

## Re: lifespan still increasing?

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Yuri Kuchinsky wrote:

Greetings, all,

In his blockbuster book, "Natural Cures 'They' Don't Want You to Know About", Kevin Trudeau casts some doubt on the reliability of US lifespan statistics. He says the stats have been falsified.

According to the official numbers, the average lifespan in the US is currently 78 years, and is still increasing, although not nearly as quickly as before. In fact, in the last few years, the lifespan has been going up only incrementally.

Meanwhile, we all know that there's an obesity epidemic, the diabetes epidemic, the cancer rates are going up, the allergy rates are up dramatically, and all sorts of degenerative diseases are increasing. Considering all this, why would the average lifespan be still rising? Seems like a mystery to me...

Don't the obese people generally have a shorter lifespan?

In any case, this is what Trudeau says,

"I hear a lot about the alleged fact that we are living longer than ever before. This is categorically not true. ... The statistics on life span are fraudulent and false. ... I have to tell you, every time somebody says that we are living longer than ever before I want to scream. Again, I want you to know that it's a lie. The government wants you to believe this because they want you to believe that drugs and surgery are doing a wonderful job, keeping in mind that the majority of money that is going in the pockets of politicians all around the world is from the pharmaceutical industry. ... The bottom line is people are not living longer than ever before. It is a false statistic." (Kevin Trudeau, "Natural Cures 'They' Don't Want You to Know About", Alliance Publishing, 2004, pages 116-117)

But unfortunately, Trudeau doesn't offer any substantiation for his claims, and neither does he offer any estimate as to what the true lifespan in the US might actually be at this time.

So has anyone looked into this matter before? Any further info would be appreciated.

Best regards,

Yuri.

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Caution is called for when all the experts agree.

-- Bertrand Russell

I have heard that it has actually declined in the U.S. in the past few years. But even if this is true, there are many factors that can contribute—epidemics, immigration, etc.

Of course, if you are going to posit that life expectancy at birth has not increased, the burden of proof is on Trudeau. So, where does he get his figures?

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0005148.html>

Steve

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