



# ELDER JUSTICE

## LUNCH & LEARN

AWARENESS, PREVENTION & INNOVATION IN THE AGE OF COVID-19



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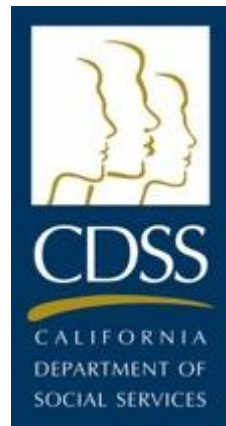




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## **National Trends in Adult Protective Services During COVID-19**





# Poll question 1

Have you heard of NAPSA?

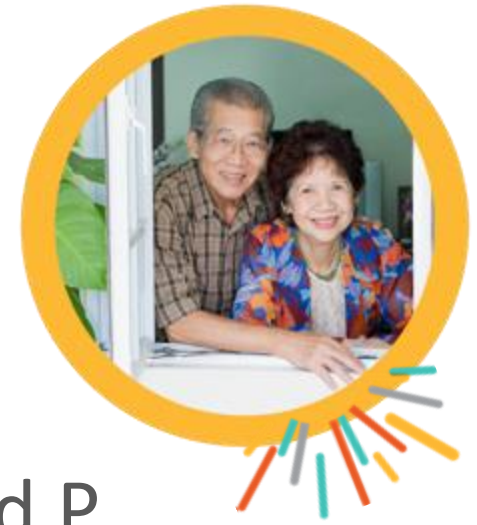
- Yes
- No



# National APS Association

- Peer Support
- Advocacy
- Technical Assistance
- Website: <https://www.napsa-now.org/>





## Early reports from the field

- Change to telework in many states: needed new P and P
- Lack of PPE for home visits
- Developing and adapting practices regarding home visits and investigations
- Concern about number of reports dropping



# Resulting Innovations

- Interviewing while social distancing
- Using more collateral contacts for investigating
- Using technology to maintain teams and morale
- Increased use of on-line training for workers
- Emphasis on Trauma-care for both clients and workers



## Poll question 2

How much Federal Funding is earmarked to operate APS programs?

- None
- 15 million
- 120 million
- 240 million



# National Advocacy Issues

- Determination of APS as essential workers
- APS COVID funding in Federal funding packages
  - SSBG funding
  - PPE and Technology ask
- Senator Grassley's Emergency Support for Nursing Homes and Elder Justice Reform Act Of 2020







## Today's new normal for APS

- Mixed investigative methodology by state
- Reports are increasing up to/passed pre-COVID
- Concerns about state budgets for services
- Concerns regarding on-going impact to victims
- Questions about when facility regulations will be reinstated



## Bright spots

- Working remotely has leveled access to training
- Spotlight on seniors and on ageism in the press
- (Some) members of Congress know what APS is!





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## Advocating for Elder Justice in the COVID-19 Era



