

# Re: Lifespan crisis hits supersize America

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Bullshit...what does it mean and why has your so-called reference given meaning? Because it's just crap and has no valid meaning. Don't defend the garbage here. Take it out to the curb.

ir·re·gard·less ( P ) Pronunciation Key (r-gärdls)

adv. Nonstandard

Regardless.

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[Probably blend of irrespective, and regardless.]  
Usage Note: Irregardless is a word that many mistakenly believe to be correct usage in formal style, when in fact it is used chiefly in nonstandard speech or casual writing. Coined in the United States in the early 20th century, it has met with a blizzard of condemnation for being an improper yoking of irrespective and regardless and for the logical absurdity of combining the negative ir- prefix and -less suffix in a single term. Although one might reasonably argue that it is no different from words with redundant affixes like debone and unravel, it has been considered a blunder for decades and will probably continue to be so.

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irregardless

adv : regardless; a combination of irrespective and regardless sometimes used humorously

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> > "Irregardless" is not an English word. Is has no meaning.

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> Merriam-Webster

> ir·re·gard·less

> adverb

> Irregardless originated in dialectal American speech in the early 20th

> century. Its fairly widespread use in speech called it to the

> attention of usage commentators as early as 1927. The most frequently

> repeated remark about it is that "there is no such word." There is

> such a word, however. It is still used primarily in speech, although

> it can be found from time to time in edited prose. Its reputation has

> not risen over the years, and it is still a long way from general

> acceptance. Use regardless instead.