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REFLECTIONS ON AGEING AND DISCRIMINATION BY AGE

In the general field of the human rights' protection, the discrimination by age, the so called "ageism", has become the third cause of discrimination after racism and sexism. This document analyzes the different prospects upon which the violations of elders' rights are based and the necessary recommendations on methods to combat this social plague. The document also examines the different criteria with which elders have been considered throughout history and the possible solutions that can be found in order to defend elders' dignity. In these considerations, it is the opportunity to re-evaluate elders' position in contemporary society and to enhance the accumulation of experiences of a generation that has lived the transition from the 20th to the 21th century.