The other way around? New perspectives on LTC policies in Spain and Sweden

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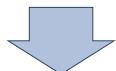


OBJECTIVE

To contrast the traditional top-down perspective with a bottom-up perspective: Less about demographic factors, and more about the family, competing obligations and community at large

Top-down to bottom-up perspectives





The top –down perspective is typically used by authorities at various levels

The bottom – up perspective is not new, but more expresses the interests of citizens and families



TOP-DOWN PERSPECTIVE vs. BOTTOM-UP PERSPECTIVE

AGING POPULATION



NEEDS > RESOURCES
(cash benefits + in kind services; young-adult caregivers)



PROBLEMS:

WELFARE STATE NOT AFFORDABLE



LTC WITH IN-KIND SERVICES & CASH BENEFITS, Rationing

LTC MORE BASED ON COMMUNITY & CARERS



POSSIBILITIES:

WIDER RANGE OF POLICIES



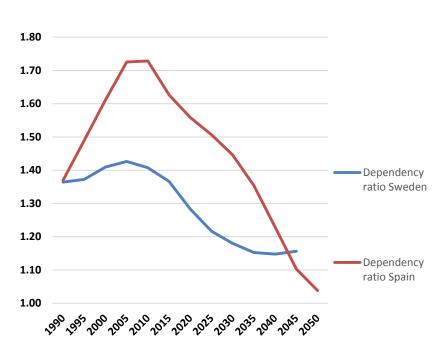
NEEDS < RESOURCES (idem + older people, third sector, time, technologies, etc.)



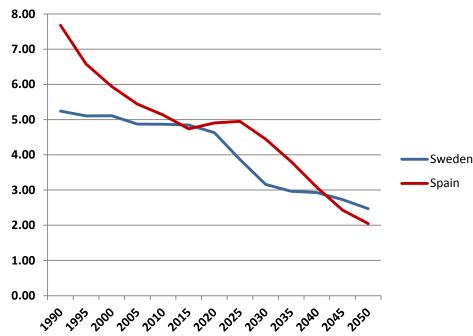
FAMILY

TOP-DOWN PERSPECTIVE: demography in Spain and Sweden...

Total dependency ratios: 20-64/<19 & 65+

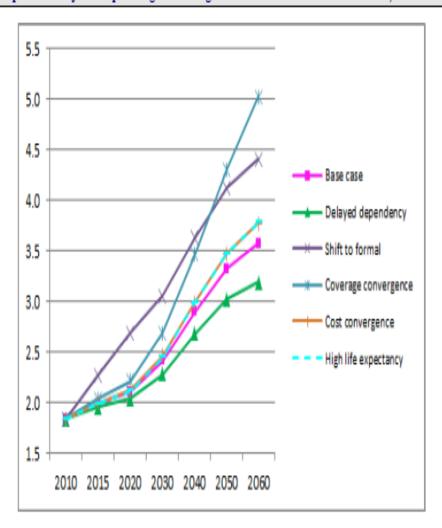


Caregiver support ratios: 45-64/80+



TOP-DOWN PERSPECTIVE, dramatic forecasts about expenditures...

Graph 21 - Projected spending according to the different scenarios: EU-27, % of GDP



With an ageing population, LTC public expenditure will increase and public finances will suffer, jeopardising LTC, health care, and pensions



TOP-DOWN PERSPECTIVES emphasize needs and public expenditures, but what about resources?

Source: EU (2012)

Bottom-up avenues?



ADDING NEW RESOURCES to the analysis?



- Older persons themselves
- Third sector + older people
- Workers in the shadow economy
- New technologies

Older persons as a resource

- 1) Older people are important caregivers
- 2) More older workers
- 3) Intergenerational transfers of time, money, housing etc.

Third sector + Older people as a resource

- 1) Rise in non-profit organizations run by older persons
- 2) Increasingly active older people
- 3) Diversification of activities, including Home Help

Domestic workers in shadow economy

- 1) Significant numbers in many countries, whereof many carers
- 2) Mainly women, and immigrants

New technologies as a resource

- 1) Innovative techniques and technologies of care at home and in institutions
- 2) Less need of workers in LTC? Physical care will always require a caring person, even with new technologies
- 3) New technologies may reconcile work and family

BOTTOM-UP PERSPECTIVE

Which unmet needs, worries, and complaints from users and caregivers?

- Inferior quantity and/or quality of formal services
- Too little time
- Lack of continuity
- Better conditions at home for caring
- Cash benefits and/or domestic private help
- Third sector support
- Fiscal incentives/remunerations

A COMPARATIVE STUDY:



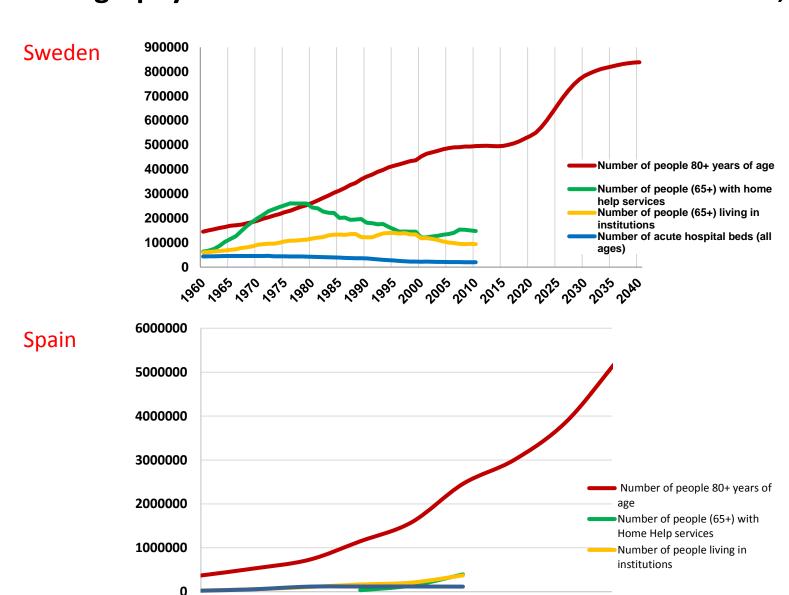
Different contexts for caregiving, family, social life and work



