

SEVEN THESES ABOUT MEDICINE AND THE FUTURE OF AGING



The Ethical Evaluation Of Age-related Biomedical Interventions

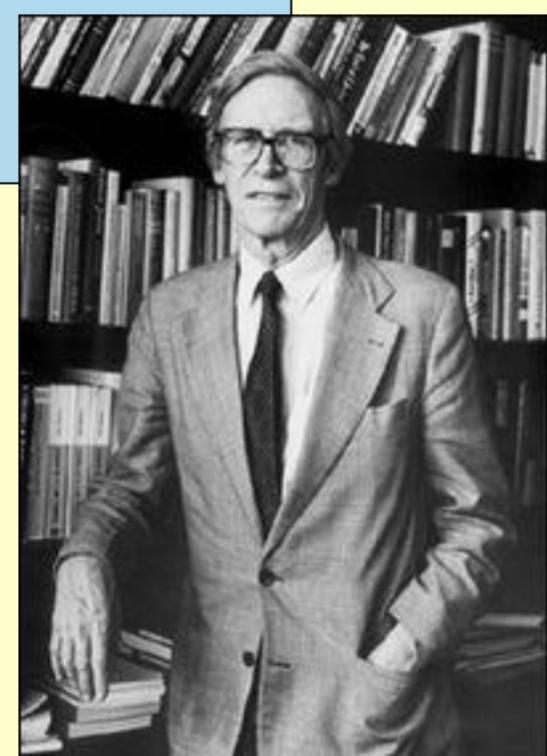
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This project has developed a **NORMATIVE FRAME** for the evaluation of new possible biomedical interventions to slow aging from an individual and a social perspective. Its main findings can be summarized in the following **SEVEN THESES ABOUT MEDICINE AND THE FUTURE OF AGING**:

Thesis 7: Priority setting in research is the best policy option from a perspective of justice.

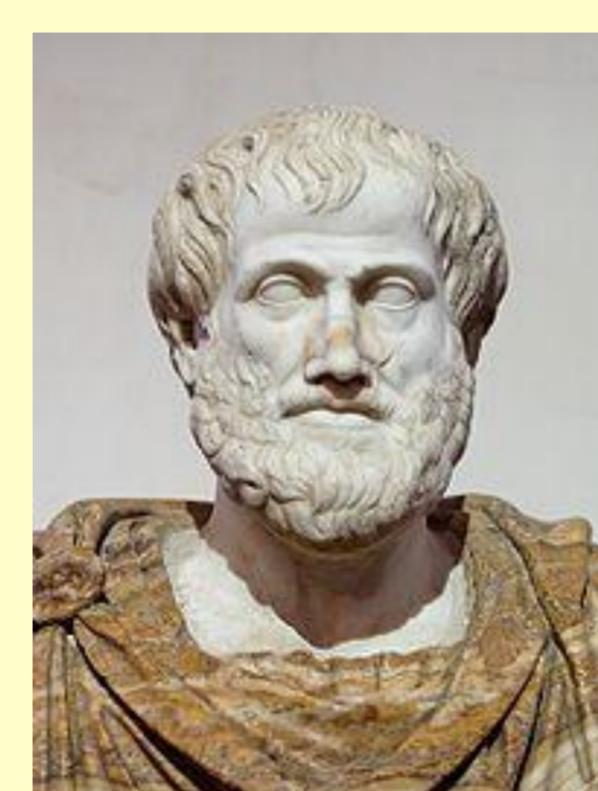


Thesis 1: Biology of Ageing: The aging process is flexible and manipulable.

