

ISR

75 Years of Social Science in the Public
Interest

Aging Research: The Past

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A little about me

- Life span developmental psychologist
- Masters in Aging, PhD in infancy
- Interested in different kinds of relationships – parents/children; partners; friends; co-workers/classmates
- As a scientific area of focus not just casual assessment

Some Background

1970s: No research on Aging at ISR

1980s: Demographics as Destiny
NIA created

Demographics Driving

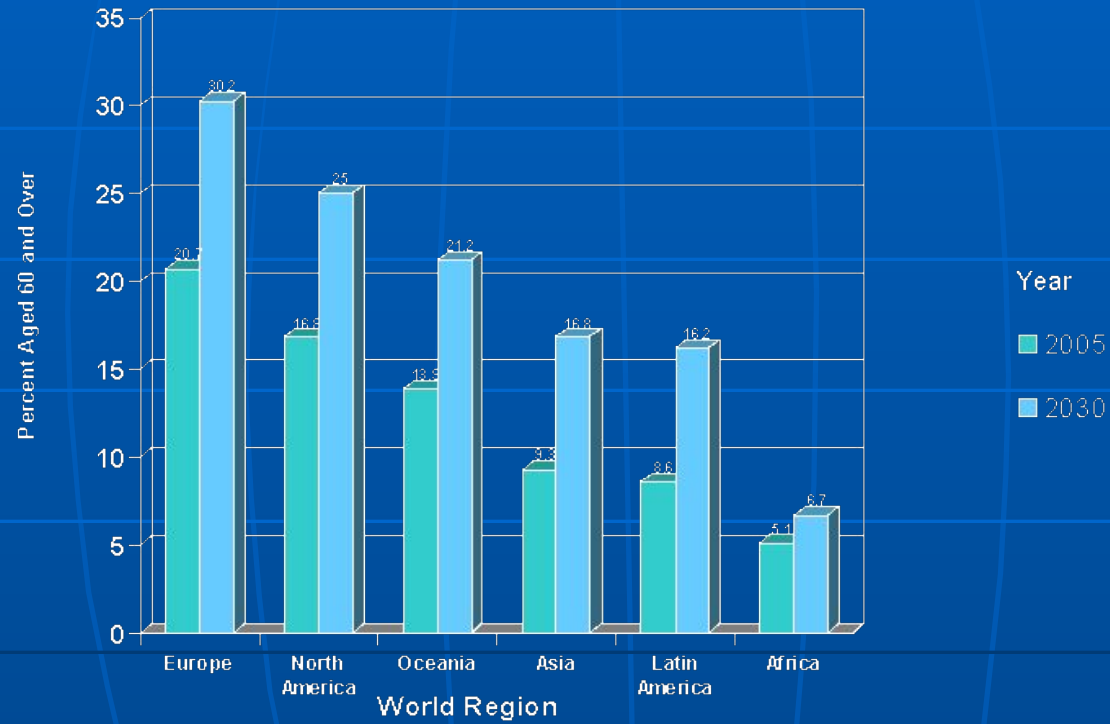
Have you ever looked at the composition of Congress?

Gave a talk at the Brookings Institute
A lot of old white guys

Not all bad since they manage to create NIA and sink a lot of money into it

Some Facts about Aging

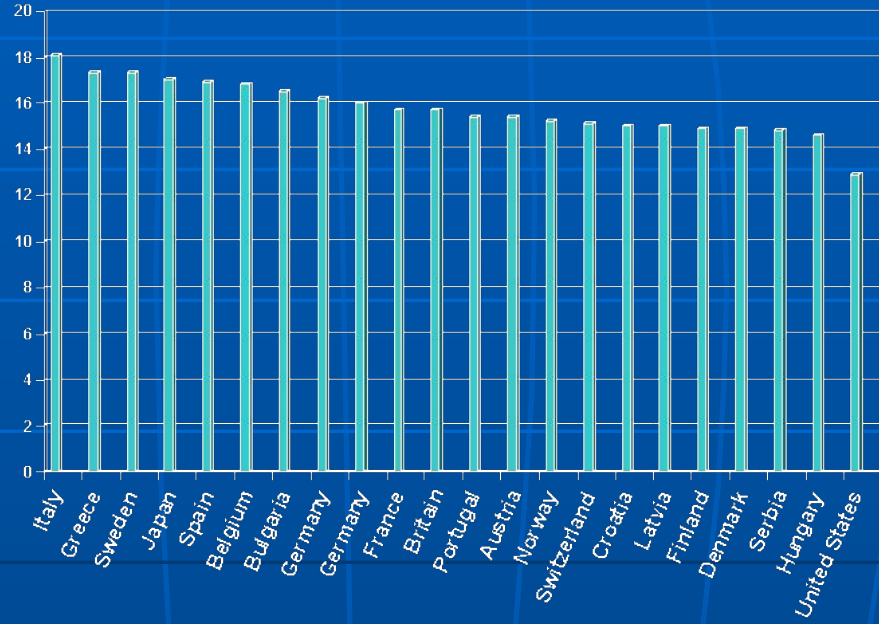
A Graying World: Percent of Population Aged 60 or Over by Region of the World



