

The Perception Of The Younger Generation Towards Elderly Care: A Case Study Among Undergraduates

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Abstract

In the year 2020, it is expected that the Malaysian population above 60 years old will be 20.8 per cent. As such, it will become a burden to the younger generation if the elderly population is not provided earlier for their own safety net, both in terms of physical and financial terms. In other words, the burden need not be thrust upon the younger generation if it is carefully and properly planned by the state as well as the individual. This study was carried out to find out the perception on intergenerational care and support among the youth in our country so that a more effective approach could be undertaken by the government in the issue of care giving for the elderly in the near future. The sample consisted of 1000 respondents who were undergraduates from public and private universities and colleges. The findings of this study revealed that generally the younger generation still shows filial piety towards elderly parents. However, with time this strong filial piety may reduce as it was noted that many undergraduates indicated their uncertainty whether their elderly parents should stay with them or be sent to old folk homes.

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