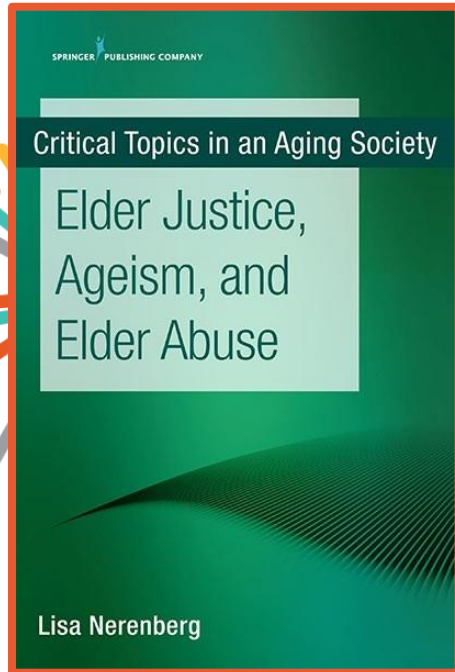
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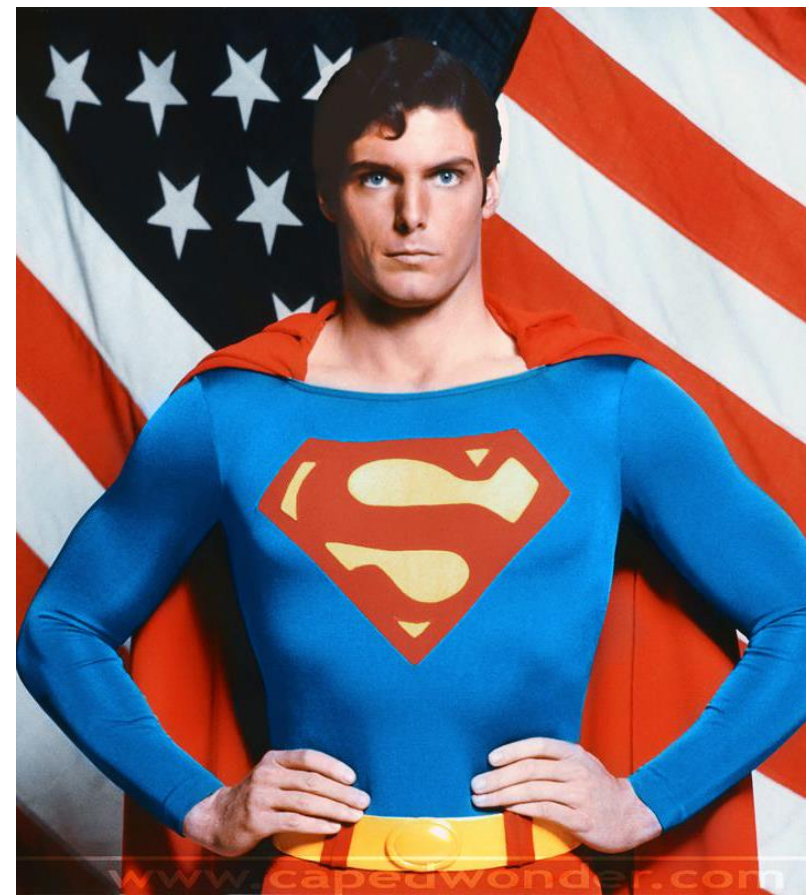
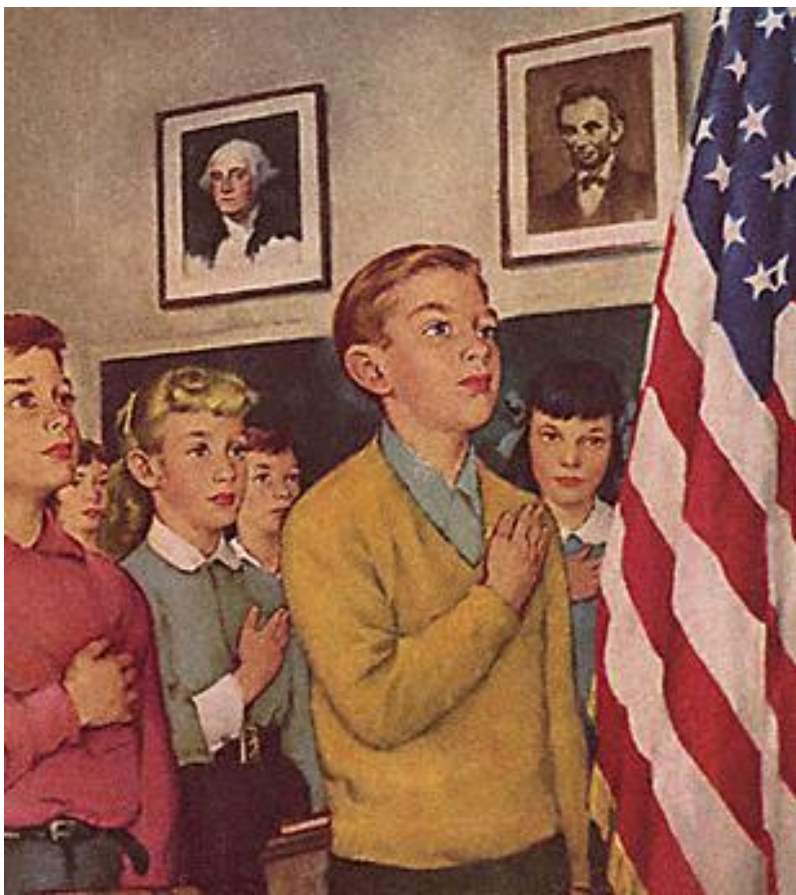