Source: United Nations Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

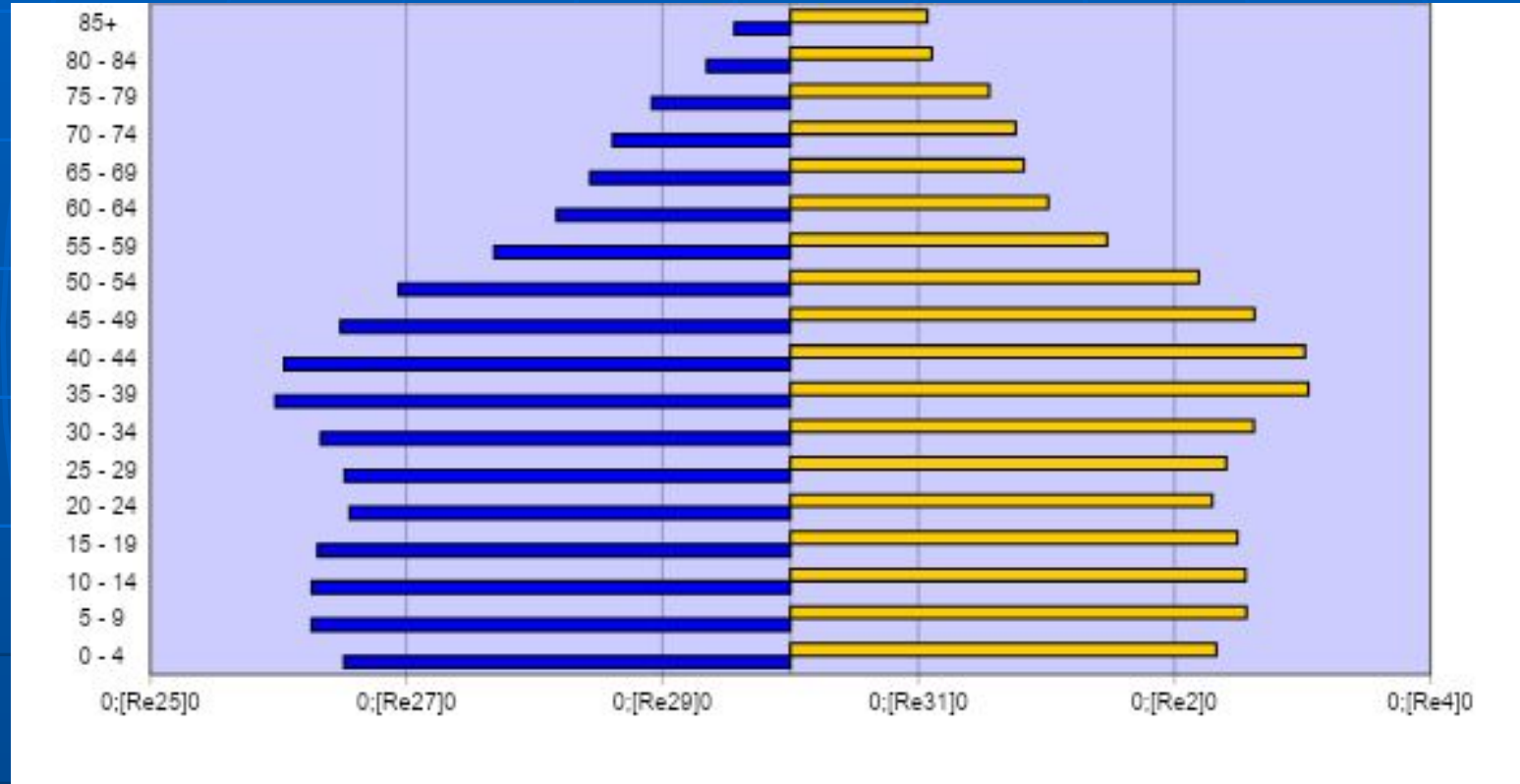
World's 20 Oldest Countries & U.S. (28th): Year 2000

