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1. A new report from the Employee Benefit Research Institute finds that the share of the University of Michigan's Health and Retirement Study (HRS) survey respondents reporting "very satisfying" retirements dropped from 60.5% in 1998 to 48.6% in 2012. Conversely, the number of respondents reporting "moderately satisfying" and "not at all satisfying" retirements increased from 31.7% to 40.9% and from 7.9% to 10.5%, respectively. "What's not yet clear is exactly why this is happening," says Sudipto Banerjee, EBRI research associate and author of the study. [Read more.](#)
2. Researchers from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College conducted several studies that found the task of choosing an annuity increases mortality salience by forcing people to consider their own death, and motivates consumers to escape thinking about their mortality by avoiding the annuity option. [Read more.](#)
- 3. With relatively flat fertility rates, rising longevity and 10,000 baby boomers turning 70 every day, America is becoming a "gerontocracy," says Ken Dychtwald, Ph.D., chief executive officer of Age Wave in San Francisco. Dychtwald believes that anyone wishing to be our next president should indicate his or her knowledge of and priorities regarding the medical, scientific, economic, employment, infrastructure and intergenerational dimensions of this coming demographic transformation. He believes there are five essential trans-partisan issues that must be addressed, that were not covered in any debate. [Read more.](#)**

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