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FERTILITY OUTCOMES AND PARENTAL WELL-BEING IN LATER LIFE: EVIDENCE FROM INDIA

We study the effect of fertility outcomes on parental well-being in post-reproductive ages. The context is India, where the gender of the firstborn is plausibly random, and parents with firstborn daughters end up having more daughters. For both women and men, we find that having a firstborn daughter leads to lower subjective life satisfaction and a greater chance of labor force participation in their post-reproductive years. These results are plausibly driven by greater financial stress associated with marrying off daughters, and, for women, by the long-term effects of abortion and lower autonomy in households with firstborn daughters



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