

Refugees have an increased risk of dementia...



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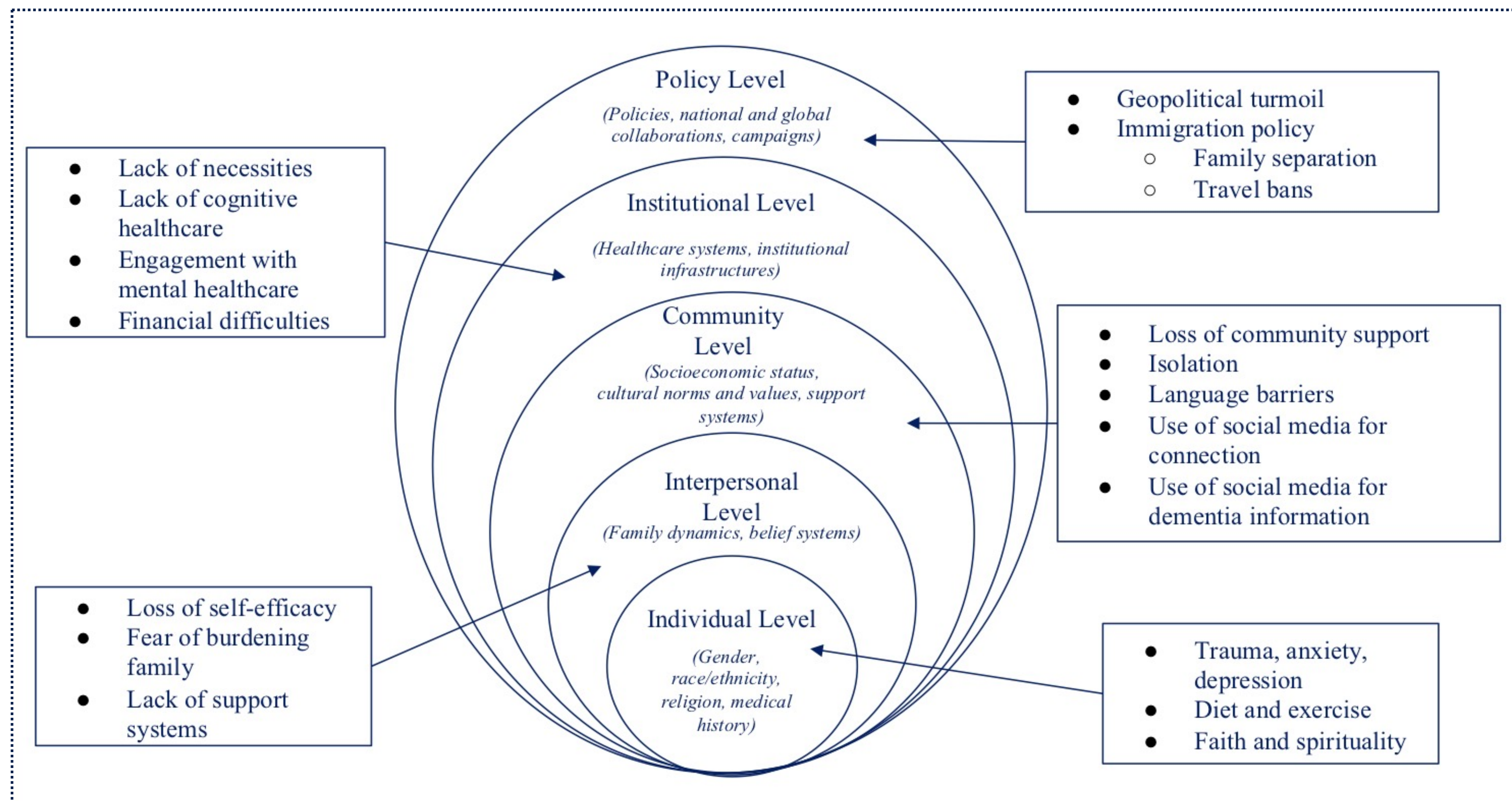
...and we don't screen them for it.



Attitudes towards dementia and cognitive aging among refugees settled in the United States

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Methods: Focus groups and individual interviews (total N = 69) with Arab, Afghan, and African refugees resettled in San Diego, California



Areas of Intervention

- 1) Workforce Engagement: *empowering auxiliary healthcare providers to increase dementia screening*
- 2) Clinical Guideline Development: *developing validated screening tools for refugee populations*
- 3) Building Community Strengths: *engaging community leaders in brain health initiatives*
- 4) Immigration and Health Policy Reform: *prioritizing trauma-informed policies to lessen dementia risk*

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