

In most developed countries the average life expectancy is constantly increasing. Discuss the positive and negative aspects of this trend. (Advantages/disadvantages)

Living to a ripe old age, once a dream, has become a reality for many, thanks to medical advances which has improved the sanitation. Some might not favor this new trend. However, to me this is a change we must welcome.

For many, having a longer life means more opportunities. Not long ago (until recently) due to obstacles such as contagious (communicable) diseases, the vast majority of individuals had no chance of to fully enjoying their lives, while nowadays many are lucky enough to do what they like such as traveling after retirement, seeing their grand children grow up, and pursuing persuading their hobbies, which in turn could be a great source of happiness and satisfaction. As well as this, we would like to see those who we love live longer. Such people could range from our loved ones to popular entertainers and influential scientists. Forfor instance, if figures like Einstein had lived longer, we should have enjoyed their talents, intelligence, and contributions.

That said, not everybody is on board with this mentality. This development could have negative impacts on a country's economy, as the elderly are not as effective as young individuals (young workforce), due to physical inability and old age. This could have a direct impact on the economic growth, GDP, and independence. At the same time, elderly people have their own special needs such as medical care, insurance coverage, and pension, all of -All of which impose a financial burden on countries. A case in point is Japan, where annually millions of dollars are spent on those individuals who have little, if any no output. Personally, having a long life is not necessarily a good thing as long as it is coupled with welfare, peace of mind, not to mention physical and mental health. ; if those factors exist, they it benefits not only individuals, but also society as a whole.