## **Elder Justice Act of 2010**

Living free from elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation is a right







# Defining Justice







# Life. Liberty. The Pursuit of Happiness.



## The Right to life

“...being able to live a life of normal length; not dying prematurely, or before one’s life is so reduced as to be not worth living”

In free societies, people have to be adequately nourished, sheltered and protected from assault to function”

Martha Nussbaum



## The Right to Life: For Whom?

- The richest American men live 15 years longer than poorest. For women, the difference is 10 yrs.
- Nearly 50% of low-income adults have disabilities, compared to < 11% for adults overall.
- African- Americans are twice as likely to have dementias. For Hispanics, it's 1½ times as likely.



# GROSS NATIONAL HAPPINESS

Bhutan





# Liberty

“What the people are entitled to *against* every government on earth...and what no government should refuse.”

Thomas Jefferson

- Freedom of speech and religion
- Protection against violence
- Due process
- Freedom from unwarranted searches and seizures

When government restricts freedom it must have *compelling reasons* for doing so (the greater good of society)

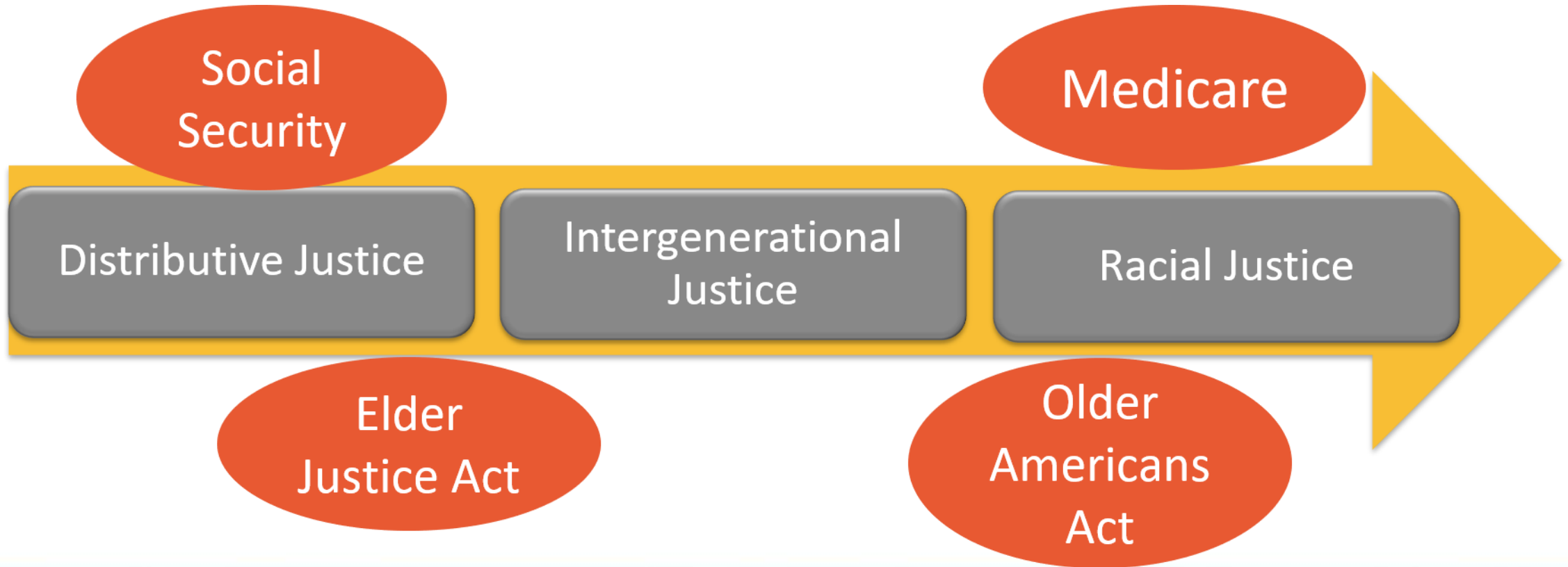


# Justice Systems





# Justice in Aging Policy




# OLMSTEAD V. LC 1999





Universal  
Declaration of  
Human Rights

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# ELDER JUSTICE ON THE GLOBAL STAGE



# Convention: Agreement in International Law

The Elimination on  
All Forms of Racial  
Discrimination  
(1965)

The Elimination of  
All Forms of  
Discrimination  
against Women  
(1979)

Torture and Other  
Cruel, Inhuman, or  
Degrading  
Treatment or  
Punishment (1984)

The Rights of the  
Child (1989)

The Rights of All  
Migrant Workers  
and Members of  
Their Families  
(1990)

The Rights of  
Persons with  
Disabilities (2006)

The Protection of  
all Persons from  
Enforced  
Disappearance  
(2006)







## 7 Forms of Ageism (Butler, International Longevity Center)

1. Elder Abuse
2. Discrimination in Health Care
3. Discrimination in Nursing Homes
4. Discrimination in Emergency Services
5. Discrimination in the Workplace
6. Discrimination in the Media
7. Discrimination in Marketing



