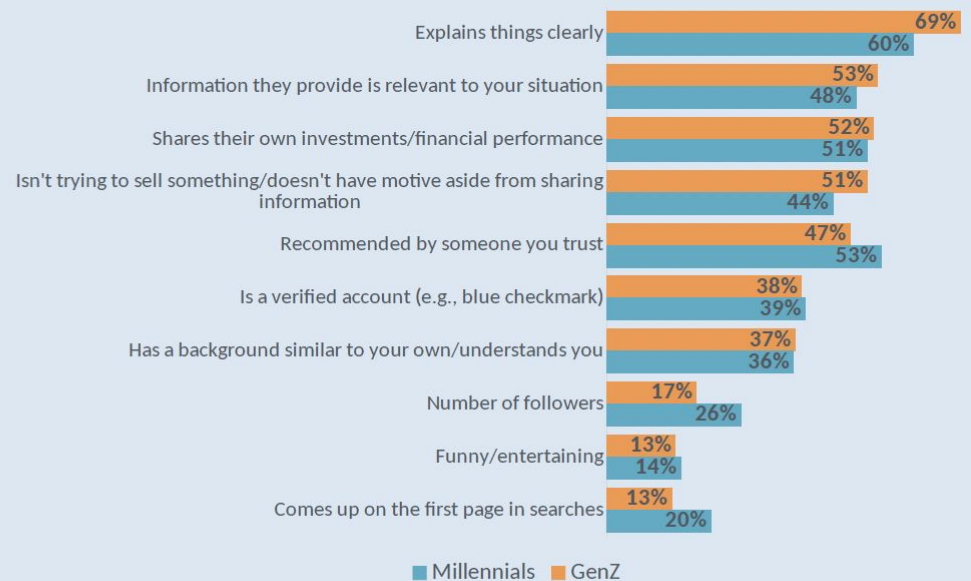
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Primary internet sources of investing information and how they build trust with young investors

Top 10 social media or internet sites used to learn about investing or other financial topics - US only



Factors used to decide which internet sources of investing information to trust - US only



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**Where do you go to get information
on learning standards?**

**How do you share learning standards
with students?**

CFPB: Building Blocks of Financial Capability



Executive function

The thinking skills and abilities needed to plan ahead, focus attention, remember information, practice self-control, and juggle multiple tasks.



Financial habits and norms

The values, standards, routine practices, and rules to live by used to navigate day-to-day financial life.



Financial knowledge and decision-making skills

The knowledge and skills needed to understand the financial world and make informed financial decisions.

CFPB: Developmental Progression

Financial knowledge, behaviors, and skills



Early childhood (ages 3–5)

- Children begin to develop the foundational skills related to executive function.
- Basic values and attitudes related to financial concepts begin to form.
- Children begin to understand math and numbers needed for financial skills.

Middle childhood (ages 6–12)

- Executive function skills and behaviors continue to grow.
- Financial habits and norms really start to take shape as children start to form independent identities, observe how family members and peers interact with money, and begin to learn financial lessons.
- Children learn basic concepts about money management.

Adolescence and young adulthood (13–21)

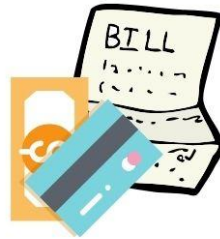
- Executive function continues to mature.
- Habits and norms about money continue to develop.
- Youth solidify financial knowledge and decision-making skills, which become more relevant in their everyday lives.

National Financial Education Standards & Learning Outcomes

Earning Income



Spending



Saving



Investing



Managing Credit



Managing Risk



	Standard <i>Students will know that...</i>	Learning Outcomes <i>Students will use this knowledge to...</i>
Spending 4-1	People differ in their preferences, priorities, and resources available for consuming goods and services.	4-1a. Give examples of differences in people's preferences that can influence their spending on goods and services. 4-1b. Brainstorm a personal list of goals for consumption of goods and services. 4-1c. Prioritize future spending, taking resource limitations into account.
Spending 8-1	Creating a budget can help people make informed choices about spending, saving, and managing money in order to achieve financial goals.	8-1a. Identify personal goals for spending and saving. 8-1b. Create a budget that includes expenses and savings out of a given amount of income. 8-1c. Explain why people with identical incomes make different choices for spending, saving, and managing money. 8-1d. Discuss the budgeting challenges faced by people living on minimum wage.
Spending 12-1	A budget helps people achieve their financial goals by allocating income to necessary and desired spending, saving, and philanthropy.	12-1a. Identify their short-term and long-term financial goals. 12-1b. Develop a budget to allocate current income to necessary and desired spending, including estimates for both fixed and variable expenses. 12-1c. Explain methods for adjusting a budget for unexpected expenses or emergencies. 12-1d. Evaluate the advantages of using budgeting tools, such as spreadsheets or apps.

