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Attn: Mill Pill - Are You an OWG?

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Topic:

Topic author: spruett001

Subject: Attn: Mill Pill - Are You an OWG?

Posted on: 04/30/2018 02:10 am

Message:

I have done some general info polls before (not probing or invasive) to get an idea of the diversity of people involved in the hobby and the forum. I thought this may be an interesting one since there is an idea (true or not) that numismatics is dominated by Old White Guys (OWGs). This is saying nothing positive or negative about that idea. I just want to see how the Mill Pill members will respond. If okay, I may post a similar poll in the CCF Family Topics forum to allow more participation in the future.

The definition of OWG is up to you, so give it a go and we'll see what happens! I will reiterate that this is in no way intended to insult and, of course, participation is voluntary. Any comments on top of your vote are also welcome. 😊

Are you an Old White Guy?



Replies:

Reply author: spruett001

Replied on: 04/30/2018 02:14 am

Message:

I went first with a NO. Eventually I will have to answer YES, but not for a while. 😊

Reply author: Errers and Varietys

Replied on: 04/30/2018 1:38 pm

Message:

I said no, because I'm not a OWG. 🤔

Reply author: Dorado

Replied on: 04/30/2018 3:17 pm

Message:

I like my cat (Lucero) ,because he likes diversity 🤔

Reply author: nickelsearcher

Replied on: 04/30/2018 6:10 pm

Message:

57 year old white male with a very challenging job that pays a salary commensurate with the contributions and allows for sufficient income to enjoy a hobby such as this.

Such was not the case in any regard when I was 23.

I voted 'yes' ... does my description above resonate as an OWG. 🤔

Reply author: Sap

Replied on: 04/30/2018 6:25 pm

Message:

White, yes. Guy, yes. Old, well, as the second-youngest person in my coin club I'd have to say "no". (I'm 45)

Reply author: Spence

Replied on: 04/30/2018 7:31 pm
Message:

Quote:

Eventually I will have to answer YES, but not for a while.



I'm thinking that age polls have been done here a couple times before. No harm in doing a new one, but you may get better responses if you let folks report to the nearest decade rather asking for individual B-days.

Reply author: Nevol
Replied on: 04/30/2018 9:44 pm
Message:

White, yes. Old, yes. Guy, nope.

2 out of 3 ain't bad. 🤔

Reply author: MikeF
Replied on: 04/30/2018 10:23 pm
Message:

I just turned 41 this month. I think that's pretty pretty fargin old. Ask me in a year and I'll tell you 41 was young. So I VOTED NO even though I'm white. Funny now that I think about but I don't ever recall seeing a black dude at a show.

Reply author: spruett001
Replied on: 04/30/2018 10:30 pm

Message:

Quote:

I'm thinking that age polls have been done here a couple times before.

Yeah, there's one in the Family Forum that I posted in:

<http://goccf.com/t/121221>

This one is a little different as my intention was to specifically address the perceived state of the hobby in more areas than age alone.

I realize that posting it here automatically limits participation, but I wasn't really sure how it would be taken. I intend it to be in good fun and we can all see what the results are. 😊



Reply author: dave700x

Replied on: 05/09/2018 4:18 pm

Message:

I was an OWG when I replied to

Quote:

Yeah, there's one in the Family Forum that I posted in: <http://goccf.com/t/121221> in 2012 and I'm not getting any younger... 😊

Reply author: Finn235

Replied on: 05/11/2018 12:00 pm

Message:

White yes, guy yes, but I'm 28; a veritable whippersnapper within this hobby!

Reply author: spruett001

Replied on: 05/12/2018 03:00 am

Message:

@Finn

I gathered more recently that you are about my age. 🤔 for the future of the hobby! 🤔

Reply author: Joseph7420

Replied on: 05/13/2018 01:00 am

Message:

I am graduating from high school this year, so I will go with a 'no' on the old part. And with the first part of the question being a no, my answer for the poll is the same. 😊

Reply author: chafemasterj

Replied on: 05/14/2018 02:33 am

Message:

As Finn said...whippersnapper here at 47.

Reply author: spruett001

Replied on: 05/14/2018 02:54 am

Message:

Quote:

I am graduating from high school this year, so I will go with a 'no' on the old part.

I figured from your posts that you were younger, but I wasn't thinking *that* young. Nice! 🤔

Quote:

As Finn said...whippersnapper here at 47.

You're about the age of a couple Mods here, Master J.