Percent of Population 65 Years of Age and Older

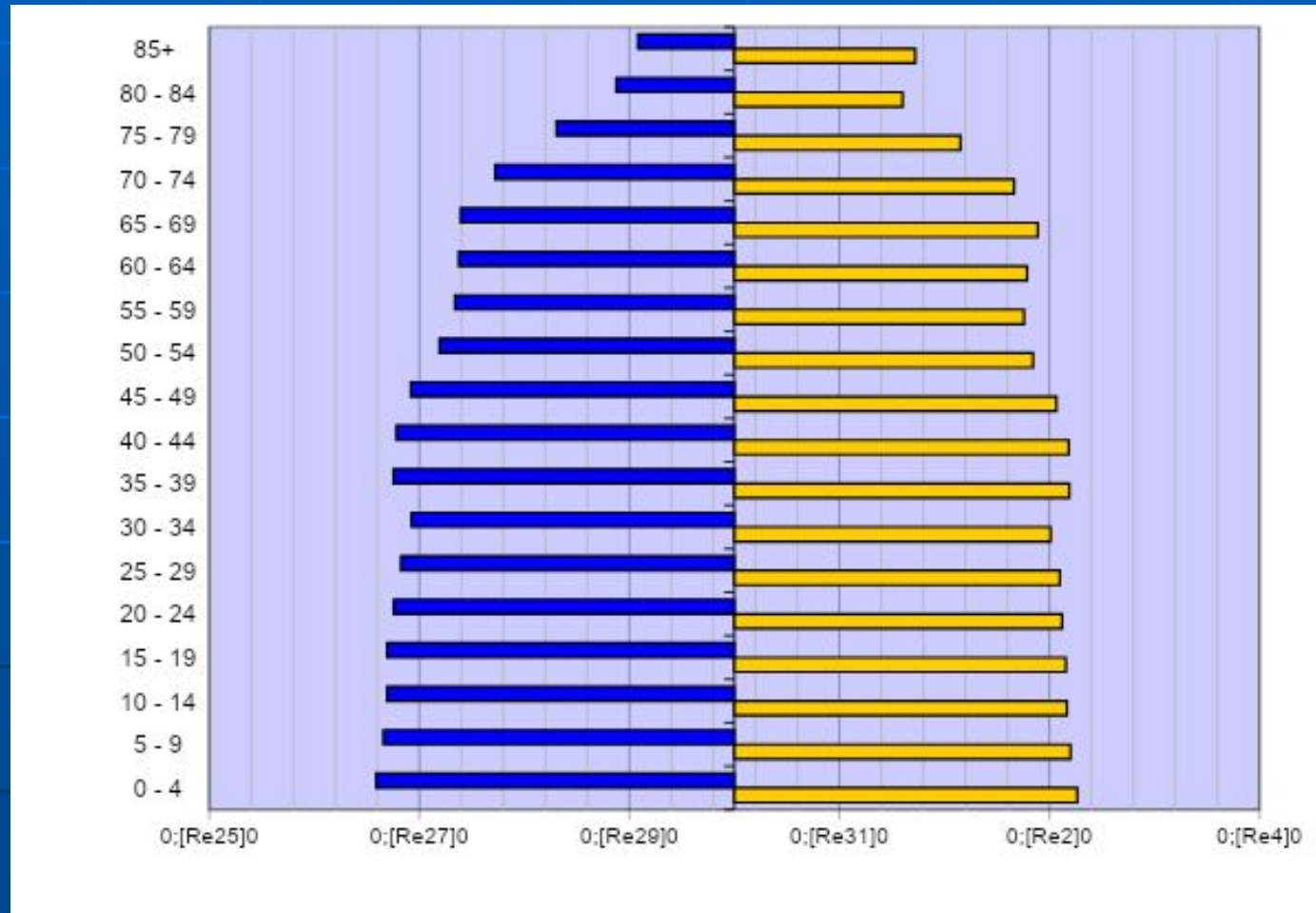


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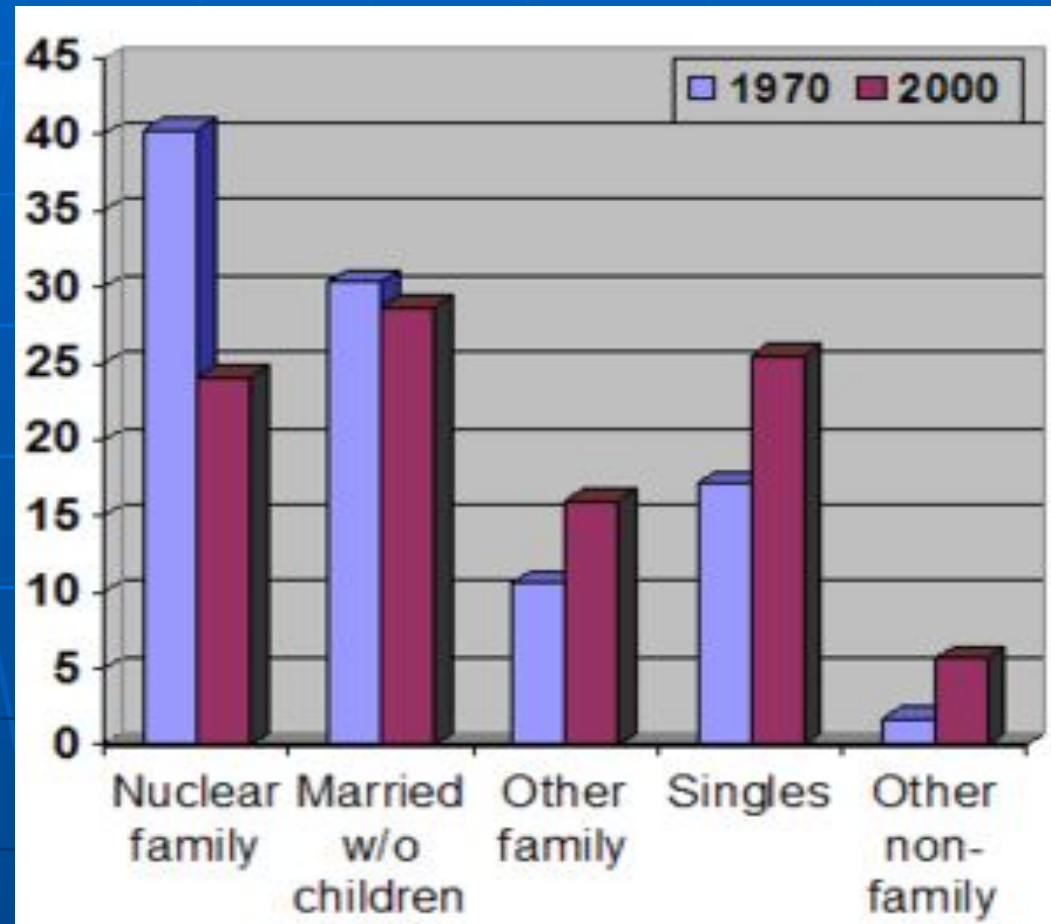
United States: 2000



United States: 2030



Changes in U.S. Family Structure



Source: Williams, Brian; Stacey C. Sawyer, Carl M. Wahlstrom (2005). *Marriages, Families & Intimate Relationships*. Boston, MA: Pearson.