Learning Standards are the map for money talks

[CEE/Jump\\$tart National Standards for Public Financial Education](#) (2021)

Write down the last 5
things you spent money
on.

**Where you spend your money
is a representation of what
you value**

**You ALWAYS put
your money where
your mouth is**

The Spending Values Matrix

Spending
Values



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Basics

The YES

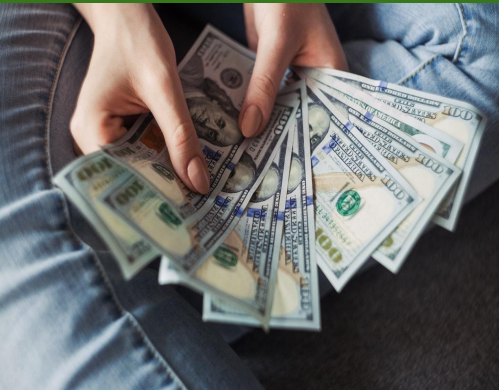
The
Details

The
Nothing

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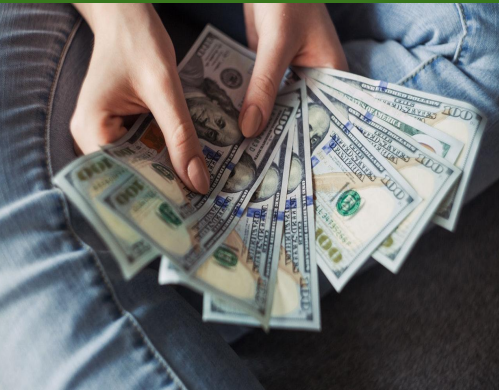
A.K.A. fixed expenses
The things you need
to live and work.

Know the number, but
don't get stuck here.

Bills
Clothes
Groceries
Phone

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Spending Values



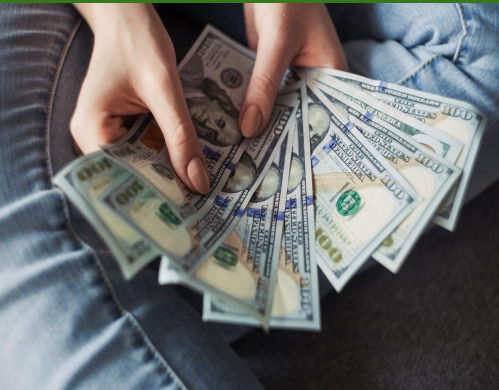
The stuff that makes you feel like you. It's the one you might feel guilty about. You were told this was a waste. Irresponsible. If you don't responsibly budget for the things you enjoy in your details...

The Details

Eating with friends
Candy
Nails
Books
Sneakers

The Spending Values Matrix

Spending Values



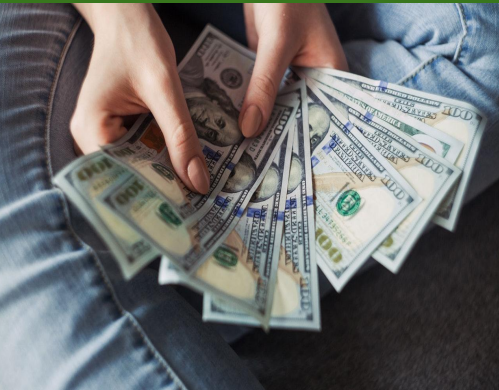
Video Games
Candy
Sneakers
Nails

...you'll end up spending even more money here. When you don't do things you enjoy, you can run out of willpower and that's when advertising and convenience trick you into buying things you don't even want

The
Nothing

The Spending Values Matrix

Spending
Values



The YES

Practically, this is your savings account, but really, savings is your ability to say YES to things - whether it be an emergency, unexpected expense, big life change, vacation, etc.

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WANTS
ARE
NEEDS
TOO



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*Tuesday,
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