

CONTROVERSY 4: SHOULD AGE OR NEED BE THE BASIS FOR ENTITLEMENT?

Economics of Aging Societies. A report from the World Economic Forum (Davos) is titled "Living Happily Ever After: The Economic Implications of Aging Societies." The report analyzes the population structure and economic development of countries around the world and specifically examines "Pension Readiness" among OECD countries. An excellent and up-to-date resource to review the demographic trends of population aging today. Available at:

http://www.weforum.org/pdf/Initiatives/pension_report_2004.pdf

Politics of Aging. For a "Politics of Aging Fact Sheet" with graphs and international comparisons, see:

http://assets.aarp.org/www.aarp.org_/articles/international/AARP_graphs_1.pdf

Ethnicity and Aging. For a series of slides and a curriculum on cross-cultural gerontology focused on "Treating Your Elderly African American Patients" visit:

<http://medinfo.ufl.edu/~gec/hmoa3/pt6tk1/pt6tk1.html>

For similar resources on "Treating Elderly Hispanics" visit:

<http://medinfo.ufl.edu/~gec/hmoa3/pt6tk2/pt6tk2.html>

For the broader treatment of "Aging and Ethnicity" consider a text-based introduction to the topic of minorities and aging, available at:

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~aging/ModuleMinority1.html>

Economics of Aging. A curriculum guide, including bibliography and weblinks, on "Economic Issues of Aging" by Timothy M. Smeeding (Syracuse University) is available at:

http://www-cpr.maxwell.syr.edu/gero_ed/econ_ed.htm

"Retirement Income: Intergenerational Comparisons of Wealth and Future Income" (US General Accounting Office, GAO-03-429, April, 2003). Read it at:

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-03-429>

For a one-page summary of the issues on generational equity, take a look at:

<http://www.holycross.edu/departments/socant/ethomps/aging/debate3.htm>

For an international perspective on the issues, look at Malcolm Johnson's "Generational Equity and the Reformulation of Retirement" available at:

<http://socserv2.socsci.mcmaster.ca/~sedap/p/sedap12.PDF>

a new study that challenges the conventional wisdom that elderly, child and overall poverty are becoming divergent. This study looks at the official U.S. measure of poverty in comparison to the Luxembourg Income Study's measure and finds that

the official measure underestimates elderly poverty by a significant amount and child poverty by a lesser amount. See David Brady's article "Reconsidering the Divergence between Elderly, Child and Overall Poverty" available at:
<http://www.lisproject.org/publications/liswps/371.pdf>

Poverty. For poverty Rates by Age from 1959 – 1996, visit:
<http://www.census.gov/hhes/poverty/poverty96/povage96.html>

See also the Issue Brief from the International Longevity Center "Old and Poor in America" at
http://www.ilcusa.org/_lib/pdf/brief_001.pdf

How many older people are poor? Good question. The fact is that the poverty rate among older Americans has gone down over the past generation. But it's still high among sub-groups. For the full picture, look at "Poverty Rates by Age (1959 – 1996)" available at:
<http://www.census.gov/hhes/poverty/poverty96/povage96.html>

Census. For Census Data on income, consult:
<http://www.census.gov/hhes/income/dinctabs.html>

For Frequently Asked Questions about interpretation of Census Data, see:
<http://www.census.gov/hhes/income/incfaq.html>

Women and Aging. A curriculum, including bibliography and weblinks, on women and aging has been developed by Christine L. Himes and is available at:
http://www-cpr.maxwell.syr.edu/gero_ed/family.htm

The Luxembourg Income Study sheds light on the question "Getting Older, Getting Poorer? A Study of the Earnings, Pensions, Assets and Living Arrangements of Older People in Nine Countries," by Atsuhiko Yamada and Bernard Casey. Go to Working Paper No. 314 available at:
<http://www.lisproject.org/publications/wpapersg.htm>

Minority Aging. For model curricula on minority aging issues,
<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~aging/ModuleMinority2.html>

Concord Coalition. The Concord Coalition advocates against budget deficits that imperil future generations:
<http://www.concordcoalition.org/>

Third Millennium. An organization of young adults seeking solutions to long-term problems facing the United States:
<http://www.18to35.org/thirdmil/>

Generational Inequity and Social Security

<http://www.ncpa.org/~ncpa/pi/congress/socsec/4-98econg.html>

Generations United

<http://www.gu.org/>

Generations United focuses on intergenerational strategies, programs, and policies. This is the only organization advocating for children, youth, and older adults.

Who Will Pay, by Peter S. Heller: outline and Forward

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/nft/2003/WWP/>

See also a book review available at:

http://www.fpa.org/newsletter_info2434/newsletter_info_sub_list.htm?section=Editor%27s%20Picks%20Book%20Review%3A%20Who%20Will%20Pay%20%3Cbr%3E%3Ci%3E%20by%20Peter%20Heller%3C%2Fi%3E

Living Happily Ever After: The Economic Implication of Ageing Societies, by Watson Wyatt Worldwide (2004)

http://www.weforum.org/pdf/Initiatives/pension_report_2004.pdf

Intergenerational References: Public Policy and Institutional Partnerships, annotated bibliography

<http://intergenerational.cas.psu.edu/Docs/PublicPolicy.rtf>

End Game: What the Elderly Have Earned, by Amitai Etzioni

<http://www.gwu.edu/~ccps/etzioni/A330.pdf>

“The Looming Clash of the Generations,” by Philip Bowring (2003). Article in *International Herald Tribune*.

<http://www.globalaging.org/elderrights/world/looming.htm>

Population Aging: The Real Villain? by Ellen M. Gee (2002)

<http://www.tafjapan.org/english/forums/10-7-2002/ellen.pdf> See also a Review of Gee and Gutman, *The Overselling of Population Aging* (2001) at:

<http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/cjscopy/reviews/overselling.html>

“Generational Accounting and Generational Transfers” by David Collard

<http://www.ageing.ox.ac.uk/ageinghorizons/thematic%20issues/pension%20reform%20and%20social%20justice/papers%20pensions/pdf%20files/GENERATIONAL%20ACCOUNTS%20David%20Collard.pdf>

The Welfare State and the Generational Contract

<http://www.svt.ntnu.no/noseb/english/seminars/seminar1/readinglist.html>

The Generations: Contributions, Conflict, Equity, by Victor Marshall, , University of Toronto, 1997.

<http://www.aging.unc.edu/infocenter/resources/1997/marshallv.pdf>

On the welfare state and the generational contract, see:

<http://www.svt.ntnu.no/noseb/english/seminars/seminar1/readinglist.html>

On intergenerational programs and generational equity, see:

<http://intergenerational.cas.psu.edu/Docs/PublicPolicy.rtf>