

- I. The Global Context of Aging
 - A. More primitive society
 - 1. more likely senicide - the killing of the elderly
 - B. Scandinavian countries
 - 1. in-home care workers for the elderly
 - C. Eastern cultures - Japan
 - 1. revere the elderly - proximity to ancestors
- II. Ageism
 - A. The belief that age is
 - 1. associated with psychological, behavioral, and/or intellectual traits
 - 2. <http://youtube.com/watch?v=GOib15kAulE&feature=related>
- III. Modernization Theory
 - A. A society becomes technologically advanced
 - 1. position of the elderly declines
- IV. Cohort - Birth-time in history impacts on one's life
 - A. Age: impact on one's life
 - 1. defines roles and expectations
 - 2. influences the social groups
 - 3. legal status
 - B. Age grading
 - 1. Assignment of social roles to different ages
 - 2. Most societies; childhood, adulthood, and elderhood.
- V. Structural functionalist perspective - disengagement theory
 - A. Elderly relinquish roles to younger members
 - B. Various age groups perform their functions
 - 1. Young go to school
 - 2. Adults fill occupations

3. Elderly disengage

VI. Activity theory

A. Elders versus Elderly

1. Focus on Elders and what they can contribute

a. Health and emotional well being

i. Activity

ii. Being needed

b. Wisdom

c. Experience

VII. Conflict perspective

A. Young and old = dependent population

1. Subordinate statuses

2. Have no voice

3. Not productive members of capitalist economy

4. Economic drain on society

VIII. Symbolic interactionist perspective

A. Social meanings and definitions associated with age

B. Myths and media

1. negative image of elderly and gerontophobia

2. Elderly portrayed as childlike

IX. Child labor

A. Work that is

1. Hazardous

2. interferes with their education

3. harms their health or physical, mental, spiritual, or moral development

B. Most countries have laws that limit child employment

C. Yes 16 out of 100 children are child laborers

D. Worst forms - child prostitution and trafficking

1. 1 million child prostitutes worldwide

2. In the U.S. - 300,000.

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