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This study documents the range of images held about retirement among a group of professional men and women 50–60 years old. The decade of the

fifties is a point of transition in the development of professionals' consciousness about retirement. Examined are the work contingencies influencing whether respondents anticipate retirement positively. Those who have unfinished agendas at work, have high job satisfaction, perceive retirement as financially unfeasible, and retain their health are least likely to anticipate retirement favorably.

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