

Is Elder Abuse Worse in Developing Countries? A comparison between Brazil and USA

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OBJETIVOS

- Compare elder abuse definitions in developed and undeveloped nations;
- Identify the variation in the types of criminal practices against the elderly and what would be the differences related with development status;
- Verify the variations in characteristics of perpetrator

DISEÑO: SELECTED LITERATURE REVIEW

LUGAR: Los Angeles

MEDICIONES: Review and comparison of two National Studies in both countries: The National Elder Abuse Incidence Study (NEAIS), released in 1998 and the Brazil the national survey "Violencia Contra a Pessoa Idosa" (Violence Against the Older Adult) published in 2007 .

RESULTADOS: There are major differences in the way how crime are perpetrated against older adults in both nations, what constitute a major issue in a developed country is the least reported problem in a developing nation, however that cannot be used to affirm that elder abuse is worse in developing nations.

CONCLUSIONES: Developing nations needs to improve the sistematization of data and there is an urgency regarding investment in research and integration between services providers to identify the needs to be done in order to create a protocol to investigate elder abuse in Brazil.