AGEISM
Defining Ageism
- ____________________________ → the unequal distribution of scarce resources based on age
- ____________________________ → a set of beliefs, attitudes, norms and values used to justify age-based prejudice and discrimination

Theoretical Perspectives on Ageism

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INEQUALITY IN AMERICA’S ELDERLY POPULATION
Economics of the Elderly
- Why is poverty measured different for elderly people?
  ➢ The government assumes that elderly require less ____________________________ to live.
- What other factors affect elderly Americans?
  ➢ Racial and Ethnic groups
- Overall, what is the economic position of older people in the United States?
  ➢ ____________________________
1. Distinguish between the concepts of sex, gender, and gender identity.

2. Why is it important for sociologists to define and differentiate between sex and gender?

3. Discuss the biological differences between the sexes. Do these differences account for gender-related behavior?

4. Describe the influence of culture on gender formation.

5. How do parents influence the acquiring of gender concept?

6. How do schools influence the acquiring of gender concept?

7. How do peers influence the acquiring of gender concept?

8. In brief, describe the status of women in the United States.

9. Discuss the inequality experienced by America’s elderly.