

The number of older people is increasing in many parts of the world. What are the effects of this on **the** society as a whole? What are the advantages or disadvantages of this trend?

Thanks to scientists pushing the boundaries of science and technology, people nowadays are living longer than their counterparts **lived-living** decades ago. The longer lifespan has become the subject of heated debate amongst critics across the globe discussing the benefits of such a change.

Despite the widely-held view about golden agers in most societies, in many parts of the globe not only **are-is** this group respected due to their wealth of experience and skills, but they are also expected to play a more pivotal role in society. Most senior citizens spend more, **thereby contributing to/**and thus they contribute more **in-to** creating jobs. Although they do not buy junk food and alcoholic beverages, they purchase more medical services, pay their taxes, and by and large they are not involved in criminal activities, hence their importance in societies. Furthermore, most grandparents, shoulder the burden of taking care of their grandchildren which obviously **benefits** their family from both **a** financial and emotional **al wise perspective**.

That most of us have benefited from priceless pieces of advices **received** from our previous generation is an indisputable fact. Many a mistake could have been prevented if only the doer had an experienced advisor. A growing body of research conducted by sociologists shows one of the main pillars of a successful society is respect **to-for** senior citizens as a symbol **of** civilization. In other words, only when the old are praised, can we expect mutual respect across societies.

To cut a long story short, I maintain that **a** longer lifespan as one of the most important outstanding achievements can be celebrated. Fortunately, **the** majority of opponents are **beginning to** accepting the advantages of **a** longer lifespan, albeit reluctantly. Those considering this phenomenon resource-consuming, are gradually accepting the fact that the benefits of longer lifetime far outweigh its drawbacks.