- "Familistic" culture. Extensive filial obligations.
- 22 % of older people live alone, and increasing
- Little public support to conciliate family and work
- Moderate but increasing number of working women
- High unemployment rate
- Big shadow economy (in domestic help)
- Recent development of universal means-tested LTC

- Less "Familistic" culture? Filial obligations for spouses
- 32 % of older people live alone, and decreasing
- Extensive polices of conciliation family and work
- High participation of women in labour market
- Small shadow economy and little private domestic help
- Low unemployment rate
- Long experience with extensive public LTC

TOP-DOWN PERSPECTIVE, Spanish and Swedish gaps between demography and trends of social services and health care, 1960-2014



Traditional top-down perspective... and its implications

In Spain:

El rápido envejecimiento redibuja la economía

El problema conlleva la pérdida de peso de Europa en el mundo

El 90% de municipios pierde ayudas para atender ancianos en el hogar

El recorte de la Xunta afecta a los mayores sin dependencia reconocida

omsorg och migrat Las administraciones invierten un 13% menos en servicios sociales en 4 años

Los mayores descensos desde 2012 hasta 2015 han sido los de Galicia, Murcia y

Las ayudas a los dependientes leves llegan con cuentagotas

En Barcelona, tras 10 meses de la finalización de han dado prestaciones al 3% de los beneficiarios

"El recorte equivale a eliminar a 35.000 dependientes"

Los PGE quitan una de las tres vías de financiación de la dependencia, dotada con 283 mil el 15% de la dotación estatal. José Manuel Ramírez, presidente de la Asociación de Directivo Gerentes de Servicios Sociales, dice que esto equivale al coste de 35.000 dependientes.

Más de 22.500 catalanes han muerto esperando la ayuda por dependencia

Las entidades culpan al modelo de financiación de la ley y a los recortes Administración Central

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In Sweden:

Så kan kommuner frigöra miljarder

VÄLFÄRD Frågan om prioritering och effektivisering måste få större utrymme i de

har därför kartlagt

Det pågår ett krig mot svenska pensionärer

Min mamma övergavs av hemsjukvården som ordinerade morfin och palliativ vård utan att göra ett hembesök.

Ar vi så känslomässigt avtrubbade att vi låte 90-åriga människor ligga och vänta i tolv timmar på att få vård? skriver författaren Leif Södergren

Nej till tvångsvård i hemmet

ÄLDRES VILLKOR Även äldre människor måste få rätt till val-

"Tvångsvård i hemmet när äldre nekas omsorgsboende"

Humanare äldreomsorg. Trots sjukdom, flera svåra fall i hemmet och en uttryckt önskan om att få plats på äldreboende tvingas jag bo kvar hemma. Välbefinnande, trygghet och självbestämmande är målen med äldreomsorgen, enligt Socialtjänstlagen. Jag upplever inget av detta,

Bottom-up perspective... and its implications

In Spain:

De 'chachas' a empleadas con derechos

Las limpiadoras cotizan en el régimen general de la Seguridad Social desde el 1 de enero

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empleadas domésticas pasean bebés en la lujosa

El Consell elimina absolutamente el copago

en centros de atención diurna

Una iniciativa para compatibilizar trabajo y pensión

Atados a su dependencia

En España el uso de sujeciones físicas en mayores y dependientes está cerca del 40%. Hay que cambiar la cultura del cuidado

Deducción autonómica en el IRPF por ayuda doméstica

Por Cristina C. González 14 de mayo, 2015

La Junta mejora la accesibilidad de las viviendas de 1.000 familias con mayo de 65 años o discapacitados

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Fler äldre i stan kameraövervakas

Färdtjänst har många problem att jobba med

 Det finns många kunder som inte har några problem med färdtjänsten. Men det finns också flera missförhållanden som måste uppmärksammas av de politike som är beställare av taxiföretagens sin rollator och vänta i kyla snålblåst). Då måste det gå 2 minuter innan man får ring det speciella telefonnumme finns för sådana situationer dröjer det ytterligare tid im bilen förhoppningsvis kom

Äldre i Sverige vill inte vårdas av sina barn

In Sweden:



Ska bara dementa få vård i framtiden?

Malin Mörth: Reglerna blir ett moment 22 för dementa



28 september 2011 kl 00:01, uppdaterad: 3 oktober 2011 kl 11:41

ATT ÄLSKA I NÖD

ÖKAT TRYCK. Hellre hemtjänsten än barnen, tycker många äldre när de behöver hjälp med dusch, tvätt och städning. Men det valet fungerar inte alltid i verkiligheten. Färre får äldreomsorg och familjerna har fått ta över allt mer av vården av de gamla. När antalet äldre ökar framöver ökar också trycket på de anhöriga.

Future convergence of countries and perspectives solutions?

Swedish welfare state model

From formal care (in- kind public services)

Spanish family-based model

From unpaid care (family and cash benefits) and private services

Conclusions

- Top-down is the main perspective, producing worries about the future of LTC
- Top-down lacks an understanding of sources of care: Older persons invisible, no third sector, no shadow caregivers, etc.
- Bottom-up recognizes unmeet needs, complaints and requests from families and citizens. Mainly at municipal level and provides a closer view of real needs of older people and existing sources of help and care.
- Top-down and Bottom-up are complementary and may facilitate a holistic view of LTC

THANK YOU