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**Key Term or Concept: Social Security**

*Article and Synopsis: “What Social Security Crisis?” by John Buell*

The article addresses the social security crisis and the reasons why social security is at a fundamental turning point. It discusses the presumed bankruptcy of social security and the notion that the American society can no longer afford social security.

**Key Term or Concept: Age and Death**

*Article and Synopsis: “Death Experiences and Hospice: Perceptions of College Students” by Brandi R. Newsome and George E. Dickinson*

The article documents a study that investigated the awareness and involvement of college-age students in hospices to ascertain information regarding their experiences with death. It also examines the students’ preferences about death and dying.

**Key Term or Concept: Elder Abuse**

*Article and Synopsis: “Elder Abuse” by Margaret F. Hudson and Cherry M. Beasley*

To gain a better understanding of what elder abuse means to the American public, a random sample of adults from seven culturally diverse counties in North Carolina was interviewed. Included in the sample were African Americans from four different counties and regions of the state.
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