

# Aging

**It's also true, of course, that younger politicians can suffer debilitating illnesses.**

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**True, too, that older people with access to good health care can now lead productive public lives well past the ages at which their political forebears would have died or become incapable.**

**But in other democracies where healthy life spans are just as long as those in the US, the governing class is nonetheless much younger.**

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