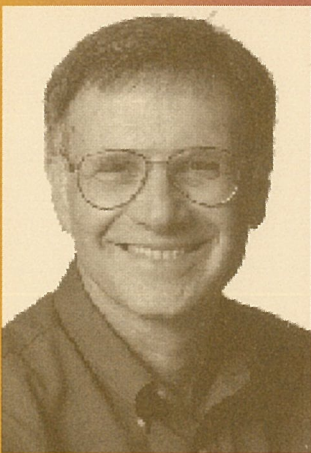


Cultural Functions of 'the Midlife' in Contemporary America

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Countercultural Youth From the 60s at Midlife



Professor Weisner's research focuses on a longitudinal sample of Euro-American countercultural young adults of the 1960s and early 70s, now somewhere in their late forties and fifties. This group came of age as part of a cohort with a unique generational identity that influenced their future development as adults and how they raised their own children. In midlife, these individuals vary widely in their commitment to their

countercultural values. Their children, now young adults themselves, exhibit some surprising continuities with, as well as some paradoxical differences from, the values of the 60s. The midlife experiences of the countercultural cohort are yoked in complex ways to past identities and to the coming of age of this new generation.

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