

Abstract

This thesis deals with the concept of old age and respect towards seniors, which gone through significant change during history and that is the reason why the status of seniors in society has decreased and youth gained prominence. The main goal of this thesis based on qualitative research is to find out the ways of showing respect to seniors and from which reasons it is so, while the accent is kept on perception of respect by four age generations. Observations and interviews revealed a discovery of typology of seniors and non-seniors, two forms of respect and four reasons of showing respect. The two main reasons of showing respect are perception of seniors as the weak ones or as heroes. The thesis develops forms and reasons of respect and thereby serves an insight into relationships and attitudes of young generations towards seniors. It revealed there are differences in ways of showing respect among generations. It should also give us pause to thought over sometimes big gap between these two worlds - youth and old age.