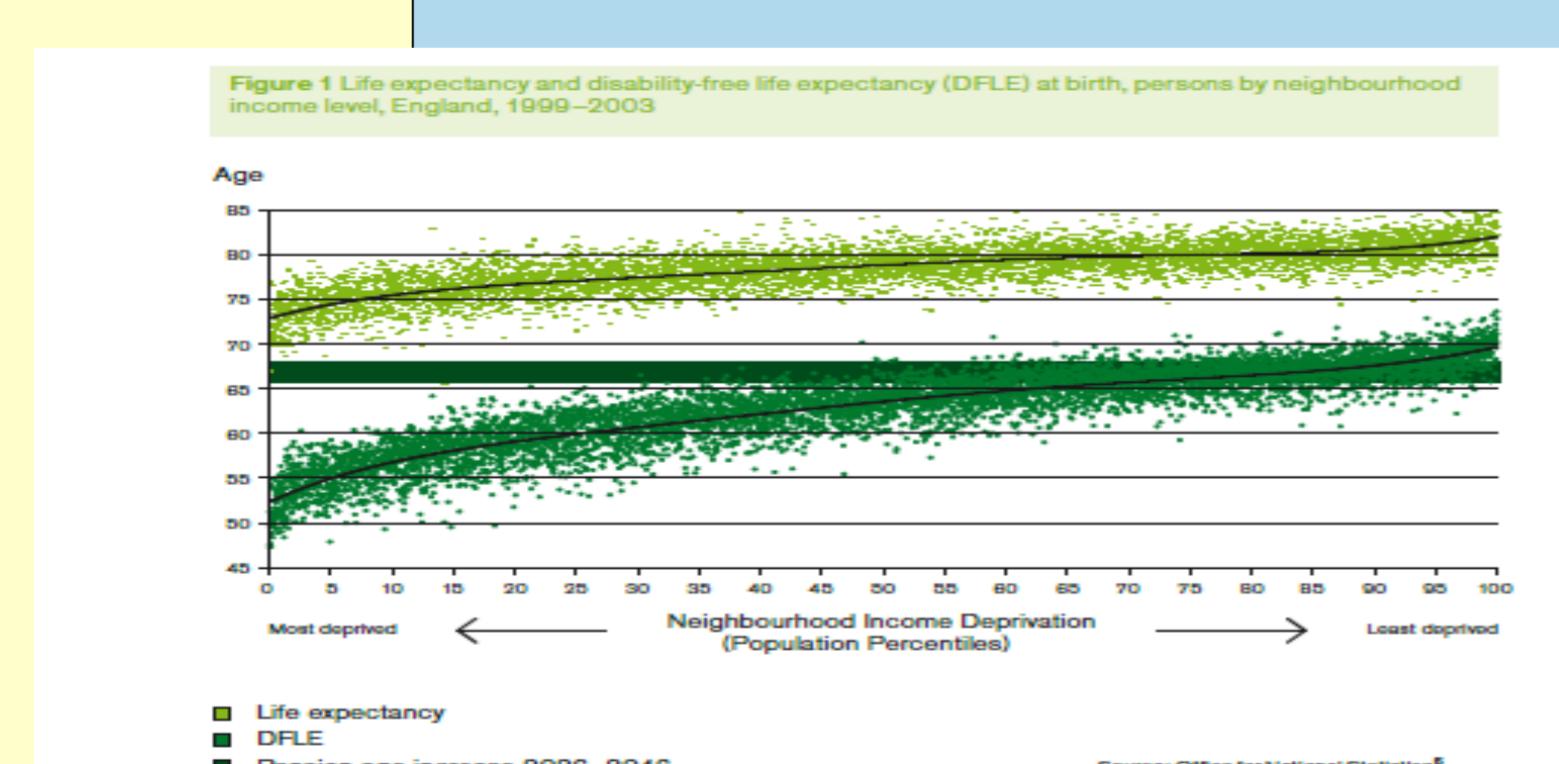


Thesis 6: Medical interventions which slow down aging should be a part of just health care.

Thesis 2: The new type of medicine to slow down aging will be complex and expensive.



Thesis 5: Already health inequities in old age will further rise.



Thesis 3: Eudaimonistic ethical theories do not contradict the desirability of a substantially longer maximum life span.

Thesis 4: Access to new interventions slowing aging will not be universal.

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