



Longevity

Living Longer... Living Better?

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Thanks to recent advances in medicine, longevity is on the rise. But will America's youth-oriented society finally develop the maturity to respect its elders? And will the Medicare and Social Security infrastructures be able to meet the needs of the Baby Boomers? In this program, medical ethicist David Solomon, NBC News correspondent Dr. Bob Arnot, the directors of the Aging With Dignity Institute and the Forever Learning Institute and Dr. Mary Pipher examine these and other pressing quality-of-life questions.

2000, Color, 29 min, VHS

Living Old: The modern realities of aging in America

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For the first time in American history, "the old old" -- those over 85 -- are now the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. Medical advances have enabled an unprecedented number of Americans to live longer, healthier lives. But for millions of elderly, living longer can also mean a debilitating physical decline that often requires an immense amount of care. And just as more care is needed, fewer caregivers are available to provide it. In "Living Old," FRONTLINE investigates this national crisis and explores the new realities of aging in America.

Live to be 150...Can you do it?

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From a potential breakthrough pill to controversial rejuvenation technologies, Barbara Walters reports on what the future may hold, as well as what one expert says is the only proven way to extend life. The special also explores secrets to aging gracefully and living life to its fullest, from 83-year-old actor turned race car driver Paul Newman to a group of centenarians.

2008, DVD

The Tougher Sex: Gender & Longevity

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Statistically, women live longer than men. Why is this so? This program examines the question using statistical, genetic, and archaeological data. The sex activity of fruit flies is studied to determine its effect on male life span. Two-hundred-year-old remains indicate that longevity in women may be a modern phenomenon. Work-related stress, and even degrees of affluence, seem to play a role in determining how long men live versus women. Efforts by medical experts are helping men to manipulate factors that may close the longevity gap. I

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