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often, you've outlined my observations very well. I too fit many different demographics and may be part of the "trend".

I grew up a blue collar guy fishing the mountains of PA. The good fishermen weren't the guys after the biggest fish and getting all technical, travelling all over the dang place, trying to get out of the box. They were, quite simply, the guys who could outfish you if you fished with them at the same place and time. They fished with simple and cheap equipment like everyone else.

The new generation of fly fishermen are edgy yuppies. This is the kayak, rock climbing crowd, not the old hunting/fishing/trapping hillbilly/blue collar crowd. The equipment is much more expensive, to the point where it's almost a little embarrassing that one of my favorite rods is a Cortland GRX, and people got made fun of for wearing \$20 rubber hipsters (which is very normal IMO). You're a nobody if you don't have the best equipment, have travelled all over the state if not world to fish, and have a blog to talk about it. Everyone's saying you need 8x tippet and size 32 midges to catch fish, etc. It's a little out of hand.

That said, here I am saying this, and I'm a guy who may have grown up in a small blue collar steel town, but has since got an advanced degree, moved all over the state and still travel to fish various areas, now in a white collar job and moved to the suburbs, gathered some expensive stuff, and kind of found a niche within the larger group of fishermen. My own personal trend somewhat mirrors that of the industry. I think the blue collar demographic has essentially died, it's not specific to the FF industry. Nonetheless, I still identify more with the old mountain hermit than the edgy yuppie, even if I have to admit I'm an edgy yuppie.