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Couple's Ideal Family Size and the Realization of a Second Child under China's Two-child Policy

About the Webinar

The universal two-child policy in China did not lead to a significant increase in fertility. It is important to learn to what extent a couple's desires for multiple children have an impact on whether they have a second child later on, whether husband dominance exists when couple discrepancy exists, and what factors could reverse the male dominance, if any. In this study, we use the China Family Panel Studies (CFPS) to examine these questions. Findings suggest that the overall rate of having a second child is low after the policy relaxation. Compared to wives, husbands have a greater power on a second child realization, and this phenomenon is more prevalent in rural areas. Female education advantage help reverse the male dominance in such cases. This study sheds light on domestic power relations and second-child realization in an era right after the policy relaxation in China, and calls for policies to target the issues about how to raise fertility level without sacrificing women's interest.

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