# AGEISM







# PUBLIC HEALTH



# Public Health



**From Preventing Diseases to Preventing Injustice**

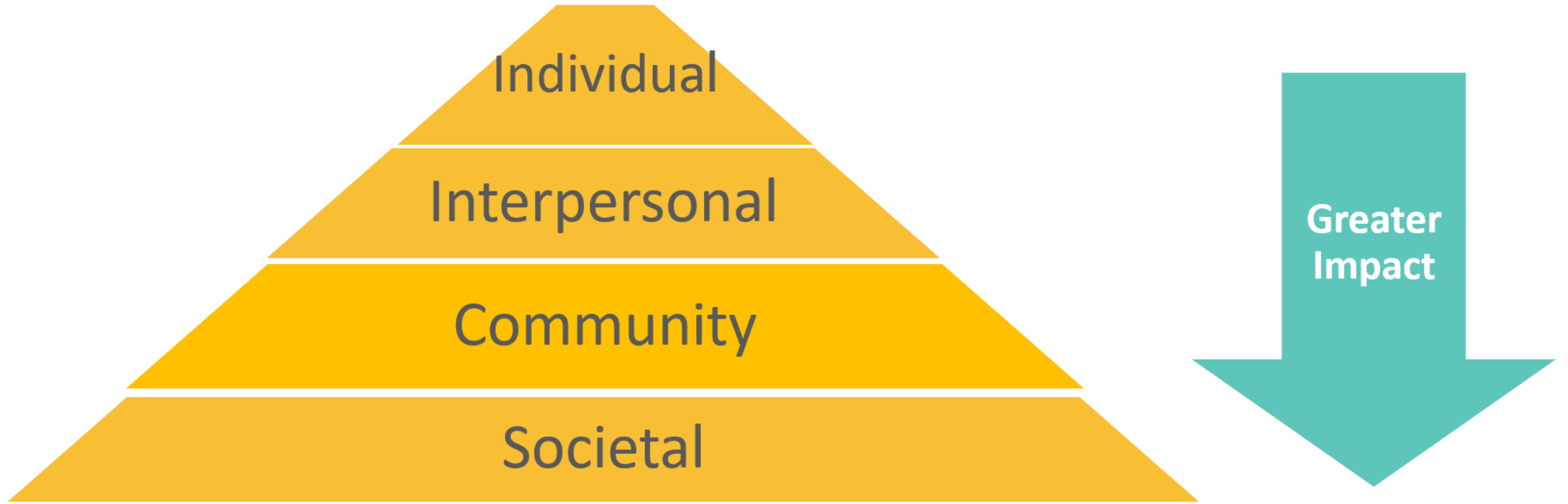




**OF ALL THE FORMS  
OF INEQUALITY,  
INJUSTICE IN HEALTH  
IS THE MOST  
SHOCKING AND  
INHUMAN.**



# Ecological Model of Public Health



# LEVELS OF PREVENTION

Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
Preventing diseases from developing	Early detection and treatment	Reducing the harm and preventing recurrences



# The Ecological Model of Elder Justice

LEVEL	GOAL
Individual	Protecting Individual Rights
Interpersonal	Preventing Abuses of Power
Community	Equity in Resources/Services
Societal	Political Action/Culture Change





# Protecting Individual Rights

Civil Rights

Consumer Rights

Rights of  
people with  
