Capturing the Mindset of current incoming students

This is the mindset of students entering American colleges (compiled by Beloit College), some or even many of which most likely apply to our students. Here are some of our favorites; see full list at http://www.beloit.edu/mindset/2018/

1. During their initial weeks of kindergarten, they were upset by endlessly repeated images of planes blasting into the World Trade Center.

2. Since they binge-watch their favorite TV shows, they might like to binge-watch the video portions of their courses too.

3. Meds have always been an option.

4. When they see wire-rimmed glasses, they think Harry Potter, not John Lennon.

5. “Press pound” on the phone is now translated as “hit hashtag.”

7. The Daily Show with Jon Stewart has always been the only news program that really “gets it right.”

11. The water cooler is no longer the workplace social center; it’s the place to fill your water bottle.

16. Hong Kong has always been part of China.

17. Courts have always been overturning bans on same-sex marriages.

21. Nicotine has always been recognized as an addictive drug requiring FDA oversight.

24. Women have always been dribbling, and occasionally dunking, in the WNBA.

30. There has always been “TV” designed to be watched exclusively on the web.

38. Attending schools outside their neighborhoods, they gather with friends or Skype, not in their local park.

46. They have probably never used Netscape as their web browser.

53. “Good feedback” means getting 30 likes on your last Facebook post in a single afternoon.