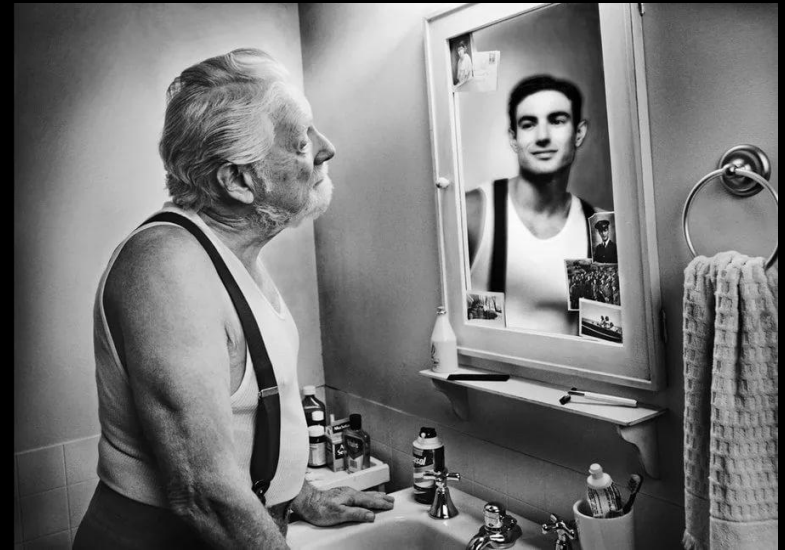


Attitude to elderly people in different cultures

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Who is considered old?

The United Nations believes that people starting from 60 years of age can be considered elderly



But in fact, **every society has its own ideas about who to consider elderly.**

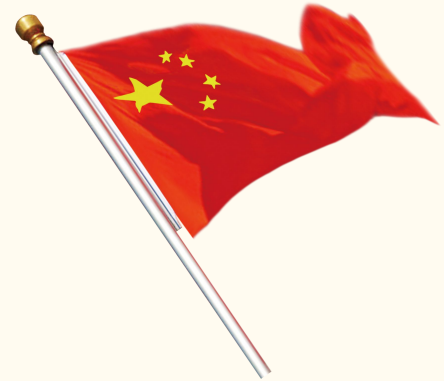
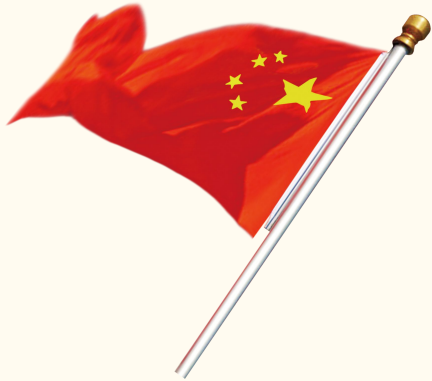
... Children and the elderly are traditionally considered the most socially unprotected people.



CHINA

Some time ago, China adopted a special law dedicated to older people. Descendants were obliged to treat them carefully. Ignoring and neglect are prohibited.

Children are obliged to visit their elders often. It doesn't matter how close they live.

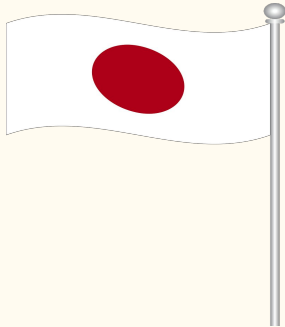


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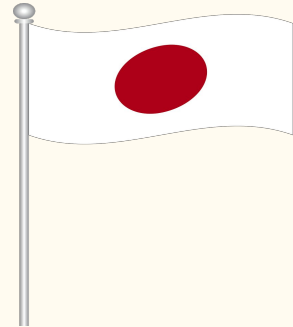


In this distant country, the ancestors of different tribes are treated very respectfully.

Among the biggest personal holidays is the anniversary in honor of 60 and 70 years. These holidays traditionally gather all the relatives of the hero of the day.



It is customary to dance a lot and give gifts to birthday people. All children must come to the celebration.



USA and UK

Western cultures tend to be youth-oriented, and emphasize qualities such as individualism and independence.

This is due to the Protestant work ethic, which links the value of a person with his ability to work.

That is, if a person weakens and does not work, then his value falls.



GREECE



In Greek culture, old age is revered, and respect for elders occupies a central place in the family. Here old age is identified with wisdom and closeness to God.

It is a common occurrence that several generations live under the same roof sharing a house and all the responsibilities associated with its maintenance.

INDIA

In this country, it is customary to treat elderly people with respect. This is especially clearly demonstrated by local cultural traditions. For example, young people fall at the feet of their parents. This symbol is interpreted as an expression of love and respect. This is how the youth asks the older generation for a blessing.



Kyrgyzstan

More than **462.1** thousand elderly citizens live in Kyrgyzstan, which is **7.6%** of the total population of the republic.

It is extremely difficult for elderly people in the Kyrgyz Republic - in addition to meager pensions and systematic violation of their legal rights, they face many stereotypes about aging and cases of age discrimination.



According to the report, out of **16** different Bishkek facilities providing entertainment services, sports, culture, education services, **50%** do not provide any discounts for senior citizens at all, and another **50%** discounts are provided only upon presentation of a pension certificate.

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There are also frequent cases of rudeness and **aggression** towards elderly customers in private organizations - starting from shops and ending with various services. And drivers of public transport minibuses are reluctant to take elderly passengers, both in Bishkek and in the regions



The number of cases is also growing when elderly women become victims of physical violence, followed by death by their relatives and sons – the reluctance to give their pension to children turns out to be fatal.



The way society treats and treats the elderly is closely related to their highest values, and is an indicator of its civility.



"There is nothing more precious to a person than wisdom, and although age takes away everything else, it undoubtedly brings it to us" - Cicero.