

# Epicurean Philosophy And Boomer Word Associations ("Feeling No Pain")

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I was listening to an old song earlier this week, and one set of lyrics struck me as worthy of discussion here:

[Quote from Harry Chapin: Sequel](#)

You see, ten years ago it was the front seat  
Drivin' stoned and feelin' no pain  
Now here I am straight and sittin' in the back  
Hitting Sixteen Parkside Lane

I think those lyrics are now so ingrained in me that I will never be able to disassociate use of the term "feeling no pain" in conversation from "feeling stoned." And I associate "stoned" as meaning "on drugs."

I expect that a lot of readers here will understand this association, but maybe this terminology has passed out of common usage and younger people don't feel the same association.

So this is a question to which I'd appreciate feedback. I expect different answers from different people, but I don't know exactly how those differences will break down.

I expect at some point this association won't be so automatic, and with the passing of boomers and subsequent generations the old association will break down. But I don't know how to test this other than ask.

The question is: To what extent does hearing someone say that they are "feeling no pain" automatically invoke an association that what they mean is that they are "stoned?"

<https://youtu.be/5U36G0XNglw>