

# Greece: Impacts of Neoliberal Economic Medicine on Life Expectancy. Germany-EU-IMF Help Greeks Shorten Their Miserable Lives

Study: Economic Crisis Shortens Life Expectancy of Greeks

By [Philip Chrysopoulos](#)

Global Research, October 04, 2017

[Defend Democracy Press](#) 22 July 2017

Region: [Europe](#)

Theme: [Global Economy](#), [Poverty & Social Inequality](#)

In-depth Report: [THE BALKANS](#)

*The [economic crisis](#) in Greece had a substantial impact on certain ages and overall shortens [life expectancy](#) rates, an Imperial College London study says*

A group of researchers studied life expectancy by 2030 in 35 countries across the world, including Greece.

“In Greece in recent years there has been an increase in mortality at certain ages and this is probably related to the difficult economic situation in the country. The result was a slowing down of the life expectancy rate, which would remain low under these conditions,” Vasilis Kontis, one of the researchers, told Kathimerini newspaper.

Life expectancy in Greece was on the rise since the 1960s until the beginning of the current decade. Up until 2012, life expectancy for women was around 83 years and 78 for men.

“The impact of the crisis is significant, as Greece has drastically cut spending on health. Countries with a rapid increase in life expectancy are those with strong health systems and healthcare and public health successes, such as the prognosis and treatment of chronic diseases or the reduction of obesity and smoking,” Kontis said.

In order for a country to have its citizens live longer, policies should be in place to ensure a good quality of life for the elderly and help to avoid the burden on the health system.

The original source of this article is [Defend Democracy Press](#)

Copyright © [Philip Chrysopoulos](#), [Defend Democracy Press](#), 2017

---

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Philip Chrysopoulos](#)

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)

[www.globalresearch.ca](http://www.globalresearch.ca) contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)