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The Gender Difference in the Burden of Having Children: Evidence from Life Satisfaction Data

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Abstract:

This paper uses life satisfaction data from World and European Integrated Values Survey 1981–2008 and analyzes the gender difference in the relationship between the number of children and life satisfaction across welfare regimes. In doing so, we identify the gender difference in the parenting burden. Our results show that the gender with higher parenting costs, generally women, obtain lower satisfaction from having children. In particular, we find that the women's disadvantage in life satisfaction is smaller in social democratic and liberal counties where extensive childcare supports are provided. We also find that the opposite is true in developing countries and NIEs in which public childcare supports are not widely available.

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