cognitive  
impairments

Victims  
Rights

Rights of  
prison inmates



# Preventing Abuses of Power

Elder Abuse

Exploitation

Undue  
Influence

Intimate  
Partner Abuse



# Community Engagement, Safety, and Equity



Civil  
Engagement

Social  
Inclusion

Equity

Access

Community Health  
Workers



# Societal Approaches to Elder Justice

Public  
Policy

Laws

Mainstreaming

Culture  
Change





# GENERATIONS AT WAR

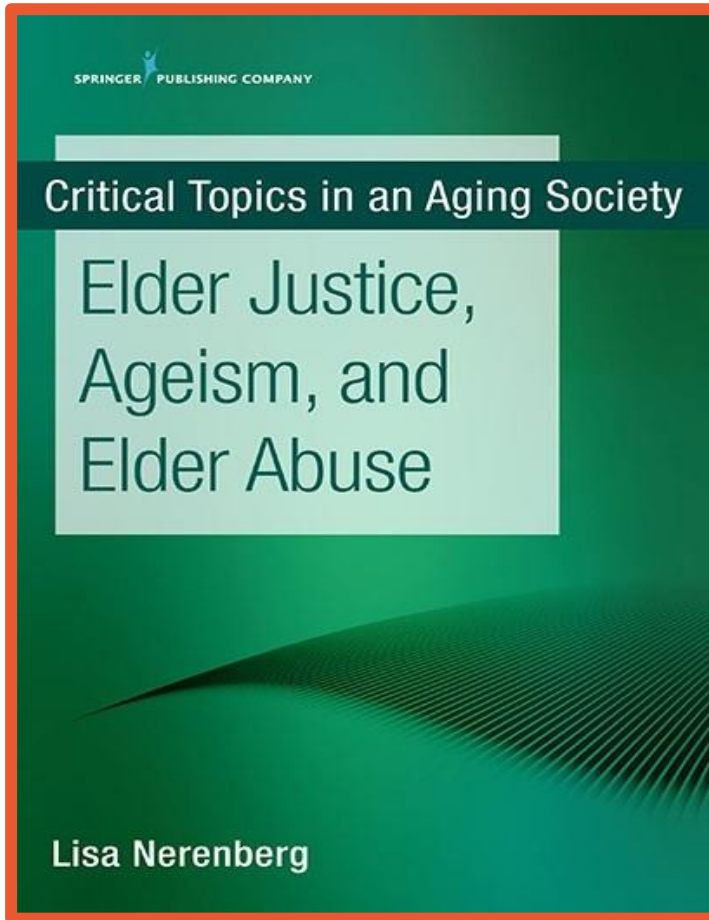


# A FRAMEWORK FOR ELDER JUSTICE

	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	TERTIARY
<b>Ensuring Individual Rights</b>			
<b>Eliminating Abuses of Power</b>			
<b>Ensuring Equity</b>			
<b>Creating a Just Society</b>			







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**Thank you!**

