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Thread: [Unpopular opinion: Pepsi is actually better than Coke, and it's not even close](#)

Sift - October 11, 2026, 2:55 pm

Let's get one thing straight: my main drink is water, period.

I'm not chugging soda all day long.

But when I do want a soda, I mostly stick to Pepsi Max since I stay away from sugary drinks. Of course I've tasted regular Coke and regular Pepsi side-by-side, and even in the full-sugar category, Pepsi wins hands down with that smoother, less harsh profile.

When it comes to the zero-sugar game, though, the gap is just massive.

Coke Zero is honestly almost completely tasteless. It's like drinking slightly carbonated brown water—it has zero real depth, zero punch, and leaves you wondering where the flavor went. Diet Coke isn't much better with its weird, thin, watery bite.

Pepsi Max, on the other hand, actually tastes like something. It keeps that bold, full-bodied flavor profile without needing a mountain of sugar to back it up.

Am I crazy here, or is Coke Zero the most overrated zero-sugar drink on the planet? Who else is riding with Pepsi Max?

Bastille - October 11, 2026, 2:57 pm

Definitely, Coke is way more expensive in France, so I've moved to pepsi to save some bucks, and it actually taste better

DemonAsylum - October 11, 2026, 3:00 pm

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Respect - October 11, 2026, 4:00 pm

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Sift - October 11, 2026, 4:02 pm

(Oct 11, 2026 04:00 PM)Respect Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You're right, that is unpopular. Coke on top! Sounds like a owner of coke stock.....

Charlie Sheen - October 11, 2026, 4:45 pm

I think it depends on product. I don't have a particular favorite though. I think the zero line of Pepsi is probably better. I think I would have to get both and try them out together though.

Au Jus Demon - October 11, 2026, 7:04 pm

I agree with you, I've been drinking some of the newer Cherry Float Pepsi lately and it's pretty good. Always been more of a Pepsi fan myself.

DemonAsylum - October 11, 2026, 7:20 pm

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Maybe one day I'll put them to the test for myself. Again it would probably only be if I ever started to drink soda any bit regularly. I imagine in that instance I'd get those as well as multiple other zero versions of soda to see which I most preferred. Any others you enjoy?

DramaKing - October 11, 2026, 7:23 pm

Never tried Pepsi Max, but I remember hearing someone say that Pepsi tasted like pee. It was clearly hyperbole, but if I'm drinking soda that isn't root beer, it's going to be Coke. Pepsi just doesn't taste good.

Fish - October 13, 2026, 2:51 am

i agree. hands down. i did a pepsi vs coke challenge a while back - picked pepsi.