

# Ageing In Society: An Introduction To Social Gerontology

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## Citizenship and structured dependency: the implications of policy design for senior political power

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### ABSTRACT

This paper argues that the structured dependency thesis must be extended to incorporate political power. It outlines a political framework of analysis with which to identify who gains and who loses from social policy. I argue that public policy for older people is a product not only of social structures but also of political decision-making. The Schneider and Ingram (1993) 'target populations' model is used to investigate how the social construction of groups as dependent equates with lower levels of influence on policy making. In United Kingdom and European research, older people are identified as politically quiescent, but conversely in the United States seniors are viewed as one of the most influential and cohesive interest groups in the political culture. Why are American seniors perceived as politically powerful, while older people in Europe are viewed as dependent and politically weak? This paper applies the 'target populations' model to senior policy in the Republic of Ireland to investigate how theoretical work in the United States may be used to identify the significance of senior power in policy development. I conclude that research must recognise the connections between power, politics and social constructions to investigate how state policies can influence the likelihood that seniors will resist structured dependency using political means.

**KEY WORDS** – political economy, policy, structured dependency, political power, social construction.

### Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to link the 'structured dependency' thesis as applied to older people to their political participation (*cf.* Townsend 1981). How does the experience of dependency in old age act as a cultural process, 'reflect(ing) back in the minds and expectations of citizens' (Baars *et al.* 2006: 3)? The contrasting experiences of older citizens in Europe and the

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