I'm closer to Finn's age, but we are all in the group that's not supposed to exist. 😎

That's why I created this poll. After seeing the participation here, I absolutely cannot pin the hobby to OWGs and the results back it up,

Reply author: Altaira

Replied on: 05/18/2018 6:41 pm

Message:

I think it's good to repeat a demographic poll closed to more longtime members. However, I think we still fall prey to selection bias here. There are more younger internet users, so the true demographic may be different. I don't see many young people at coin club meetings, but that may not be the overall demographic either. Increasing familiarity with the internet seems to be a reason - with instant access to everything at their fingertips, and some anonymity behind a screen name, young people may just be less compelled to commute to a physical location.

Reply author: january1may

Replied on: 05/23/2018 06:22 am

Message:

White? Yes - though we really only have whites and Caucasians over here.

Guy? Yes - for good or for ill.

Old? HA HA HA HA HA... let's go with "no". (Younger than Finn, in fact.)

Of course, "old" is a relative measure. Every few weeks, I haul yet another huge part of my collection across a big part of the city to show it to a boy less than half my age.

Compared to that boy (who, by the way, already started to collect before I even met him), I definitely count as an old guy.

Reply author: John77

Replied on: 05/26/2018 12:12 pm

Message:

Is there a definition of the word "old?"

I certainly don't act old, despite what my DOB says...

Reply author: Debrajc

Replied on: 05/26/2018 10:12 pm

Message:

Close enough I guess.....I'm 61, white but female
OWW... old white woman

Reply author: spruett001

Replied on: 06/01/2018 02:13 am

Message:

Quote:

White? Yes - though we really only have whites and Caucasians over here.

Over here, whites and Caucasians are synonymous for some reason.



Quote:

Is there a definition of the word "old?"

Only your own. I said in the first post that the definition is up to you, and that includes all three parts of OWG.

Quote:

I'm 61, white but female

Then that is a definitive NO for the poll, and that is a wonderful thing. I don't qualify because of age. I am attempting to dispel the notion that OWG's run numismatics. The hobby is much more vibrant and dispersed than we are led to believe.

Reply author: Alpha2814

Replied on: 08/08/2018 4:55 pm

Message:

"I'm overthinking it".

O: I just turned forty-ten. To some people, that would be a "yes". I'm not giving up yet.

W: Based on my melanin levels, this would be a firm "yes". I'm just not necessarily proud of it.
End of commentary.

G: This is the only definite "yes" I can give here.

Reply author: spruett001

Replied on: 08/12/2018 03:18 am

Message:

That's a great answer, Alpha. It, like other responses, certainly contradicts a "perceived state" of the hobby as a whole. Numismatics, I believe, is experiencing a resurgence. Many people may be drawn in by "get rich with pocket change" ideas, but many may continue to learn about the subject after moving past the easy buck. Numismatics is boundless in scope and association.

Reply author: Mark1959

Replied on: 08/13/2018 4:47 pm

Message:

well we better watch out or this forum is going to be all OWG if newbies that speak differently or

ask too many questions are complained about and are either thrown off the forum or just get tired of the complaining and stop their subscriptions!

Reply author: SilverDollar2017
Replied on: 08/14/2018 8:37 pm
Message:

I'm not an OWG, so I voted No. 🙄

Reply author: Errers and Varietys
Replied on: 08/14/2018 9:18 pm
Message:

Same here SilverDollar2017. I'm a young coin collector (only 19 years old). 🙄

Reply author: spruett001
Replied on: 08/15/2018 01:26 am
Message:

I am not surprised by the results. Out of 34 votes among the more devoted members (Mill Pills), a slight lead has developed for the non-OWGs. That, to me, is a really great sign.

Mark brings up a good point, though. We must take into consideration who we may be speaking (typing) to. We are here to share knowledge and learn, no matter who may be involved. 😊👍

Reply author: Errers and Varietys
Replied on: 08/15/2018 01:33 am
Message:

Spruett, I agree with Mark's comment. Mark has a very good point.

Reply author: JimmyD

Replied on: 08/15/2018 11:02 am

Message:

I voted yes.

I figure that 50 would be a good cutoff age and I exceed that plus I'm white and a guy.

Reply author: scopru

Replied on: 08/18/2018 08:12 am

Message:

I voted no. As I count the years I find I adjust what I call old. At one point in my life, I considered 30 old. So at age 48, I act like I am 12 (according to my grown kids) and consider myself to be middle age - not old. That is my parents and always will be, but not me 🙄

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