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Younger people today make political decisions based more on pragmatic concerns and their own short-term needs than older people do. However, instead of to age, this “future orientation” can be attributed to the influences of each generation’s political socialization: Having guiding principles and political ideologies has made today’s older individuals more future-oriented, while younger people – as members of “Generation wahl-O-Mat” – tend to be more present-oriented. Given ongoing demographic changes, what does this mean for the future viability of Germany’s democracy?

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