90% of Americans view technology as more of a life necessity than a distraction.

Technology is the preferred mode for straightforward transactions like:

- Booking a Flight (96%)
- Getting Directions (95%)
- Researching a New Car (91%)
- Planning a Vacation (90%)

Younger generations are more likely to prefer to automate investing decisions:

- Gen-Xers (52%)
- Millennials (51%)
- Boomers (39%)
- Matures (33%)

...and less likely to want to discuss investing strategies with a professional:

- Gen-Xers (48%)
- Millennials (49%)
- Boomers (61%)
- Matures (67%)

When asked to choose between relying on a financial advisor and a computer algorithm for managing their portfolios, two-thirds of all respondents say they still prefer the human touch.

All generations prefer to interact in person when dealing with:

- A Health Issue (80%)
- Finding a Date (68%)

66% Millennials are more likely to turn toward familiar sources like their parents instead of seeking answers online on financial matters.

57% Millennials are more likely than any other generation to feel relief from leaving their devices at home when vacationing...while Matures are most likely to feel anxiety (60%).

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The survey was conducted by Charles Schwab, one of the largest full-service investment services firms in the country with $2.53 trillion in total client assets, and Kook Research. The online survey was fielded between February 18 and 26 among 1,808 consumers. The margin of error for the total survey sample is 2.3 percentage points.

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