

# Do Elderly Parent's Intended Bequest Share Vary with a Child's Living Proximity and Material Support? Evidence from the Singapore Life Panel

This paper analyses how parental intended bequest share varies with a child's living proximity and material support. Using a nationally representative data set of elderly Singaporeans, I find that parents intend to leave larger bequest shares to coresident children as well as to children who provide greater material support to them. The responsiveness of intended bequest share to children's living proximity and material support does not seem to vary by child gender or by parents' liquidity constraints. While parents intend to give higher bequest shares to children in whom they often confide, they are also more likely to reward children in whom they rarely confide when the latter give them higher material support. The results suggest that elderly Singaporeans may be influenced by strategic exchange considerations, and that parents may possibly be interpreting support from children as an indication of filiality, for which they intend to reward children.



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