

The NEET “Problem”
&
confusion between contemporaries

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Purpose/Argument/Reading Connection

- “NEET” is an often misunderstood term
 - Definition/demographic to many is considered synonymous w/others (Hikkikomori, Otaku, etc.)
- Perpetuated notion that growing NEET numbers is an epidemic is a bigger problem than the “problem” itself
- Findings that led to category creation based on unemployed youth



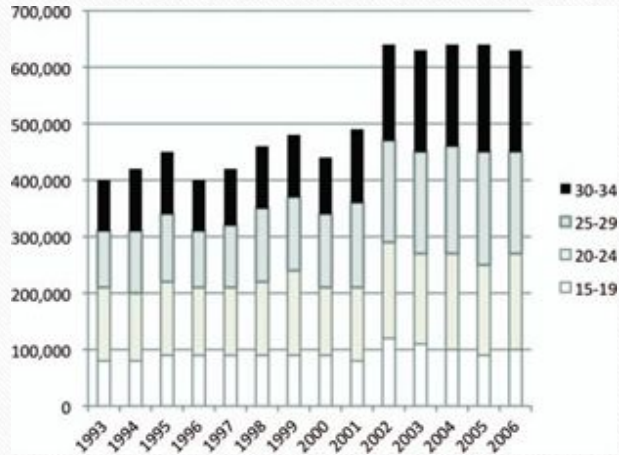
Purpose

- Placed in similar circumstances as target group
 - Experience with family slowly devolving into traits that fit derogatory label

“NEET” Clarifications

- Target Group:
 - Looked at by bureaucrats/policy makers
 - Group of people that share similar circumstances (not in employment,
 - Originally prevalent in the UK
- Social Category (*Nito*/ニト)
 - Given derogatory labels
 - Attacked by media
 - “Adult children”
 - Economic leeches/”undeserving”

“NEET” Clarifications



- NEET epidemic of the 2000s was “created” due to coincidental circumstances
 - Authors Kosugi/Hori
- Acronym made for marketability
- Age range revamped
- Youth are consequently in a state of fluctuating societal value

Contemporaries

- Youth disenchantment with labor spawned other social groups that are mistaken for being the same due to similarly aligning circumstances
 - Otaku - propensity towards leisure and fantasy indulgences (anime, video games, etc.)
 - Freeter - migratory/irregular work patterns (temp jobs)
 - Hikikomori - social ineptitude/withdrawal
- Parents of NEETs typically silent in defense of their children due to fear of association

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