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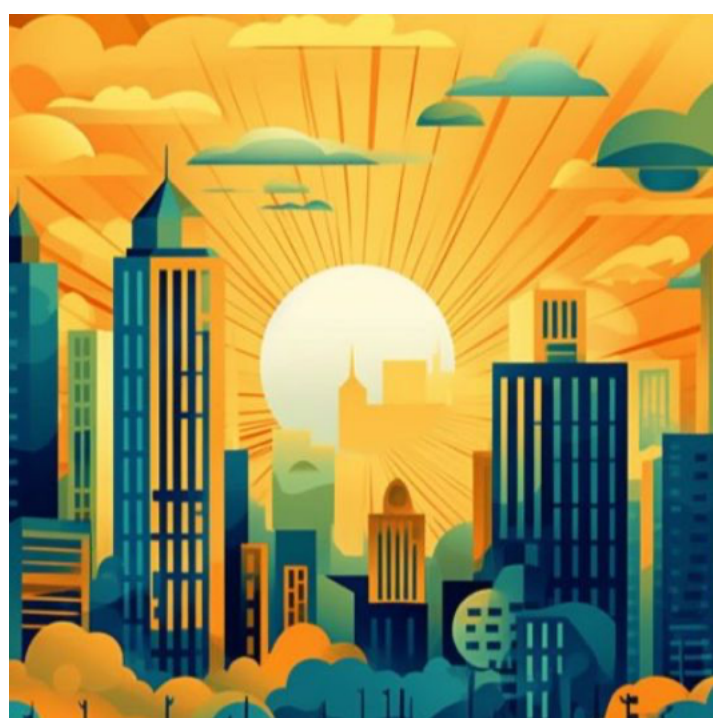
When Apple announced its new Vision Pro headset at a recent conference, guests **audibly groaned** at the \$3,499 price tag.

That is a big number, but how does it compare to the prices of Apple's earliest groundbreaking products?

In 1977, the Apple II computer required 181 hours of blue-collar work to purchase. In 1984, the Macintosh took 212 hours.

At today's compensation level, the Vision Pro takes just 91.

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In a 2021 poll of 10,000 young people:

- 75 percent reported that the “future is frightening.”
- 56 percent thought that “humanity is doomed.”
- 39 percent were “hesitant to have children.”

What explains this gloom and doom? The trends paint an entirely different picture.

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As we grow older, we start recalling more and more stories from our childhood. This phenomenon is known as the "reminiscence bump."

As such, people tend to develop rosy nostalgia for the days of their youth—when they were young, virile, and full of potential.

By feeling good about the past, dissatisfied with the present, and gloomy about the future, people fail to reflect on the real improvements in the world around them. Instead, they superimpose their physical and mental decline on their surroundings.



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