Early Theories of Aging

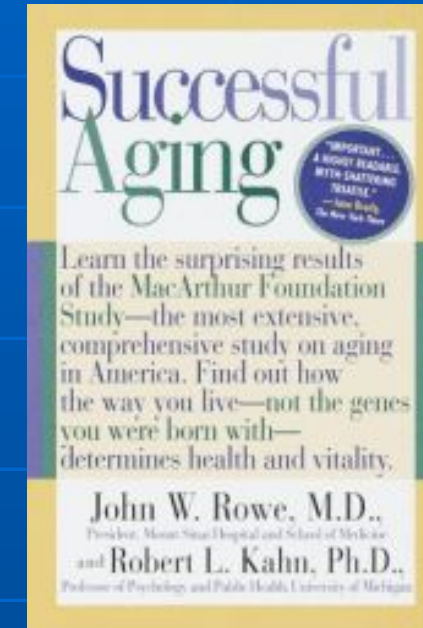
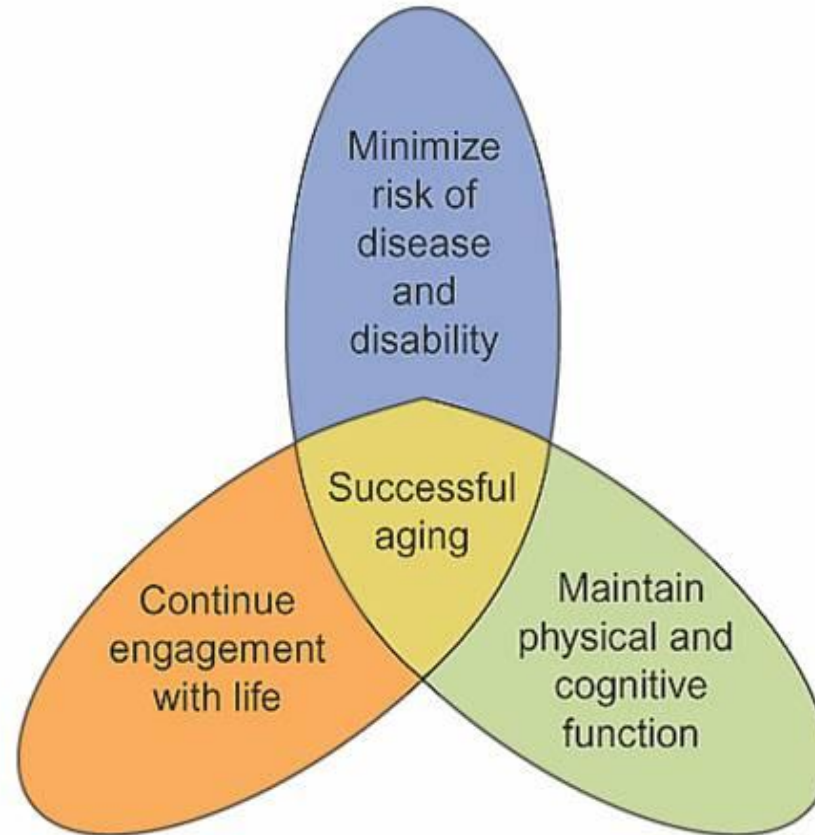
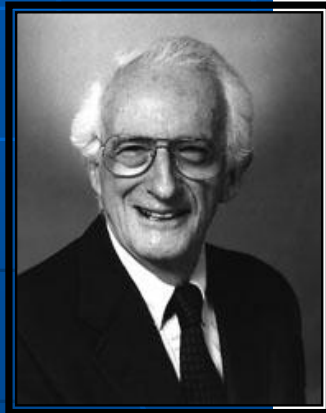
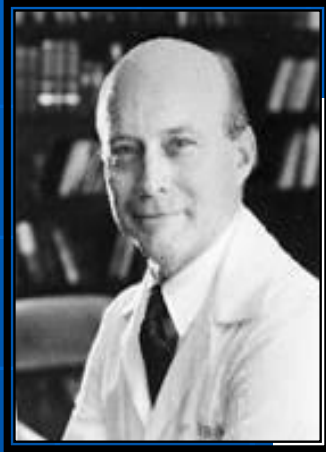
Disengagement Theory

Personality Theory of Aging

Activity Theory of Aging

Deficit Model of Aging
most common

Successful Aging Model: early, later



Social Relations, Convoys of Support and Successful Aging at ISR

1980s: Supports of the Elderly

1990s+: Social Relations from 8 to 93

Waves 1, 2, 3, and 4

2024: Now we are one of the world leaders in aging research

Thank you

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