

## **How Does Parental Divorce Affect Children's Long-term Outcomes?**

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### **Abstract:**

Numerous studies report a negative empirical association between parental divorce and child outcomes. To provide evidence whether this correlation is driven by a causal effect we exploit idiosyncratic variation in the extent of sexual integration in fathers' workplaces within an instrumental variable approach. Our first stage relationship shows that fathers who encounter more women in their relevant age-occupation-group on-the-job, are more likely to experience a divorce. We find that parental divorce has persistent negative effects on children's educational attainment and labor market outcomes. Moreover, girls are more likely to become a teenage mother, and boys have a higher likelihood of early life mortality.