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Thread: [\[DISCUSSION\] Does anyone feel life after 2020 has completely changed?](#)

Mastercarder - May 18, 2026, 7:02 am

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arlington - May 18, 2026, 7:12 am

It was most certainly palpable, at least right after 2022. Now not so much, I suppose it's whom you're around.

Edmond Dantes - May 18, 2026, 7:48 am

I guess people's mentality changed a lot. People prefer to stay more in home than socialising nowadays.

Phantom_NiNja - May 18, 2026, 3:53 pm

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Codexpal77 - May 18, 2026, 5:19 pm

Life is always changing and we either change with it or get left behind.

Mastercarder - May 18, 2026, 6:01 pm

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I've actually gone down the CERN rabbit hole before and some of the theories around it are genuinely interesting to read about, even if most of it probably has normal scientific explanations.

What I found even stranger was that ritual/performance they did during CERN's opening ceremony years ago. Stuff like that naturally fuels conspiracy theories because to the average person it looks bizarre as hell lol. Like why the hell would you perform that.. makes no sense.. have you seen it?

I still think most of the "time feels different" thing comes from how much society and technology changed after 2020 though. People are mentally overloaded 24/7 now.

Deany - May 18, 2026, 6:30 pm

Definitely has. Stuff has gone up, pricing ruined collecting rare collectibles due to tariff bs. It's all

gone to crap. I've now spent less since I don't want to pay tariff to buy rare collectibles from JP. Pure crap!

Motusora - May 18, 2026, 6:46 pm

after the stupid virus, the price went up drastically.
even beers, it went up 100% in just a year, life WTF?

Rahul007rhp - May 18, 2026, 8:11 pm

Everything became costlier , take me back to 2020's

RangoWorld - May 18, 2026, 11:28 pm

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Agreed. I've heard the same as well with people I've spoken to. People became a lot more isolated and disconnected from each other. Before then, social gatherings felt more normal and natural. Friends and families would actually spend more real time together without everything feeling distant or forced.

Now it feels like a lot of people keep to themselves more. Some lost jobs, relationships, routines, or motivation during that period and never fully recovered from it mentally. The atmosphere of everyday life just feels different compared to pre-2020.

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I 100% agree with you that they aren't god-like or have supernatural powers. I also don't believe they're opening portals or doing anything beyond the laws of nature. That I can come clean and agree with you for sure.

What interests me more is the symbolism behind the opening ceremony itself. Billion-dollar scientific organizations usually plan these events very carefully, so it makes you wonder what kind of message or image they were trying to portray with all the ritualistic themes and symbolism.

Whether it's artistic expression, shock value, or some deeper agenda, I think that's the part people question the most.

SIM-2362145 - May 19, 2026, 1:49 am

It all changed after 2019 dear.

Jaman44 - May 19, 2026, 2:05 am

Important to know that I would not qualify it to be worse or better, just different. And at the end it matters what you do personally and that you stay with yourself and your goals. Rest will change all the time and spending too much time with thinking about the rest, happening outside, never helps

Mastercarder - May 19, 2026, 3:15 am

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We're not moving into the right direction bro ;(

tipme - May 19, 2026, 4:29 am

It was different back then, not only money wise but social activity before phones and social media.

GrokD - May 19, 2026, 4:51 am

Yup, me feels it too.

Everything being changed into some attention needed.

Life cost more high.

Jamika - May 20, 2026, 7:20 am

I really feel like everything has become completely different... ever since COVID and the vaccinations, people have become crazy in one way or another.

DAL-SHA - May 20, 2026, 7:48 am

Yes sir ! I Constantly think about this TBH....

Health-wise , Economy-wise , Social-wise , etc..!

Everything change , negatively of course ! And every time I think about it it makes me kind of sad ...

arsium - May 21, 2026, 2:01 am

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Since COVID scam, people got harassed 24/7. I think it's the root causes and seems nothing can health that. It's gone too far.

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But anyway, yes forums changed a lot too. Less sharing, less interesting stuff, high pricing for mostly shit tools. Many developers now do not have any background, release tool with 'Advanced' features, most of them not working because of done with AI. And as 'old' dev, I don't think AI is the problem. It's like an amplifier. If you have the knowledge to understand and give it solid base of code and architecture project, it could do the stuff very well, as long as bases are strong. Seems that modern devs do not know the hard way to learn, so they make AI releasing shit, instead of themselves. And don't think I pretend to know 'all', I'm still learning everyday, but my strong bases are there.

And about AI, I'm gonna say something more. Most of enterprises CEO, managers, whatever people with 0 understanding technical knowledge, think AI will solve most of their problem like a savior. The problem is : yes, from theoric it could be true. In practice, completely false. Why : AI can produce with a higher rate than a classic developer yes BUT most of time, it will miss a lot of context in heavy coding projects mixing languages (even more, with low-level languages) or high/complex architecture projects, while the developer won't miss most of those contexts, even if it could happen, quite less often and supervised by 'seniors', and with less permissions that limit breaking stuff.

Eran - May 22, 2026, 8:50 am

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I'm glad some people can see through the BS.

G Reviews - May 22, 2026, 11:57 pm

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I know some prostitutes guilty of that. :)

NofaceDrew - May 27, 2026, 5:26 am

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I blame tiktok

diablospartan - May 27, 2026, 1:05 pm

Yea i totally understand you and i have the same feeling

I have a feeling that those 5g has a purpose to affect us by attaching our mind etc

Also i miss so much the old internet where people read blogs buy courses in affiliate marketing etc

.I hate AI

crazyinthedunya - May 27, 2026, 1:30 pm

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Mastercarder - May 28, 2026, 10:58 am

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As your name says brother, crazy in the Dunya, also lost in the Dunya. May God give everybody strength!

LOUDERMILK - May 28, 2026, 11:19 am

very true.. people stopped talking to each other altogether
even went from txt to emojis

HUGOEZM - May 28, 2026, 12:32 pm

for me specially
i was in jail locked from the end of 2019 until 2020
when i went out i found another world
it was only 6 month in but ..

JoshAllen - May 28, 2026, 12:46 pm

Yup. At first I blamed it on the stage of my life where I was graduated University and just started in the real world, but I think there is so many factors that lead to this point.

anua - May 28, 2026, 12:58 pm

Almost every aspect of life after the quarantine feels like a fever dream.