



“How to Bet Big on the American Dream”

The big bet is investments in areas that help low-income children meet a series of milestones. These goals, such as completing high school with a 2.5 average, set the youth up for greater social and economic mobility later in life.

The Atlantic, May 5, 2016

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“New Study Finds Your Debt Could Be Hurting Your Kids”

The type of debt parents incur can affect children emotionally and behaviorally. Households that experienced a rise in ‘unsecured’ or bad debt, like high interest credit cards, also saw a rise in children’s behavioral issues.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Jan 22, 2016

“More Than Half of ‘Children’ Misperceive or Reject Parents’ Political Party Affiliations”

Contrary to popular belief that children learn the same political values as their parents, 51.2% of respondents either mis-identified their parents’ affiliation or rejected it.

Phys.org, Nov 19, 2015

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Why The NLS Counts

“The National Longitudinal Surveys stand out because they are designed to answer key long-term questions about people’s paths through life.

The survey doesn’t just ask about labor market activity. It also asks about education, training, health, marriages and other relationships, children, use of government programs, juvenile crimes and arrests, drug and alcohol use, and much more. Why do we ask about these topics, some of which are pretty sensitive? In short, we’re trying to understand all the things that affect or are affected by labor market activity. That covers nearly every part of our lives.

This is all possible thanks to the people who have agreed to participate in the surveys across many years—so that we can understand people’s paths over time!”

Erica L. Groshen, Commissioner 2013-2017

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Thank You!



Research Highlights

✓ Labor Market

Evidence suggests that an economic downturn in childhood, such as a recession, may have negative impact into adulthood.

✓ Education

High school age children with incarcerated mothers have lower rates of future college attendance.

✓ Health

An extra year of public insurance (Medicaid/CHIP) as a child improves health as a young adult and reduces chronic issues.

✓ Family

Cohabiting young adults increasingly have joint financial accounts and assets, helping their economic stability.

The NLSY79 Young Adult is about telling your story as part of the larger picture of the American experience. You are a participant in a study known by researchers and policy makers around the world!



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